

# 15 U.S. Code § 8852

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## National Quantum Information Science Research Centers

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### **(a) Establishment**

#### **(1) In general**

The Secretary of Energy, acting through the Director of the Office of Science (referred to in this section as the “Director”), shall ensure that the Office of Science carries out a program, in consultation with other Federal departments and agencies, as appropriate, to establish and operate at least 2, but not more than 5, National Quantum Information Science Research Centers (referred to in this section as “Centers”) to conduct basic research to accelerate scientific breakthroughs in quantum information science and technology and to support research conducted under section 8851 of this title.

#### **(2) Requirements**

##### **(A) Competitive, merit-reviewed process**

The Centers shall be established through a competitive, merit-reviewed process.

##### **(B) Applications**

An eligible applicant under this subsection shall submit to the Director an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Director determines to be appropriate.

##### **(C) Eligible applicants**

The Director shall consider applications from National Laboratories, institutions of higher education, research centers, multi-institutional collaborations, and any other entity that the Secretary of Energy determines to be appropriate.

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