

**“Taken from House Conference Report 104-863
FY 1997 House Report...”**

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$268,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$1,625,000 may be transferred to the `Working Capital Fund'.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$95,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$300,000 may be transferred to the `Working Capital Fund': Provided, That notwithstanding the time limitations imposed by 15 U.S.C. 278k(c) (1) and (5) on the duration of Federal financial assistance that may be awarded by the Secretary of Commerce to Regional Centers for the transfer of manufacturing Technology (`Centers'), such Federal financial assistance for a Center may continue beyond six years and may be renewed for additional periods, not to exceed one year, at a rate not to exceed one-third of the Center's total annual costs, subject before any such renewal to a positive evaluation of the Center and to a finding by the Secretary of Commerce that continuation of Federal funding to the Center is in the best interest of the Regional Centers for the transfer of Manufacturing Technology Program.

In addition, for necessary expenses of the Advanced Technology Program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology,

**“Taken from House Conference Report 104-863
FY 1997 House Report...”**

\$225,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$500,000 may be transferred to the `Working Capital Fund.'