

(c) is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its agencies, instrumentalities, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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### § 1102. National Domestic Preparedness Consortium

#### (a) In general

The Secretary is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain a National Domestic Preparedness Consortium within the Department.

#### (b) Members

Members of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium shall consist of—

- (1) the Center for Domestic Preparedness;
- (2) the National Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology;
- (3) the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Louisiana State University;
- (4) the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, Texas A&M University;
- (5) the National Exercise, Test, and Training Center, Nevada Test Site;
- (6) the Transportation Technology Center, Incorporated, in Pueblo, Colorado; and
- (7) the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, University of Hawaii.

#### (c) Duties

The National Domestic Preparedness Consortium shall identify, develop, test, and deliver training to State, local, and tribal emergency response providers, provide on-site and mobile training at the performance and management and planning levels, and facilitate the delivery of training by the training partners of the Department.

#### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary—

- (1) for the Center for Domestic Preparedness—
  - (A) \$57,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
  - (B) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;
  - (C) \$63,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and
  - (D) \$66,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and
- (2) for the National Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, the National Exercise, Test, and Training Center, the Transportation Technology Center, Incorporated, and the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center each—
  - (A) \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
  - (B) \$23,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;
  - (C) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and
  - (D) \$25,500,000 for fiscal year 2011.

#### (e) Savings provision

From the amounts appropriated pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall ensure that future amounts provided to each of the following entities are not less than the amounts provided to each such entity for participation in the Consortium in fiscal year 2007—

- (1) the Center for Domestic Preparedness;
- (2) the National Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology;
- (3) the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Louisiana State University;
- (4) the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, Texas A&M University; and
- (5) the National Exercise, Test, and Training Center, Nevada Test Site.

(Pub. L. 110-53, title XII, §1204, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 386.)

### § 1103. National Transportation Security Center of Excellence

#### (a) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a National Transportation Security Center of Excellence to conduct research and education activities, and to develop or provide professional security training, including the training of transportation employees and transportation professionals.

#### (b) Designation

The Secretary shall select one of the institutions identified in subsection (c) as the lead institution responsible for coordinating the National Transportation Security Center of Excellence.

#### (c) Member institutions

##### (1) Consortium

The institution of higher education selected under subsection (b) shall execute agreements with the other institutions of higher education identified in this subsection and other institutions designated by the Secretary to develop a consortium to assist in accomplishing the goals of the Center.

##### (2) Members

The National Transportation Security Center of Excellence shall consist of—

- (A) Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas;
- (B) the National Transit Institute at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey;
- (C) Tougaloo College;
- (D) the Connecticut Transportation Institute at the University of Connecticut;
- (E) the Homeland Security Management Institute, Long Island University;
- (F) the Mack-Blackwell National Rural Transportation Study Center at the University of Arkansas; and
- (G) any additional institutions or facilities designated by the Secretary.

##### (3) Certain inclusions

To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that an appropriate number of any additional consortium colleges or universities designated by the Secretary under this subsection are Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities.

#### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—