

## SUBCHAPTER V—ADMINISTRATION

**§ 3191. Assistant Secretary for Economic Development****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall carry out this chapter through an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(b) Compensation**

The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development shall be compensated at the rate payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5.

**(c) Duties**

The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development shall carry out such duties as the Secretary shall require and shall serve as the administrator of the Economic Development Administration of the Department.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title V, § 501, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, § 102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3610.)

**Editorial Notes**

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3191, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, § 512, as added Pub. L. 91-123, title II, § 206, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 218; amended Pub. L. 92-65, title I, § 110, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167, related to Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, § 1821(a)(8), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, effective Sept. 30, 1981.

A prior section 501 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3181 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, § 1821(a)(8).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 11, 1999, see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

**§ 3192. Economic development information clearinghouse**

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

(1) maintain a central information clearinghouse on the Internet with—

(A) information on economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment programs and activities of the Federal Government;

(B) links to State economic development organizations; and

(C) links to other appropriate economic development resources;

(2) assist potential and actual applicants for economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment assistance under Federal and State laws in locating and applying for the assistance;

(3) assist areas described in section 3161(a) of this title and other areas by providing to in-

terested persons, communities, industries, and businesses in the areas any technical information, market research, or other forms of assistance, information, or advice that would be useful in alleviating or preventing conditions of excessive unemployment or underemployment in the areas; and

(4) obtain appropriate information from other Federal agencies needed to carry out the duties under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title V, § 502, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, § 102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3610; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title V, § 501, Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1768.)

**Editorial Notes**

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3192, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, § 513, as added Pub. L. 91-123, title II, § 206, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 219; amended Pub. L. 94-188, title II, § 203, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1087, related to regional transportation systems, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, § 1821(a)(8), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, effective Sept. 30, 1981.

A prior section 502 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3182 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, § 1821(a)(8).

## AMENDMENTS

2004—Par. (1). Pub. L. 108-373, § 501(1), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “maintain a central information clearinghouse on matters relating to economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment programs and activities of the Federal and State governments, including political subdivisions of States;”

Par. (2). Pub. L. 108-373, § 501(2), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “assist potential and actual applicants for economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment assistance under Federal, State, and local laws in locating and applying for the assistance; and”

Par. (4). Pub. L. 108-373, § 501(3), (4), added par. (4).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 11, 1999, see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

**§ 3193. Consultation with other persons and agencies****(a) Consultation on problems relating to employment**

The Secretary may consult with any persons, including representatives of labor, management, agriculture, and government, who can assist in addressing the problems of area and regional unemployment or underemployment.

**(b) Consultation on administration of chapter**

The Secretary may provide for such consultation with interested Federal agencies as the Secretary determines to be appropriate in the performance of the duties of the Secretary under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title V, § 503, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, § 102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3610.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3193, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §514, as added Pub. L. 93-423, §11, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162, provided for the acquisition and disposal of excess property from the Administrator of General Services by the Federal cochairman of each regional action planning commission, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-519, §§6, 9, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2456, 2457, effective Oct. 17, 1977.

A prior section 503 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3183 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, §1821(a)(8).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Feb. 11, 1999, see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

**§ 3194. Administration, operation, and maintenance**

The Secretary shall approve Federal assistance under this chapter only if the Secretary is satisfied that the project for which Federal assistance is granted will be properly and efficiently administered, operated, and maintained.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §504, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3610.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3194, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §515, as added Pub. L. 94-188, title II, §204, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1088, related to energy demonstration projects and programs, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(8), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, effective Sept. 30, 1981.

A prior section 504 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3184 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, §1821(a)(8).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Feb. 11, 1999, see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

**§ 3195. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-373, title V, § 502(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1768**

Section, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §505, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3610, related to businesses desiring Federal contracts.

A prior section 3195, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §516, as added Pub. L. 94-188, title II, §205, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1088, related to health and nutrition demonstration projects, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(8), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, effective Sept. 30, 1981.

A prior section 505 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3185 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, §1821(a)(8).

**§ 3196. Performance evaluations of grant recipients****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of each university center and each economic development district that receives grant assistance

under this chapter (each referred to in this section as a “grantee”) to assess the grantee’s performance and contribution toward retention and creation of employment.

**(b) Purpose of evaluations of university centers**

The purpose of the evaluations of university centers under subsection (a) shall be to determine which university centers are performing well and are worthy of continued grant assistance under this chapter, and which should not receive continued assistance, so that university centers that have not previously received assistance may receive assistance.

**(c) Timing of evaluations**

Evaluations under subsection (a) shall be conducted on a continuing basis so that each grantee is evaluated within 3 years after the first award of assistance to the grantee, and at least once every 3 years thereafter, so long as the grantee receives the assistance.

**(d) Evaluation criteria****(1) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish criteria for use in conducting evaluations under subsection (a).

**(2) Evaluation criteria for university centers**

The criteria for evaluation of a university center shall, at a minimum, provide for an assessment of the center’s contribution to providing technical assistance, conducting applied research, program performance, and disseminating results of the activities of the center.

**(3) Evaluation criteria for economic development districts**

The criteria for evaluation of an economic development district shall, at a minimum, provide for an assessment of management standards, financial accountability, and program performance.

**(e) Peer review**

In conducting an evaluation of a university center or economic development district under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide for the participation of at least 1 other university center or economic development district, as appropriate, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §506, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3611; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title V, §503, Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1769.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3196, Pub. L. 89-136, title V, §517, as added Pub. L. 94-188, title II, §206, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1090, related to vocational and technical educational demonstration projects, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(8), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, effective Sept. 30, 1981.

A prior section 506 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3186 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, §1821(a)(8).

**AMENDMENTS**

2004-Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-373, §503(a), struck out “after the effective date of the Economic Development