

15.106B Specific program powers — fees.

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 enhance bioscience-based economic development in the state and 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 1](#).

(g) Services related to outreach and assistance to businesses for small business innovation research and technology transfer pursuant to [section 15.411, subsection 4](#), or services related to accelerating the generation and development of innovative ideas and businesses pursuant to [section 15.411, subsection 5](#).

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

(i) Services to expand, enhance, and advance the bioscience development platforms.

(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 three years in duration.

5. a. The authority may charge fees to businesses or individuals who receive financial assistance under [this chapter](#) or [chapter 15E](#). The amount of such fees shall be determined based on the costs of the authority associated with its performance of contract administration and compliance duties relating to economic development programs.

b. The authority may charge businesses and individuals a fee for the use of the authority's federal EB-5 immigrant investor regional center.

c. Fees collected by the authority pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be deposited in a fund within the state treasury created pursuant to [section 15.106A, subsection 1](#), paragraph "o", and are appropriated to the authority for the purposes set out in [section 15.106A, subsection 1](#), paragraph "o". However, fees collected by the authority pursuant to [section 15.330, subsection 12](#), [section 15E.198](#), Code 2014, and [section 15.354, subsection 3](#), paragraph "b", shall be used exclusively for costs associated with the administration of due diligence and compliance.

[2011 Acts, ch 118, §8, 89](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1126, §29](#); [2013 Acts, ch 34, §1](#); [2013 Acts, ch 126, §1, 4, 5](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1130, §29](#); [2019 Acts, ch 139, §5, 6](#)

Referred to in [§15.106A](#), [15.107](#), [15.107A](#), [15.107C](#), [15.411](#), [15E.362](#)