

for “Annual report on embassy construction costs” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117–81, § 5203(a)(2), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Not later than 180 days after December 16, 2016, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a comprehensive report regarding all ongoing embassy construction projects and major embassy security upgrade projects.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117–81, § 5203(a)(2), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Each report required under subsection (a) shall include the following with respect to each ongoing embassy construction projects and major embassy security upgrade projects:

- “(1) The initial cost estimate.
- “(2) The amount expended on the project to date.
- “(3) The projected timeline for completing the project.
- “(4) Any cost overruns incurred by the project.”

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–94 inserted “and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives” after “appropriate congressional committees”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “Secretary” and “appropriate congressional committees” as used in this section, see section 2 of Pub. L. 114–323, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.

§ 305. Growth projections for new embassies and consulates

(a) In general

For each new United States embassy compound (NEC) and new consulate compound project (NCC) in or not yet in the design phase as of December 27, 2021, the Department shall project growth over the estimated life of the facility using all available and relevant data, including the following:

- (1) Relevant historical trends for Department personnel and personnel from other agencies represented at the NEC or NCC that is to be constructed.
- (2) An analysis of the tradeoffs between risk and the needs of United States Government policy conducted as part of the most recent Vital Presence Validation Process, if applicable.
- (3) Reasonable assumptions about the strategic importance of the NEC or NCC, as the case may be, over the life of the building at issue.
- (4) Any other data that would be helpful in projecting the future growth of NEC or NCC.

(b) Other Federal agencies

The head of each Federal agency represented at a United States embassy or consulate shall provide to the Secretary, upon request, growth projections for the personnel of each such agency over the estimated life of each embassy or consulate, as the case may be.

(c) Basis for estimates

The Department shall base its growth assumption for all NECs and NCCs on the estimates required under subsections (a) and (b).

(d) Congressional notification

Any congressional notification of site selection for a NEC or NCC submitted after December 27, 2021 shall include the growth assumption used pursuant to subsection (c).

(Pub. L. 117–81, div. E, title LII, § 5205, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2355.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of State Authorization Act of 2021 and also as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, and not as part of the Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926, which comprises this chapter.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “Department” and “Secretary” as used in this section, see section 5002 of Pub. L. 117–81, set out as a note under section 263c of this title.

§ 306. Contracting methods in capital construction

(a) Delivery

Unless the Secretary of State notifies the appropriate congressional committees that the use of the design-build project delivery method would not be appropriate, the Secretary shall make use of such method at United States diplomatic posts that have not yet received design or capital construction contracts as of December 27, 2021.

(b) Notification

Before executing a contract for a delivery method other than design-build in accordance with subsection (a), the Secretary of State shall notify the appropriate congressional committees in writing of the decision, including the reasons therefor. The notification required by this subsection may be included in any other report regarding a new United States diplomatic post that is required to be submitted to the appropriate congressional committees.

(c) Performance evaluation

Not later than 180 days after December 27, 2021, the Secretary of State shall report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding performance evaluation measures in accordance with GAO’s “Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government” that will be applicable to design and construction, lifecycle cost, and building maintenance programs of the Bureau of Overseas Building Operations of the Department.

(Pub. L. 117–81, div. E, title LII, § 5211, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2358.)

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