

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1871

To authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology Industrial Technology Services for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 1995

Mrs. MORELLA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology Industrial Technology Services for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Institute of
5 Standards and Technology Industrial Technology Services
6 Authorization Act of 1995”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
9 retary of Commerce for the Industrial Technology Services

1 activities of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
2 nology for fiscal year 1996—

3 (1) for the Advanced Technology Program
4 under section 28 of the National Institute of Stand-
5 ards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278n), such
6 sums as may be appropriated; and

7 (2) for the Manufacturing Extension Partner-
8 ships program under sections 25 and 26 of the Na-
9 tional Institute of Standards and Technology Act
10 (15 U.S.C. 278k and 278l), such sums as may be
11 appropriated.

12 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECH-**
13 **NOLOGY ACT AMENDMENTS.**

14 Section 28 of the National Institute of Standards and
15 Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278n) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “or contracts” in subsection
17 (b)(1)(B), and inserting in lieu thereof “contracts,
18 and, subject to the last sentence of this subsection,
19 other transactions”;

20 (2) by inserting “and if the non-Federal partici-
21 pants in the joint venture agree to pay at least 50
22 percent of the total costs of the joint venture during
23 the Federal participation period, which shall not ex-
24 ceed 5 years,” in subsection (b)(1)(B) after “partici-
25 pation to be appropriate,”;

1 (3) by striking “provision of a minority share of
2 the cost of such joint ventures for up to 5 years, and
3 (iii)” in subsection (b)(1)(B), and inserting in lieu
4 thereof “and”;

5 (4) by striking “and cooperative agreements” in
6 subsection (b)(2), and inserting in lieu thereof “, co-
7 operative agreements, and, subject to the last sen-
8 tence of this subsection, other transactions”;

9 (5) by adding after subsection (b)(4) the follow-
10 ing:

11 “The authority under paragraph (1)(B) and paragraph
12 (2) to enter into other transactions shall apply only if the
13 Secretary, acting through the Director, determines that
14 standard contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements are
15 not feasible or appropriate, and only when other trans-
16 action instruments incorporate terms and conditions that
17 reflect the use of generally accepted commercial account-
18 ing and auditing practices.”; and

19 (6) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(k) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1)(B)(ii) and
22 subsection (d)(3), the Director may grant extensions be-
23 yond the deadlines established under those subsections for
24 joint venture and single applicant awardees to expend
25 Federal funds to complete their projects, if such extension

1 may be granted with no additional cost to the Federal
2 Government and it is in the Federal Government's interest
3 to do so.".

