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§ 17034. Cellulosic ethanol and biofuels research**(a) Definition of eligible entity**

In this section, the term “eligible entity” means—

- (1) an 1890 Institution (as defined in section 7601 of title 7);
- (2) a part B institution (as defined in section 1061 of title 20) (commonly referred to as “Historically Black Colleges and Universities”);
- (3) a tribal college or university (as defined in section 1059c(b) of title 20); or
- (4) a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in section 1101a(a) of title 20).

(b) Grants

The Secretary shall make cellulosic ethanol and biofuels research and development grants to 10 eligible entities selected by the Secretary to receive a grant under this section through a peer-reviewed competitive process.

(c) Collaboration

An eligible entity that is selected to receive a grant under subsection (b) shall collaborate with 1 of the Bioenergy Research Centers of the Office of Science of the Department.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to make grants described in subsection (b) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, to remain available until expended.

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§ 17035. University based research and development grant program**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program, in a geographically diverse manner, for projects submitted for consideration by institutions of higher education to conduct research and development of renewable energy technologies. Each grant made shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

(b) Eligibility

Priority shall be given to institutions of higher education with—

- (1) established programs of research in renewable energy;
- (2) locations that are low income or outside of an urbanized area;
- (3) a joint venture with an Indian tribe; and
- (4) proximity to trees dying of disease or insect infestation as a source of woody biomass.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$25,000,000 for carrying out this section.

(d) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Indian tribe

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning as defined in section 15823(c) of this title.

(2) Renewable energy

The term “renewable energy” has the meaning as defined in section 16181 of this title.

(3) Urbanized area

The term “urbanized area” has the meaning as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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PART C—BIOFUELS INFRASTRUCTURE

§ 17051. Renewable fuel dispenser requirements**(a) Market penetration reports**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall determine and report to Congress annually on the market penetration for flexible-fuel vehicles in use within geographic regions to be established by the Secretary.

(b) Dispenser feasibility study

Not later than 24 months after December 19, 2007, the Secretary, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall report to the Congress on the feasibility of requiring motor fuel retailers to install E-85 compatible dispensers and related systems at retail fuel facilities in regions where flexible-fuel vehicle market penetration has reached 15 percent of motor vehicles. In conducting such study, the Secretary shall consider and report on the following factors:

- (1) The commercial availability of E-85 fuel and the number of competing E-85 wholesale suppliers in a given region.
- (2) The level of financial assistance provided on an annual basis by the Federal Government, State governments, and nonprofit entities for the installation of E-85 compatible infrastructure.
- (3) The number of retailers whose retail locations are unable to support more than 2 underground storage tank dispensers.
- (4) The expense incurred by retailers in the installation and sale of E-85 compatible dispensers and related systems and any potential effects on the price of motor vehicle fuel.

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§ 17052. Renewable fuel infrastructure grants**(a) Definition of renewable fuel blend**

For purposes of this section, the term “renewable fuel blend” means a gasoline blend that