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issued by Air Force Regional Civil Engineers. The numbers will be in a consecutive series for each Division and will be preceded by a symbol identifying the Division to which the directive is issued.

(2) All revisions to Real Estate Directives will be designated as amendments to the basic Real Estate Directive and will be appropriately numbered.

(3) Division Engineers will forward the original and one copy of each Directive, and each amendment thereto to HQDA (DAEN-REA-L) WASH DC 20314.

(4) Commanders of Major Air Commands will approve requests for leases, lease renewals, and space assignments from the General Services Administration, where the estimated cost of the project does not exceed $50,000 per annum, and subject to any necessary clearances, excepting, however, the leasehold acquisitions listed in AFR 87–1.

(e) Authority to issue DOE Real Estate Directives has been delegated by the General Manager to the Directors of Operating Divisions, DOE.

§ 644.28 Responsibility for acquisition.

HQDA (DAEN-REA-L) is responsible for acquiring real estate for the Departments of the Army (military) and Air Force. HQDA (DAEN-REA-P) is responsible for acquiring real estate for the Department of the Army (civil works), DOE, and other Federal agencies as required.

§ 644.29 Authority to proceed with acquisition.

(a) Upon receipt of the formal Real Estate Directive by the Chief of Engineers, with necessary clearances made and an allotment of funds to the District Engineer, the Division Engineer will be authorized to proceed with acquisition in accordance with the directive and the procedures outlined in subpart C and Pub. L. 91–646 instructions. Where authority has been delegated, the Division or District Engineer may proceed with the acquisition upon receipt of proper directive, any necessary clearances, and allotment of funds.

(b) Under no circumstances will offers be made to landowners or construction initiated prior to the issuance of instructions from the Chief of Engineers to proceed with the acquisition.

(c) The Division or District Engineer will maintain liaison with the local commander and advise him when possession of the land is available.

§ 644.30 Preliminary real estate work.

(a) Preliminary real estate work is defined as that action taken with regard to the individual ownerships leading up to, but not including, solicitation of offers from landowners. It includes preparation or procurement of tract ownership data (ENG Form 900—Tract Ownership Data, where its use is considered desirable), legal descriptions and mapping, title evidence, and individual tract appraisals. At this stage of the acquisition program, it will be necessary to make some contact with landowners, tenants, or other interested persons; for example, the appraiser's discussion of the property with the owner, his agent, or other representative (Pub. L. 91–646, sec. 301(2)). In any such contacts, information should be confined to the fact that acquisition of the real property is being considered; no acquisition action can be taken until funds are made available; and, after acquisition is approved, as much advance notice as possible will be given to all interested parties. Supply of ENG Form 900 may be requisitioned from the OCE Publications Depot in the prescribed manner.

(b) Preliminary real estate work on Army projects will be conducted as soon as design has progressed to the point at which the exact land needed has been firmly determined, or as soon as the District Engineer has determined that it is practicable to proceed.

(c) Preliminary real estate work on Air Force projects will be conducted upon request of Headquarters, USAF, or Major Air Command installations, and at the request of any of those persons designated for industrial acquisitions.

Subpart B—Appraisal

§ 644.41 General.

(a) *Purpose.* (1) Subpart B describes the general procedures and standards