

15.106B Specific program powers.

1. In addition to the general powers described in section 15.106A, the authority shall have all powers convenient and necessary to carry out its programs.

2. For purposes of this section, “*powers convenient and necessary*” includes but is not limited to the power to:

a. Undertake more extensive research and discussion of the strategic plan developed by the members of the authority in order to better formulate and implement state economic development policy.

b. Establish a nonprofit corporation pursuant to section 15.107, for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds from public or private sources to be used to further the overall development and economic well-being of the state.

c. Provide export documentation to Iowa businesses that are exporting goods and services if no other government entity is providing export documentation in a form deemed necessary for international commerce.

d. (1) Pursuant to a contract executed between the authority and the corporation, the authority may delegate to the corporation the performance of the following functions on behalf of the authority:

(a) Marketing and promotional activities.

(b) Policy research.

(c) Economic analysis.

(d) Expansion of international markets for Iowa-produced or Iowa-based products.

(e) Consulting services.

(f) Services related to statewide commercialization development as provided for in section 15.411, subsection 2.

(g) Services related to outreach and assistance to businesses for small business innovation research and technology transfer pursuant to section 15.411, subsection 5, or services related to accelerating the generation and development of innovative ideas and businesses pursuant to section 15.411, subsection 6.

(h) Services related to the administration of an entrepreneur investment awards program pursuant to section 15E.362.

(2) A contract executed pursuant to this paragraph “d” shall not delegate an essential government function, including the budgetary or personnel management responsibilities of the authority, and shall not delegate any sovereign power of the state.

(3) The terms of a contract executed pursuant to this paragraph “d” may provide for compensation at the fair market value of the services to be provided under the contract.

(4) Notwithstanding section 8A.311 and any rules promulgated thereunder by the department of administrative services, the authority may enter into contracts with the corporation for the sole source procurement of services. In entering into such sole source contracts, the authority shall negotiate a fair and reasonable price for the services and shall thoroughly document the circumstances of such sole source procurements.

(5) A contract executed pursuant to this paragraph “d” shall be drafted and executed with the assistance and advice of the attorney general.

3. The authority may enter into contracts on behalf of the Iowa innovation council established in section 15.117A. Such contracts may delegate the performance of functions to the corporation only if the contracts meet the requirements of subsection 2, paragraph “d”.

4. a. If the authority enters into a contract, including but not limited to a contract executed pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph “d”, with a nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 504 or under the similar laws of another jurisdiction, the authority shall ensure that the terms of the contract shall provide for the disclosure of all gifts, grants, bequests, donations, or other conveyances of financial assistance to the corporation from all private and public sources. Such disclosure shall include information from the corporation’s current fiscal year and its most recent three fiscal years and shall include the name and address of the person or entity making the conveyance and the amount.

b. If the authority enters into a contract for the provision of financial assistance to a business, the authority shall ensure that the terms of the contract provide for the disclosure of all donations the business has ever made to the corporation. The authority shall not

consider the amount or frequency of such donations when evaluating the merits of the business's application or when determining the amount of financial assistance to be awarded to the business.

c. The authority shall not enter into a contract for services, including a contract executed pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph "d", that exceeds two years in duration.

2011 Acts, ch 118, §8, 89; 2012 Acts, ch 1126, §29

Referred to in §15.107, 15.107A, 15.107C, 15.411, 15E.362

[T] Subsection 2, paragraph d, subparagraph (1), NEW subparagraph divisions (g) and (h)