

Science and Technology Authority (327) - FISCAL YEAR 2013

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Science and Technology Authority mission is to bring the benefits of science and advanced technology through grants, supporting scientific research, technological development, business innovation, and education.

The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority is comprised of a Board of Directors and its staff. The 14-member Board is appointed by the Governor to staggered four-year terms.

The Office of Health Information Technology was established in FY2012 and is charged with creating and implementing the Arkansas Health Information Exchange.

TOTAL AUTHORIZED

The total budget is \$107,135,236 for the Fiscal Year 2013.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Science and Technology Authority is funded through General Revenues, Federal funding and cash funds.

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

Rockefeller-IMSST Cash in Treasury- budget is \$51,563 in FY13. Change level decreases provide for;

- Decrease of \$125,000 in FY13 in Operating Expenses, Professional Fees, and Grants and Aid for the phasing out of grant programs.

Science and Technology Operations- Budget is \$1,909,241 in FY13. Change level increase is for the following line item;

- Increase in Operating Expenses of \$8,425 in FY13 for rent expenses, software maintenance and licenses, and computer equipment replacement and upgrades as provided in the ASTA IT Plan.

New AMS-Cash in Treasury-Budget of 1,240,365 in FY13 and provides for the cash portion of the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network Change Level Increases include the following items to meet the requirements of service agreements;

- Increase in \$40,000 in FY13 in Field Services

ARRA AIEC - Budget of \$7,909,401 in FY13 is funded by Federal ARRA funds and a change level decrease for the following;

- Decrease of \$87,190 as this portion of the ARRA grant expired in FY12.

Arkansas Acceleration Fund-Budget of \$61,000,000 in FY13 provides for the appropriation of funds for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development. There is no change

in appropriation amounts from FY12 but this appropriation is new to the ASTA Operations bill.

Office of Health Information Technology-Funded by Federal Funds and State Matching funds. Provides for a total appropriation of \$8,822,136. There is no change in appropriation from FY12.

III) POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2013: 32

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IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Monies received from the repayment of Seed Capital Investments shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to provide additional Seed Capital Investments.

CARRY FORWARD. The Authority is authorized to carry forward any unexpended balance of funds for making grants under the Authority's Basic and Applied Research Grants Program which remains up to \$150,000 at the close of the fiscal year to the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

OHIT-FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. This language mandates that any unexpended balance in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the DFA - Health Information Exchange Program at the end of FY2012 be transferred to the Health Information Technology Fund for future state match for the Federal - Health Information Technology Program.

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