Public Law 96-543
96th Congress
An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain land and facilities used by the Bureau of Mines, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a)(1) the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into a contract with Carnegie-Mellon University, whereby the United States agrees to convey, and Carnegie-Mellon University agrees to accept, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in subsection (b) hereof. The contract shall provide, inter alia, that Carnegie-Mellon University, at the time of the conveyance of title to said property, shall pay to the United States the amount which the Secretary of the Interior determines to be the fair market value of the property conveyed, or $5,400,000, whichever is greater. Should the cost of the engineering, design, and construction of the facility and related improvements authorized by section 2 of this Act and the fair market value each amount to less than $5,400,000, Carnegie-Mellon University shall pay the higher of the two amounts.

(2) The conveyance shall not be effective until (i) the facility authorized pursuant to section 2 of this Act is completed and ready for occupancy; and (ii) Carnegie-Mellon University enters into a long-term agreement with the Secretary of Labor, to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriations Acts, on behalf of the Mine Safety and Health Administration to lease to the Mine Safety and Health Administration all of that portion of the property designated as Building A (Main Building) and Building B (Service Building) and adjacent parking areas until such time as the Secretary of Labor determines that the property is no longer needed for occupancy and use by the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

(b) The property referred to in subsection (a) includes the land and improvements thereon owned by the United States and used for the Pittsburgh facility of the Bureau of Mines, such land being situated in the Oakland area of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and known as 4800 Forbes Avenue.

(c) The Secretary of Labor, on behalf of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, is authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Carnegie-Mellon University, to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriations Acts, and take such other actions as are necessary to occupy and use the space referred to in clause (ii) of subsection (a)(2) at a fair and reasonable price and under terms to be determined by the Secretary of Labor.

Sec. 2. (a) After a duly authorized representative of Carnegie-Mellon University has executed the contract referred to in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 1 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior may, with funds appropriated for such purposes, enlarge, equip, and improve the research facility of the Bureau of Mines near Bruceton, Pennsylvania, and may transfer such operations as he
deems appropriate to such facility from the facility at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(b) In order to carry out this section, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not more than $5,400,000 for the engineering, design, and construction of facilities and related improvements at the research facility of the Bureau of Mines near Bruceton, Pennsylvania.

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