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**PART 652—MINING AND MINERAL
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PROGRAM**

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§ 652.1 Scope.

This part sets forth policies and procedures for the assistance of institutions of higher learning that have been designated as State Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institutes and for the support of mining and mineral resources research at these institutions through specialized generic mineral technology research centers.

§ 652.2 Objectives.

The objectives of the assistance provided by the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute program are:

- (a) To support research and training in mining and mineral resources problems related to the mission of the Department of the Interior;
- (b) To improve the advanced training of mineral scientists and engineers through grants which encourage State

and industry support of mineral education;

(c) To support, and encourage support of, research centers of generic expertise in mineral technology;

(d) To assist the States in carrying on the work of competent and qualified mining and mineral resources research institutes; and

(e) To provide support for graduate and postdoctoral students in mining and mineral resources disciplines including mining engineering, extractive metallurgy, geology, reclamation, engineering, economics, chemistry, physics, biology, ecology, and others.

§ 652.3 Authority.

The authority for this program is the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Program Act of 1984 and the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute Amendments of 1988.

(a) 30 U.S.C. 1221 authorizes the Secretary to make grants to assist States on a matching basis in carrying on the work of competent and qualified mining and mineral resources research institutes.

(b) 30 U.S.C. 1222 authorizes the Secretary to make grants to the institutes for specific research and demonstration projects, and for research into any aspects of mining and mineral resources problems related to the mission of the Department of the Interior deemed desirable and not otherwise under study.

(c) 30 U.S.C. 1229 authorizes the Secretary to appoint an Advisory Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources Research jointly chaired by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior responsible for minerals and mining and a committee member elected by the Committee from among those members who are not Federal employees.

§ 652.4 Administration.

Responsibility for administration of the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute Program is assigned to the Director of the Bureau of Mines

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and subject to the supervisory authority of the Assistant Secretary to whom he/she reports.

§ 652.5 Definitions.

As used in this part, the term—

Act means the State Mining and Mineral Resources Research Program Act of 1984 and subsequent amendments.

Advisory Committee means the Advisory Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources Research appointed by the Secretary pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 1229.

Allotment grant means funds made available to a mineral institute for the support of mineral-related research and education on a matching (formula) basis in a particular fiscal year pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 1221 and under the regulations contained herein.

Bureau means the Bureau of Mines.

Call for proposals means a letter from the Director to eligible mineral institutes and generic mineral technology centers requesting proposals for allotment or research grants, and specifying the format and date for receipt at the Office and other conditions. Separate Calls for proposals are issued annually for allotment and research grants. Applications for funds may be submitted only in response to a Call for Proposals.

Director means Director of the Bureau of Mines.

Generic mineral technology center means a cooperative mineral resources research effort in a specific area of broad applicability across the minerals industry headquartered in one institute with participation by one or more affiliate mineral institutes as authorized under 30 U.S.C. 1222.

Grant agreement means the legal document that sets forth the rules for the administration of the grant, including the responsibilities and privileges of the recipient, the amount of the award, reports required, and applicable rules and regulations.

Mineral institute means a competent and qualified mining and mineral resources research institute, department, or component of a college or university that conducts mineral resources research, which is determined to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and which is designated by

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the Secretary as a State Mining and Mineral Resources Institute.

Mineral resources research means research, investigations, demonstrations, and experiments of a basic or practical nature relating to mineral exploration, extraction, processing, development, production, mining and technology, supply and demand, conservation and best use of available supplies, and the mineral-related aspects of other disciplines; and the training of mineral engineers and scientists through such activity; and the planning and coordination of such cooperative activity with other mineral institutes and those other agencies and individuals as may contribute to the solution of mining and mineral resources problems.

Office means Office of Mineral Institutes.

Secretary means the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative.

§ 652.6 Eligibility.

Only institutions of higher learning (post-secondary institutions having graduate research programs) designated by the Secretary, after consultation with, and upon the advice of the Advisory Committee, as a State Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute are eligible to receive funds under this program. Only one institution may be designated per State. To qualify as a mineral institute, institutions must meet all the following criteria as determined by the Advisory Committee:

(a) Be either a public college or university or, in a State not having an eligible public college or university, a private college or university in that State.

(b) Be recommended by the Governor of the State, as eligible, in the absence of contrary act by the legislature of the State.

(c) Have in existence a substantial program of graduate instruction and research in mining or mineral extraction or closely related fields which has a demonstrated history of achievement.

(d) Evidence institutional commitment to the purposes of the Act.