

Public Law 96-169
96th Congress

An Act

To provide for participation of the United States in the International Energy Exposition to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1982, and for other purposes.

Dec. 29, 1979

[H.R. 5079]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with the Act entitled "An Act to provide for Federal Government recognition of and participation in international expositions proposed to be held in the United States, and for other purposes", approved May 27, 1970 (Public Law 91-269; 22 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.), the President is authorized to provide for United States participation in an international exposition to be known as Energy-Expo 82 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "exposition"), to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1982. The purposes of the exposition are—

International
Energy
Exposition,
Knoxville, Tenn.
U.S.
participation.

(1) to offer the citizens of the world a greater understanding of the effective uses of energy and energy resources, of the necessity to conserve existing energy resources, and of the need for creativity in the development of new and alternative energy sources; and

(2) to encourage tourist travel in and to the United States, stimulate foreign trade, and promote cultural exchanges.

SEC. 2. (a) The President, through the Secretary of Commerce (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") and the other officials designated in this Act, is authorized to carry out in the most effective manner the proposal for United States participation in the exposition, transmitted by the President to the Congress pursuant to section 3 of Public Law 91-269 (22 U.S.C. 2803), and to carry out the responsibilities of the Federal Government for the organization, development, and administration of the exposition as required by the Convention Relating to International Expositions, done at Paris on November 22, 1928 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Convention"), and the General Rules for Energy-Expo 82, as approved by the Bureau of International Expositions.

(b) The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Commissioner General of the United States Government for Energy-Expo 82, who shall be the senior Federal official for the exposition and who shall have such duties and exercise such responsibilities for the organization, development, and administration of the exposition as may be necessary and appropriate to fulfill the requirements of the Convention and the General Rules for Energy-Expo 82. The Commissioner General shall be in the Department of Commerce and shall be compensated at the rate of basic pay which is equal to the rate payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

Presidential
appointment.

(c) The Secretary shall designate a Commissioner General of Section for United States participation in the exposition (as provided for in the proposal referred to in subsection (a)), who shall be in the Department of Commerce and who shall perform such duties in the execution of this Act as may be delegated or assigned by the Secretary, including serving as director of the United States pavilion.

Consultants and
experts.

5 USC 5332 note.

Contracts.

Buildings and
other structures,
erection.

Report to
Congress.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary is authorized to obtain the services of consultants and experts as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at rates not to exceed the daily rate in effect for grade GS-18 under the General Schedule, to the extent the Secretary deems it necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. Subject to the availability of appropriations, persons so appointed shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses incurred, including a per diem allowance, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

(b) Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary is authorized to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to provide for United States participation in the exposition.

(c) The Secretary is authorized to erect such buildings and other structures as may be appropriate for United States participation in the exposition on land (approximately 4.6 acres, including land necessary for ingress and egress) conveyed to the United States in consideration of participation by the United States in the exposition and without other consideration. The Secretary is authorized to accept title in fee simple to such land and any interest therein if the Secretary determines that it is free of liens, or of any other encumbrances, restrictions, or conditions that would interfere with the use of the property by the United States for purposes of this Act or would prevent the disposal of the property as provided in section 6. In the acceptance of such property, and in the design and construction of buildings and other structures and facilities on such property, the Secretary shall consult with the Administrator of General Services and the heads of other interested agencies to assure that such activities will be undertaken in a manner that (1) minimizes to the greatest extent practicable any adverse effects on the recreational and other environmental values of the area, and (2) preserves and enhances to the greatest extent practicable the utility of the property for public purposes, needs, or other benefits following the close of the exposition.

(d) Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary is authorized to incur such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including but not limited to (1) expenditures involved in the selection, purchase, rental, construction, and other acquisition, and in the disposition, of exhibits and of materials and equipment for exhibits and in the actual display of exhibits, and (2) related expenditures for transportation, insurance, installation, safekeeping, printing, maintenance and operation, rental of space, representing and dismantling, and the purchase of reference books, newspapers, and periodicals.

SEC. 4. The head of each department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government is authorized—

(1) to cooperate with the Secretary with respect to carrying out any of the provisions of this Act; and

(2) to make available to the Secretary from time to time, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, such personnel as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in carrying out any of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. Within one year after the date of the official close of the exposition, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress a report on the activities of the Federal Government pursuant to this Act, including a detailed statement of expenditures. Upon transmission of such report to the Congress, all appointments made under this Act shall terminate, except those which may be extended by the Presi-

dent for such additional period of time as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 6. After the close of the exposition, all Federal property shall be disposed of in accordance with provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and other applicable Federal laws relating to the disposition of excess and surplus property.

40 USC 471 note.

SEC. 7. The functions authorized by this Act may be performed without regard to the prohibitions and limitations of the following laws:

(1) That part of section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, which reads "(not in excess of one year)".

(2) Section 16(a) of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (31 U.S.C. 638a) to the extent that it pertains to hiring automobiles.

(3) Section 201 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 481) (procurement).

(4) Section 305(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 255(c)) (security for advance payments), and section 3648 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (31 U.S.C. 529) (advance of public moneys), if the Secretary determines that it is impracticable to obtain adequate security and that there is a compelling need to make an advance payment.

(5) Section 322 of the Act of June 20, 1932 (40 U.S.C. 278a) (lease of buildings to the Federal Government), if the Secretary determines that waiver of that section would be in the best interests of the Federal Government.

(6) Section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a) (Buy American Act).

(7) Section 501 of title 44, United States Code (printing by the Government Printing Office).

(8) Section 3702 of title 44, United States Code (advertisements without authority).

(9) Section 3703 of title 44, United States Code (rates of payment for advertisements).

SEC. 8. To carry out United States participation in the exposition, there are authorized to be appropriated \$20,800,000 to remain available until expended.

Appropriation authorization.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 96-714 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORT No. 96-369 accompanying S. 1012 (Comm. on Foreign Relations).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 125 (1979):

Oct. 9, considered and passed House.

Nov. 14, S. 1012 considered in Senate; H.R. 5079 considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 1012.

Dec. 20, Senate and House agreed to conference report.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 15, No. 52:

Dec. 31, Presidential statement.