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§ 305.2 Award requirements.

(a) Project scope. Public Works Investments may fund the following activities:

(1) Acquisition or development of land and improvements for use in a public works, public service or other type of development facility; or
(2) Acquisition, design and engineering, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvement of such a facility, including related machinery and equipment.

(b) Requirements. A Public Works Investment may be made if EDA determines that:

(1) The Project will, directly or indirectly:

(i) Improve the opportunities for the successful establishment or expansion of industrial or commercial plants or facilities in the Region where the Project is located;
(ii) Assist in the creation of additional long-term employment opportunities in the Region; or
(iii) Primarily benefit the long-term unemployed and members of low-income families in the Region;
(2) The Project will fulfill a pressing need of the Region, or a part of the Region, in which the Project is located; and
(3) The Region in which the Project is located has a CEDS and the Project is consistent with the CEDS.

(c) Not more than fifteen (15) percent of the annual appropriations made available to EDA to fund Public Works Investments may be made in any one State.

§ 305.3 Application requirements.

(a) Each application for Public Works Investment Assistance must:

(1) Include evidence of eligibility, as provided in part 301 of this chapter;
(2) Include, or incorporate by reference, a CEDS (as provided in §303.7 of this chapter);
(3) Demonstrate how the proposed Project meets the criteria of §305.2; and
(4) Demonstrate how the proposed Project meets the application evaluation criteria set forth in §301.8 of this chapter.

(b) The Investment Rate for Public Works Investments will be determined in accordance with §301.4 of this chapter.

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§ 305.4 Projects for design and engineering work.

In the case of Public Works Investment Assistance awarded solely for design and engineering work, the following additional application requirements and terms shall apply:

(a) EDA may determine that a separate Investment for design and engineering is warranted due to the technical complexity or environmental sensitivity of the construction Project;
(b) The purpose of the Investment may be limited to the development and production of all documents required for the construction of the proposed construction Project in a format and in sufficient quantity to permit advertisement and award of a construction contract soon after securing construction financing for the Project;
(c) EDA will not disburse any portion of the Investment Assistance until it receives and certifies compliance with the Investment award of all design and engineering contracts; and
(d) EDA’s funding of the Project for design and engineering work does not in any way commit EDA to fund construction of the Project.

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§ 305.5 Project administration by District Organization.

(a) When a District Organization is not the Recipient or co-Recipient of Investment Assistance, the District Organization may administer the Project for the Recipient if EDA determines fulfillment of the following conditions:

(1) The Recipient has requested (either in the application or by separate written request) that the District Organization for the Region in which the