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#### § 2486. Congressional statement of findings

The Congress finds that—

(1) the vitality of the Nation and the quality of life of the citizens of the Nation depend increasingly on the understanding, assessment, development, and utilization of space resources;

(2) research and development of space science, space technology, and space commercialization will contribute to the quality of life, national security, and the enhancement of commerce;

(3) the understanding and development of the space frontiers require a broad commitment and an intense involvement on the part of the Federal Government in partnership with State and local governments, private industry, universities, organizations, and individuals concerned with the exploration and utilization of space;

(4) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, through the national space grant college and fellowship program, offers the most suitable means for such commitment and involvement through the promotion of activities that will result in greater understanding, assessment, development, and utilization; and

(5) Federal support of the establishment, development, and operation of programs and projects by space grant colleges, space grant regional consortia, institutions of higher education, institutes, laboratories, and other appropriate public and private entities is the most cost-effective way to promote such activities.

(Pub. L. 100–147, title II, § 202, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 869.)

#### SHORT TITLE

Section 201 of title II of Pub. L. 100–147 provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘National Space Grant College and Fellowship Act’.”

#### § 2486a. Congressional statement of purposes

The purposes of this chapter are to—

(1) increase the understanding, assessment, development, and utilization of space resources by promoting a strong educational base, responsive research and training activities, and broad and prompt dissemination of knowledge and techniques;

(2) utilize the abilities and talents of the universities of the Nation to support and contribute to the exploration and development of the resources and opportunities afforded by the space environment;

(3) encourage and support the existence of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary programs of space research within the university community of the Nation, to engage in inte-

grated activities of training, research and public service, to have cooperative programs with industry, and to be coordinated with the overall program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

(4) encourage and support the existence of consortia, made up of university and industry members, to advance the exploration and development of space resources in cases in which national objectives can be better fulfilled than through the programs of single universities;

(5) encourage and support Federal funding for graduate fellowships in fields related to space; and

(6) support activities in colleges and universities generally for the purpose of creating and operating a network of institutional programs that will enhance achievements resulting from efforts under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 100–147, title II, § 203, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 869.)

#### § 2486b. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

(1) “Administration” means the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

(2) “Administrator” means the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

(3) “aeronautical and space activities” has the meaning given to such term in section 2452(1) of this title;

(4) “field related to space” means any academic discipline or field of study (including the physical, natural, and biological sciences, and engineering, space technology, education, economics, sociology, communications, planning, law, international affairs, and public administration) which is concerned with or likely to improve the understanding, assessment, development, and utilization of space;

(5) “panel” means the space grant review panel established pursuant to section 2486h of this title;

(6) “person” means any individual, any public or private corporation, partnership, or other association or entity (including any space grant college, space grant regional consortium, institution of higher education, institute, or laboratory), or any State, political subdivision of a State, or agency or officer of a State or political subdivision of a State;

(7) “space environment” means the environment beyond the sensible atmosphere of the Earth;

(8) “space grant college” means any public or private institution of higher education which is designated as such by the Administrator pursuant to section 2486f of this title;

(9) “space grant program” means any program which—

(A) is administered by any space grant college, space grant regional consortium, institution of higher education, institute, laboratory, or State or local agency; and

(B) includes two or more projects involving education and one or more of the following activities in the fields related to space—

- (i) research,
- (ii) training, or

- (iii) advisory services;
- (10) "space grant regional consortium" means any association or other alliance which is designated as such by the Administrator pursuant to section 2486f of this title;
- (11) "space resource" means any tangible or intangible benefit which can only be realized from—
- (A) aeronautical and space activities; or
  - (B) advancements in any field related to space; and
- (12) "State" means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States.
- (Pub. L. 100-147, title II, § 204, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 870.)
- § 2486c. National space grant college and fellowship program**
- (a) Establishment; long-range guidelines and priorities; program evaluation**
- The Administrator shall establish and maintain, within the Administration, a program to be known as the national space grant college and fellowship program. The national space grant college and fellowship program shall consist of the financial assistance and other activities provided for in this chapter. The Administrator shall establish long-range planning guidelines and priorities, and adequately evaluate the program.
- (b) Functions**
- Within the Administration, the program shall—
- (1) apply the long-range planning guidelines and the priorities established by the Administrator under subsection (a) of this section;
  - (2) advise the Administrator with respect to the expertise and capabilities which are available through the national space grant college and fellowship program, and make such expertise available to the Administration as directed by the Administrator;
  - (3) evaluate activities conducted under grants and contracts awarded pursuant to sections 2486d and 2486e of this title to assure that the purposes set forth in section 2486a of this title are implemented;
  - (4) encourage other Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities to use and take advantage of the expertise and capabilities which are available through the national space grant college and fellowship program, on a cooperative or other basis;
  - (5) encourage cooperation and coordination with other Federal programs concerned with the development of space resources and fields related to space;
  - (6) advise the Administrator on the designation of recipients supported by the national space grant college and fellowship program and, in appropriate cases, on the termination or suspension of any such designation; and
  - (7) encourage the formation and growth of space grant and fellowship programs.
- (c) Acceptance of gifts and donations; funds from other Federal agencies; issuance of rules and regulations**
- To carry out the provisions of this chapter, the Administrator may—
- (1) accept conditional or unconditional gifts or donations of services, money, or property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible;
  - (2) accept and use funds from other Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities to pay for fellowships, grants, contracts, and other transactions; and
  - (3) issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate.
- (Pub. L. 100-147, title II, § 205, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 871.)
- § 2486d. Grants or contracts**
- (a) Authority of Administrator; amount**
- The Administrator may make grants and enter into contracts or other transactions under this subsection to assist any space grant and fellowship program or project if the Administrator finds that such program or project will carry out the purposes set forth in section 2486a of this title. The total amount paid pursuant to any such grant or contract may equal 66 percent, or any lesser percent, of the total cost of the space grant and fellowship program or project involved, except that this limitation shall not apply in the case of grants or contracts paid for with funds accepted by the Administrator pursuant to section 2486c(c)(2) of this title.
- (b) Special grants; amount; prerequisites**
- The Administrator may make special grants under this subsection to carry out the purposes set forth in section 2486a of this title. The amount of any such grant may equal 100 percent, or any lesser percent, of the total cost of the project involved. No grant may be made under this subsection, unless the Administrator finds that—
- (1) no reasonable means is available through which the applicant can meet the matching requirement for a grant under subsection (a) of this section;
  - (2) the probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement; and
  - (3) the same or equivalent benefit cannot be obtained through the award of a contract or grant under subsection (a) of this section or section 2486e of this title.
- (c) Application**
- Any person may apply to the Administrator for a grant or contract under this section. Application shall be made in such form and manner, and with such content and other submissions, as the Administrator shall by regulation prescribe.
- (d) Terms and conditions; limitations; leasing; recordkeeping; audits**
- (1) Any grant made, or contract entered into, under this section shall be subject to the limitations and provisions set forth in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection and to such other terms, conditions and requirements as the Administrator considers necessary or appropriate.
  - (2) No payment under any grant or contract under this section may be applied to—