

In the performance of [his] duties, the Director, subject to the approval of the Secretary OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, is hereby authorized and empowered to make and enter into contracts, and to assume such other functions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle that are not inconsistent with this or other acts. The Director, subject to approval of the Secretary, may make and enter into contracts with other boards, commissions, agencies and institutions of this State or other states, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, to have such studies and research activities conducted as may be necessary and proper, and is authorized to pay the cost thereof out of funds which may be appropriated to the [Division] OFFICE.

[2-106.

The Division is empowered to employ such employees as its business may require within limits of its appropriation, subject to the provisions of Division I. of the State Personnel Article that govern the State Personnel Management System.]

3-205.

(A) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE SUPPORT TO INDUSTRY-LED REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCILS THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISES ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH OR EXPAND MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES.

(B) THE OFFICE IN ITS DISCRETION, SHALL DETERMINE:

(1) WHICH ENTITY WILL BEST SERVE AS THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL FOR A PARTICULAR REGION;

(2) THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS THAT CONSTITUTE A REGION FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; AND

(3) THE TYPE OF SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE TO EACH REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, WHICH MAY TAKE THE FORM OF GRANTS, LOANS, IN-KIND ASSISTANCE, ADVICE, OR OTHER ASSISTANCE THE OFFICE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

[2-104.] 3-206.

So far as may be practicable in performance of its duties in connection with collection and assembling of information, the [Division] OFFICE shall make use of pertinent data secured from the boards, commissions, agencies and institutions of this State. The [Division] OFFICE shall have access to all records, data, information and statistics of such other boards, commissions, agencies and institutions except records or information required by law to be confidential and secret.