

116J.656 SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO FEDERAL RESEARCH FUNDS.

(a) The commissioner shall assist small businesses to access federal money through the federal Small Business Innovation Research program and the Small Business Technology Transfer program. In providing this assistance, the commissioner shall maintain connections to eligible federal programs, assess specific funding opportunities, review funding proposals, provide referrals to specific consulting services, and hold training workshops throughout the state.

(b) Unless prohibited by federal law, the commissioner must implement fees for services that help companies seek federal Phase II Small Business Innovation Research grants. The fees must be deposited in a special revenue account and are annually appropriated to the commissioner for the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs.

History: 2006 c 282 art 11 s 9