

SEC. 921. INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE COMPUTER SECURITY AND INFORMATION PROTECTION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT- The Secretary of Defense shall establish an Institute for Defense Computer Security and Information Protection.

(b) MISSION- The Secretary shall require the institute--

(1) to conduct research and technology development that is relevant to foreseeable computer and network security requirements and information assurance requirements of the Department of Defense with a principal focus on areas not being carried out by other organizations in the private or public sector; and

(2) to facilitate the exchange of information regarding cyberthreats, technology, tools, and other relevant issues.

(c) CONTRACTOR OPERATION- The Secretary shall enter into a contract with a not-for-profit entity, or a consortium of not-for-profit entities, to organize and operate the institute. The Secretary shall use competitive procedures for the selection of the contractor to the extent determined necessary by the Secretary.

(d) FUNDING- Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(5), \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Institute for Defense Computer Security and Information Protection.

(e) REPORT- Not later than April 1, 2001, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees the Secretary's plan for implementing this section.