DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Center" means the Houston Advanced Research Center.

(2) "Institute" means the Geo-Technology Research Institute.

Sec. 149.002. GEO-TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE. The Geo-Technology Research Institute is located at the center, a research consortium that includes The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Rice University, and the University of Houston.

Sec. 149.003. ADMINISTRATION. The board of directors of the center directs the administration of the institute.

Sec. 149.004. DUTIES. (a) The institute shall conduct basic and applied research and analysis in geoscience, geo-technology, and related fields, including the implementation of technological advances and development of integrated databases.

(b) Results of the research of the institute shall be made available to state agencies, other public bodies and officials, industry, and private citizens.

Sec. 149.005. FUNDS. (a) The institute may receive:
(1) funds from the federal government or the state
government, including funds from:
   (A) direct appropriations to the institute;
   (B) an agreement under Chapter 771 or 791,
Government Code; or
   (C) a contract under Subtitle D, Title 10,
Government Code, including funds received as a vendor in a
proprietary purchase made under Section 2155.067, Government Code; and

(2) pledges or gifts from private sources.

(b) The board of directors of the center shall manage and
approve disbursement of all funds, pledges, and gifts.

(c) The use of state funds is limited to expenditures for
basic and applied research and analysis, excluding construction
costs.

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