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Technology Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Years , , and - Authorizes appropriations to the Department of Commerce for the: (1) Scientific and Technical Research and Services laboratory activities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); (2) construction and maintenance of Institute facilities; (3).

We have had some concerns in the past when the program funding has been increased significantly, in that when we have looked at their carryover balances from year to year, since this is no-year money that the program receives, that the carryover balances, when they have received large increases, that they have not had the administrative capacity, given the process that they need to go through with the advertisements and the selections, to spend the funds, and therefore, end up at the end of the fiscal year with a large carryover balance. Now turning either to Mr. With respect to the laboratory budget, I view each year as kind of a separate negotiation, and I have hopes of persuading people to not reduce the budget in the outyears. And the new program, the new advertisements, is the part where you wonder about whether or not you could make commitments. That presumed, that number, when it was submitted, presumed that there was going to be some carryover, and that it would be invested in new programs. Let me just underscore that. And so there is an increase needed for us to sort of catch back up to a year-by-year payment of new projects as well as old projects. All right, thank you. We will pursue that in some detail as we go through the budget process. So I will continue asking various questions, so that she will have an opportunity also to ask her questions. We could ask you some, sir? This is a new program that was started in Fiscal Year This Committee did not authorize the program. The Senate bill does authorize the program. We have begun the internal activities necessary to create a good program, including a fair amount of outreach to States to make sure that it is well-designed. An RFP is in the process of internal clearance. An implementation plan is being drafted and then cleared internally. We are obligated to bring that back to the Congress before we spend a dollar, so that we will come back to this Committee and to the Appropriations Committees. But we do expect to do all of this in a timeframe that will allow us to make four to six initial grants under this program by the end of this fiscal year. The request for next year basically will allow us to do more grants. This is a program for a selected group of States. There are 18 States that have participated in the EPSCOR program, which the National Science Foundation initiated some decades ago, and which a number of other federal agencies participate in. And so EPSCOR was designed to help their universities build their capacity to compete, and build their capacity to compete for other federal funds, as well as just in the general research community. EPSCOT is designed to be a sibling program that helps take that knowledge and bring it into the marketplace, to help create some infrastructure in those States that will facilitate knowledge going into a business and becoming a new product or a new service. I know your Governors just put forward a new plan and consolidated some activities. Before I turn the chair back over to the Chairwoman, let me just comment. You have some very talented scientists who have done some outstanding work. As you note, most of the controversy is about your peripheral activities, the ATP and programs like that, not those dealing with your core mission. And I certainly hope you will continue to concentrate on the core, continue to serve not only this Nation, but the entire world very well with your research activities. With that, I will turn the chair back. I guess I want to turn to whoever wants to respond, but I think this would be more directed to Mr. We spent about a week and a half out there in the latter part of Our concern at Boulder is that we clearly think that there needs to be some improvements there. We also recognize that the Department will always have a need to have facilities and capabilities in Boulder. What we have questioned is the extent to which the investment should be made in Boulder. At the same time, we recognize that, because of some of their relationships with the University of Colorado and some of the work that should be done there, that there is a continuing need for work to be done in Boulder. I think that when Boulder was initially established, it was with the indication or the impression that we would have two separate facilities that would be basically the same facilities. Ehlers on this point. On that, I just wanted to

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make a quick comment. So I appreciate your comments, but I wanted to interject that comment as well. And, again, the study was terminated. We are not on record as saying that there should be a consolidation or an elimination of the Boulder facility. Quite contrary, what we are saying, though, is that it needs to be studied, so we can determine what the requirements, the future requirements, will be for Boulder. We are never going to have the kind of money that we would like to have to build two world-class facilities. So we say look for those opportunities where you can consolidate. Those programs which can be consolidated should be consolidated, so that you will have first-rate science conducted wherever it is.

Chapter 2 : [USC04] 15 USC Findings

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