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National Institute of Standards and Technology

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$344,366,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$282,000 may be transferred to the ``Working Capital Fund".

Industrial Technology Services

For necessary expenses of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$39,607,000, to remain available until expended.

In addition, for necessary expenses of the Advanced Technology Program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$179,175,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$60,700,000 shall be expended for the award of new grants before September 30, 2004.

CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

For construction of new research facilities, including architectural and engineering design, and for renovation and maintenance of existing facilities, not otherwise provided for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, as authorized by 15 U.S.C. 278c-278e, \$64,954,000, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 207. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the amounts made available elsewhere in this title to the ``National Institute of Standards and Technology, Construction of Research Facilities", \$14,000,000 is appropriated to fund a cooperative agreement with the Medical University of South Carolina, \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Thayer School of Engineering, of which \$1,000,000 is for research relating to intelligent control of distributed systems, \$2,000,000 is for a smart laser beam project, and \$2,000,000 is for research relating to nanomagnetism, \$500,000 is appropriated to the Institute for Information Infrastructure Protection at the Institute for Security and Technology Studies, \$1,000,000 is appropriated for the Institute of Politics, and \$500,000 is appropriated for the Coastal Conservation Center.

SEC. 210. (a) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to operate a marine laboratory in South Carolina in accordance with a memorandum of agreement, including any future amendments, among the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the State of South Carolina, the Medical University of South Carolina, and the College of Charleston as a partnership for collaborative, interdisciplinary marine scientific research.

(b) To carry out subsection (a), the agencies that are partners in the Laboratory may accept, apply for, use, and spend Federal, State, private and grant funds as necessary to further the mission of the Laboratory without regard to the source or of the period of availability of these funds and may apply for and hold patents, as well as share personnel, facilities, and property. Any funds collected or accepted by any partner may be used to offset all or portions of its costs, including overhead, without regard to 31 U.S.C. section 143302(b); to reimburse other participating agencies for all or portions of their costs; and to fund research and facilities expansion. Funds for management and operation of the Laboratory may be used to sustain basic laboratory operations for all participating entities. The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to charge fees and enter into contracts, grants, cooperative agreements and other arrangements with Federal, State, private entities, and other entities, domestic and foreign, to further the mission of the Laboratory. Any funds collected from such fees or arrangements shall be used to support cooperative research, basic operations, and facilities enhancement at the Laboratory.