

**EPSCoR Interagency Coordinating
Committee (EICC)**

and

**H.R. 5116 – America COMPETES
Reauthorization Act of 2010**

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EICC OBJECTIVES

- **Improve coordination among and between federal agencies consistent with their policies**
 - Maximize impact; eliminate duplication
 - Obtain continued federal support
 - Develop criteria to assess gains
 - Exchange information on pending legislation, policies, and programs

H.R. 5116: America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010

Major Actions Timeline

- 04/22/10 Introduced in House
- 05/07/10 Committee on Education and Labor discharged
- 05/28/10 Passed/agreed to in House (262-150)
- 12/17/10 Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation discharged
- 12/17/10 Passed/agreed to [with amendment] (UC)
- 21/21/10 Differences resolved – House agreed to Senate Amendment (228-130)
- 12/21/10 Cleared for White House
- 12/28/10 Presented to President
- 01/04/11 Signed by President
- 01/04/11 Became Public Law No: 111-358



EPSCoR – Specific Text of H.R. 5116:

SEC. 517. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH.

- **Continuation of Program:**

NSF Director shall continue EPSCoR to help eligible states develop their research infrastructure that will make them more competitive for research funding. The program shall increase as NSF funding increases

- **NSF Director shall report annually to Congress**

- (1) Total funding by state under EPSCoR
- (2) Amount of co-funding made available to EPSCoR states
- (3) Total NSF funding to all institutions in EPSCoR states
- (4) *Efforts and accomplishments to more fully integrate EPSCoR jurisdictions into NSF programs and activities.*



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- Develop metrics for assessment
- Conduct a cross-agency evaluation of EPSCoR and other Federal EPSCoR-like programs and accomplishments, including management, investment, and metric-measuring strategies implemented by the different agencies aimed to *increase the number of new investigators receiving peer-reviewed funding, broaden participation*, and empower knowledge generation, dissemination, application, and national research and development competitiveness



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•**Federal Agency Reports-** *to the OSTP as part of its Federal budget submission—*

- (1) a description of the program strategy and objectives
- (2) a description of the awards made in the previous year
- (3) an analysis of the gains in academic research quality and competitiveness, and in science and technology human resource development, achieved by the program in the last year.



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- National Academy of Sciences Study-

The study conducted shall include the following:

1. A delineation of the policies of each Federal agency with respect to the awarding of grants to EPSCoR States
2. The effectiveness of each program
3. Recommendations for improvements for each agency to achieve EPSCoR goals
4. An assessment of the effectiveness of EPSCoR States in using awards to develop science and engineering research and education, and science and engineering infrastructure within their States
5. *Such other issues that address the effectiveness of EPSCoR as the National Academy of Sciences considers appropriate*



How will this impact us?

- Communicating Impact
 - Communicating Science Workshops
 - Highlights
- Documenting Impact
 - Tracking Impacts on Research Capacity
 - Critical role of External Evaluator
- Demonstrating Fuller Integration of EPSCoR in Major Initiatives of the Foundation
 - Co-funding
 - Outreach



Summary

- The Director shall continue the EPSCoR Program
 - Funding shall increase as NSF funding increases
- Calls for several areas of coordination and evaluation of EPSCoR and EPSCoR-like programs
- The Director shall contract with NAS to conduct a study of the EPSCoR programs and describes what should be included