

TITLE 10 - ARMED FORCES**Subtitle A - General Military Law****PART IV - SERVICE, SUPPLY, AND PROCUREMENT****CHAPTER 148 - NATIONAL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL BASE,
DEFENSE REINVESTMENT, AND DEFENSE CONVERSION****SUBCHAPTER III - PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT, APPLICATION, AND
SUPPORT OF DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGIES****§ 2515. Office of Technology Transition**

(a) **Establishment.**— The Secretary of Defense shall establish within the Office of the Secretary of Defense an Office of Technology Transition.

(b) **Purpose.**— The purpose of the office shall be to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that technology developed for national security purposes is integrated into the private sector of the United States in order to enhance national technology and industrial base, reinvestment, and conversion activities consistent with the objectives set forth in section 2501 (a) of this title.

(c) **Duties.**— The head of the office shall ensure that the office—

- (1) monitors all research and development activities that are carried out by or for the military departments and Defense Agencies;
- (2) identifies all such research and development activities that use technologies, or result in technological advancements, having potential nondefense commercial applications;
- (3) serves as a clearinghouse for, coordinates, and otherwise actively facilitates the transition of such technologies and technological advancements from the Department of Defense to the private sector;
- (4) conducts its activities in consultation and coordination with the Department of Energy and the Department of Commerce; and
- (5) provides private firms with assistance to resolve problems associated with security clearances, proprietary rights, and other legal considerations involved in such a transition of technology.

(d) **Biennial Report.**— The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a biennial report on the activities of the Office. The report shall be submitted each even-numbered year at the same time that the budget is submitted to Congress by the President pursuant to section 1105 of title 31. The report shall contain a discussion of the accomplishments of the Office during the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

(Added Pub. L. 102–484, div. D, title XLII, § 4225(a), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2683; amended Pub. L. 104–106, div. A, title XV, § 1502(a)(22), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 505; Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title X, § 1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774; Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title X, § 1031(a)(23), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1598; Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title X, § 1084(b)(3), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2060.)

Prior Provisions

A prior section 2515, added Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title VIII, § 823(a)(3), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1602, related to computer-integrated manufacturing technology, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102–484, § 4202(a).

Amendments

2004—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108–375 struck out par. (1) designation before “The Secretary”, substituted “congressional defense committees” for “congressional committees specified in paragraph (2)”, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “The committees referred to in paragraph (1) are—

“(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.”

2003—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108–136, § 1031(a)(23)(A), substituted “Biennial” for “Annual” in heading.

NB: This unofficial compilation of the U.S. Code is current as of Jan. 5, 2009 (see <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscpri.html>).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 108–136, § 1031(a)(23)(B), substituted “a biennial report” for “an annual report” in first sentence, “each even-numbered year” for “each year” in second sentence, and “during the two fiscal years” for “during the fiscal year” in third sentence.

1999—Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 106–65 substituted “Committee on Armed Services” for “Committee on National Security”.

1996—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104–106 substituted “Annual Report” for “Reporting Requirement” in heading, designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional committees specified in paragraph (2) an annual report on the activities of the Office. The report shall be submitted each year at the same time” for “The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services and on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives an annual report on the activities of the Office at the same time”, and added par. (2).

Schedule for Establishment of Office of Technology Transition

Section 4225(b) of Pub. L. 102–484 provided that: “The Office of Technology Transition shall commence operations within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 23, 1992].”

Submission of Annual Report

Section 4225(c)(2) of Pub. L. 102–484 provided that: “Notwithstanding section 2515 (d) of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a))—

“(A) the first report under that section shall be submitted not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 23, 1992]; and

“(B) no additional report is necessary under that section in the fiscal year in which such first report is submitted.”