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(e) Exhibit significant industrial cooperation in activities within the scope of the Act.

(f) Have in existence an engineering program in mining or minerals extraction that is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, or show evidence of equivalent institutional capability.

(g) Employ at least six full-time permanent faculty members in the department or component of the institution conducting instruction and research in mining and mineral extraction.

(h) Meet such other criteria as the Advisory Committee shall deem necessary or desirable.

§ 652.7 Responsibilities of institutions designated as mineral institutes.

(a) Each institution designated as mineral institute has the duty of planning and conducting mineral resources research. To carry out its responsibility, it shall appoint a mineral institute director from its faculty or staff, who is professionally qualified in minerals research and education.

(b) Mineral institute directors shall be responsible for preparation of allotment grant proposals; for the technical administration of allotment grant agreements; for periodic reporting to the Bureau of Mines; for the preparation and transmission to the Bureau of Mines of an annual institute status report; for providing such coordination as may be necessary between various departments, units, and individuals at that institution to achieve a focused minerals program of value to the mineral institute's State and region; for the coordination between and among the minerals programs of the several mineral institutes; for responding to requests for information regarding the minerals program at that institution from the Bureau of Mines, the Advisory Committee, and the public; and for the selection and transmission of the best research proposals from that institution for inclusion in the generic mineral technology center program.

§ 652.8 Applications for allotment grants.

Applications for annual allotment grants shall be submitted in response to an annual call for proposals issued

by the Bureau of Mines to mineral institutes. To receive a new allotment grant, a mineral institute must have submitted all reports due and shall not have been found by the Secretary to have improperly diminished, lost, or misapplied funds previously received. Such funds shall be replaced by the State concerned and until so replaced no subsequent grant shall be allotted or paid to the institute of that State. Each allotment grant application shall be responsive to 30 U.S.C. 1221(b) and as a minimum shall consist of the following elements in duplicate:

(a) A completed Standard Form 424.

(b) A plan to provide for the training of individuals as mineral engineers and scientists under a curriculum appropriate to the field of mineral resources and mineral engineering and related fields.

(c) A budget to support that plan.

(d) Assurance that Federal funds will supplement and, to the extent practicable, increase the level of funds that would otherwise have been available for the purposes of the Act, and in no case supplant such funds.

(e) Such other information as is requested in the Call for Proposals.

The Secretary shall deny or reduce funds to mineral institutes where proposals or portions thereof are not complementary to the mission of the Department or the goals of this program.

§ 652.9 Generic mineral technology centers.

All research supported under this program, except for that funded through allotment grants, is funded through established generic mineral technology centers (generic centers). Each generic center provides a focus for mineral research in a specific area of broad applicability across the minerals industry. Each generic center has the following characteristics:

(a) It is headquartered in one mineral institute with participation by one or more affiliate institutions.

(b) A generic center director supervises the operation of the center including the coordination of related projects; makes arrangements for an annual seminar; provides for operation of a reference center; makes recommendations to the Bureau of Mines