

SEC. 319D. REVITALIZING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(a) FACILITIES; CAPACITIES-

(1) **FINDINGS-** Congress finds that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has an essential role in defending against and combating public health threats and requires secure and modern facilities, and expanded and improved capabilities related to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies, sufficient to enable such Centers to conduct this important mission.

(2) FACILITIES-

(A) **IN GENERAL-** The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may design, construct, and equip new facilities, renovate existing facilities (including laboratories, laboratory support buildings, scientific communication facilities, transshipment complexes, secured and isolated parking structures, office buildings, and other facilities and infrastructure), and upgrade security of such facilities, in order to better conduct the capacities described in section 319A, and for supporting public health activities.

(B) **MULTIYEAR CONTRACTING AUTHORITY-** For any project of designing, constructing, equipping, or renovating any facility under subparagraph (A), the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may enter into a single contract or related contracts that collectively include the full scope of the project, and the solicitation and contract shall contain the clause 'availability of funds' found at section 52.232-18 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

(3) **IMPROVING THE CAPACITIES OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION-** The Secretary, taking into account evaluations under section 319B(a), shall expand, enhance, and improve the capabilities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to preparedness for and responding effectively to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. Activities that may be carried out under the preceding sentence include--

(A) expanding or enhancing the training of personnel;

(B) improving communications facilities and networks, including delivery of necessary information to rural areas;

(C) improving capabilities for public health surveillance and reporting activities, taking into account the integrated system or systems of public health alert communications and surveillance networks under subsection (b); and

(D) improving laboratory facilities related to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies, including increasing the security of such facilities.

(b) NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND SURVEILLANCE NETWORKS-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary, directly or through awards of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, shall provide for the establishment of an integrated system or systems of public health alert communications and surveillance networks between and among--

(A) Federal, State, and local public health officials;

(B) public and private health-related laboratories, hospitals, and other health care facilities; and

(C) any other entities determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(2) REQUIREMENTS- The Secretary shall ensure that networks under paragraph (1) allow for the timely sharing and discussion, in a secure manner, of essential information concerning bioterrorism or another public health emergency, or recommended methods for responding to such an attack or emergency.

(3) STANDARDS- Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, the Secretary, in cooperation with health care providers and State and local public health officials, shall establish any additional technical and reporting standards (including standards for interoperability) for networks under paragraph (1).

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS-

(1) FACILITIES; CAPACITIES-

(A) FACILITIES- For the purpose of carrying out subsection (a) (2), there are authorized to be appropriated \$300,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2006.

(B) MISSION; IMPROVING CAPACITIES- For the purposes of achieving the mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention described in subsection (a) (1), for carrying out subsection (a) (3), for better conducting the capacities described in section 319A, and for supporting public health activities, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

(2) NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND SURVEILLANCE NETWORKS- For the purpose of carrying out subsection (b), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2006.'