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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, MAY 9, 1988

AN ACT

1 Providing matching grants to public or private regional entities
2 to promote exports; and making an appropriation.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Export
7 Development Matching Grant Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Department." The Department of Commerce of the Commonwealth
13 of Pennsylvania.

14 "Program." The Export Development Matching Grant Program.

15 Section 3. Export Development Matching Grant Program.

16 The Export Development Matching Grant Program is hereby

1 established in the Department of Commerce to encourage and
2 facilitate regional export development programs and expertise,
3 consistent with State efforts, in order to promote exports by
4 awarding matching grants to qualified public or private regional
5 entities. The department shall develop regulations to implement
6 the program.

7 Section 4. Qualifying export development activities.

8 Qualifying export development activities include, but are not
9 limited to:

10 (1) Making studies, surveys and investigations.

11 (2) Traveling trade show displays.

12 (3) Printing costs.

13 (4) Consultant fees.

14 (5) Other similar activities approved by the department

15 to promote regional ~~trade~~ EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH <—
16 THE LOCAL ENTITIES SET FORTH IN SECTION 6.

17 Section 5. Grants.

18 (a) State share.--The State grant shall not exceed \$20,000
19 or one-half of the eligible cost of the project, whichever is
20 less.

21 (b) Local share.--The local share of the project shall not
22 be less than one-half of the eligible cost. Local entity
23 matching funds may include Federal funds and local
24 appropriations available to the grantees.

25 Section 6. Local entities.

26 (a) Eligible grantees.--Eligible grantees shall include, ~~but~~ <—
27 ~~not be limited to:~~

28 (1) Public entities, such as economic development
29 districts, local development districts, industrial
30 development authorities and councils of government.

1 (2) Private entities, such as commercial or industrial
2 development corporations, credit development corporations and
3 chambers of commerce.

4 (3) OTHER SIMILAR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROMOTING <—
5 REGIONAL EXPORT DEVELOPMENT.

6 (b) Regional cooperation encouraged.--To encourage regional
7 cooperation, local entities from two or more counties which join
8 in applying for a grant will receive priority funding.

9 Section 7. Limitations.

10 (a) Continuing projects.--A grantee shall not utilize
11 program moneys for a continuing project such as overseas trade
12 representation.

13 (b) Annual limit.--No local or regional entity may receive
14 more than one grant per State fiscal year.

15 Section 8. Reports.

16 Each grantee shall provide the department with a final report
17 which describes the progress made in fulfilling the purpose of
18 the grant, an evaluation of the impact of the work performed and
19 a financial report detailing all expenditures relating to the
20 grant and the local matching fund, and which lists the sources
21 of all local matching funds.

22 Section 9. Appropriation.

23 The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
24 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Commerce to fund
25 grants under this act.

26 Section 10. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect July 1, 1988.