

(iii) the term “investment company” has the same meaning as given in section 80a-3 of this title.

**(D) Certain persons and entities specifically excluded**

The term “financial institution” does not include any person or entity with respect to any financial activity that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act [7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.] and does not include the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation or any entity chartered and operating under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 [12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.].

**(E) Further definition by regulation**

The Federal Trade Commission, after consultation with Federal banking agencies and the Securities and Exchange Commission, may prescribe regulations clarifying or describing the types of institutions which shall be treated as financial institutions for purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 106-102, title V, §527, Nov. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1449.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Commodity Exchange Act, referred to in par. (4)(D), is act Sept. 21, 1922, ch. 369, 42 Stat. 998, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 1 (§1 et seq.) of Title 7, Agriculture. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of Title 7 and Tables.

The Farm Credit Act of 1971, referred to in par. (4)(D), is Pub. L. 92-181, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 583, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 23 (§2001 et seq.) of Title 12, Banks and Banking. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2001 of Title 12 and Tables.

**CHAPTER 95—MICROENTERPRISE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM**

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**§ 6901. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

**(1) Administration**

The term “Administration” means the Small Business Administration.

**(2) Administrator**

The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

**(3) Capacity building services**

The term “capacity building services” means services provided to an organization that is, or that is in the process of becoming,

a microenterprise development organization or program, for the purpose of enhancing its ability to provide training and services to disadvantaged entrepreneurs.

**(4) Collaborative**

The term “collaborative” means 2 or more nonprofit entities that agree to act jointly as a qualified organization under this chapter.

**(5) Disadvantaged entrepreneur**

The term “disadvantaged entrepreneur” means a microentrepreneur that is—

- (A) a low-income person;
- (B) a very low-income person; or
- (C) an entrepreneur that lacks adequate access to capital or other resources essential for business success, or is economically disadvantaged, as determined by the Administrator.

**(6) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4702 of title 12.

**(7) Intermediary**

The term “intermediary” means a private, nonprofit entity that seeks to serve microenterprise development organizations and programs as authorized under section 6904 of this title.

**(8) Low-income person**

The term “low-income person” has the meaning given the term in section 4702 of title 12.

**(9) Microentrepreneur**

The term “microentrepreneur” means the owner or developer of a microenterprise.

**(10) Microenterprise**

The term “microenterprise” means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation that—

- (A) has fewer than 5 employees; and
- (B) generally lacks access to conventional loans, equity, or other banking services.

**(11) Microenterprise development organization or program**

The term “microenterprise development organization or program” means a nonprofit entity, or a program administered by such an entity, including community development corporations or other nonprofit development organizations and social service organizations, that provides services to disadvantaged entrepreneurs.

**(12) Training and technical assistance**

The term “training and technical assistance” means services and support provided to disadvantaged entrepreneurs, such as assistance for the purpose of enhancing business planning, marketing, management, financial management skills, and assistance for the purpose of accessing financial services.

**(13) Very low-income person**

The term “very low-income person” means having an income, adjusted for family size, of not more than 150 percent of the poverty line (as defined in section 9902(2) of title 42, including any revision required by that section).