

site project oversight visits semiannually or on an alternate schedule agreed to by the Secretary and the Indian tribe.

**(g) Wages**

All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors (excluding tribes and tribal organizations) in the construction, alteration, or repair, including painting or decorating of a building or other facilities in connection with construction projects funded by the United States under this subchapter shall be paid wages at not less than those prevailing wages on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with sections 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147 of title 40. With respect to construction alteration, or repair work to which sections 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147 of title 40 are applicable under this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in the Reorganization Plan numbered 14, of 1950, and section 3145 of title 40.

**(h) Application of other laws**

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Indian tribe, no provision of division B (except sections 1123, 2303, 2304, and 2313) of subtitle I of title 41, the Federal Acquisition Regulations issued pursuant thereto, or any other law or regulation pertaining to Federal procurement (including Executive orders) shall apply to any construction project conducted under this part.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §509, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 724.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

The National Historic Preservation Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 89-665, Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 915, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§470 et seq.) of chapter 1A of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 470(a) of Title 16 and Tables.

Reorganization Plan numbered 14, of 1950, referred to in subsec. (g), is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (g), “sections 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147 of title 40” substituted for “the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931 (46 Stat. 1494)”, “sections 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147 of title 40 are” substituted for “the Act of March 3, 1931, is”, and “section 3145 of title 40” substituted for “section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 948)” on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, §5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, the first section of which enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

In subsec. (h), “division B (except sections 1123, 2303, 2304, and 2313) of subtitle I of title 41” substituted for “the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

**§ 458aaa-9. Federal procurement laws and regulations**

Regarding construction programs or projects, the Secretary and Indian tribes may negotiate

for the inclusion of specific provisions of division B (except sections 1123, 2303, 2304, and 2313) of subtitle I of title 41 and Federal acquisition regulations in any funding agreement entered into under this part. Absent a negotiated agreement, such provisions and regulatory requirements shall not apply.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §510, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 726.)

CODIFICATION

In text, “division B (except sections 1123, 2303, 2304, and 2313) of subtitle I of title 41” substituted for “the Office of Federal Procurement and Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

**§ 458aaa-10. Civil actions**

**(a) Contract defined**

For the purposes of section 450m-1 of this title, the term “contract” shall include compacts and funding agreements entered into under this part.

**(b) Applicability of certain laws**

Section 81 of this title and section 476 of this title, shall not apply to attorney and other professional contracts entered into by Indian tribes participating in self-governance under this part.

**(c) References**

All references in this subchapter to section 501 of this title are hereby deemed to include section 82a of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §511, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 726.)

**§ 458aaa-11. Facilitation**

**(a) Secretarial interpretation**

Except as otherwise provided by law, the Secretary shall interpret all Federal laws, Executive orders, and regulations in a manner that will facilitate—

(1) the inclusion of programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) and funds associated therewith, in the agreements entered into under this section;

(2) the implementation of compacts and funding agreements entered into under this part; and

(3) the achievement of tribal health goals and objectives.

**(b) Regulation waiver**

**(1) In general**

An Indian tribe may submit a written request to waive application of a regulation promulgated under section 458aaa-16 of this title or the authorities specified in section 458aaa-4(b) of this title for a compact or funding agreement entered into with the Indian Health Service under this part, to the Secretary identifying the applicable Federal regulation sought to be waived and the basis for the request.

**(2) Approval**

Not later than 90 days after receipt by the Secretary of a written request by an Indian

tribe to waive application of a regulation for a compact or funding agreement entered into under this part, the Secretary shall either approve or deny the requested waiver in writing. A denial may be made only upon a specific finding by the Secretary that identified language in the regulation may not be waived because such waiver is prohibited by Federal law. A failure to approve or deny a waiver request not later than 90 days after receipt shall be deemed an approval of such request. The Secretary's decision shall be final for the Department.

**(c) Access to Federal property**

In connection with any compact or funding agreement executed pursuant to this part or an agreement negotiated under the Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project established under title III,<sup>1</sup> as in effect before August 18, 2000, upon the request of an Indian tribe, the Secretary—

(1) shall permit an Indian tribe to use existing school buildings, hospitals, and other facilities and all equipment therein or appertaining thereto and other personal property owned by the Government within the Secretary's jurisdiction under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the Indian tribe for their use and maintenance;

(2) may donate to an Indian tribe title to any personal or real property found to be excess to the needs of any agency of the Department, or the General Services Administration, except that—

(A) subject to the provisions of subparagraph (B), title to property and equipment furnished by the Federal Government for use in the performance of the compact or funding agreement or purchased with funds under any compact or funding agreement shall, unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe, vest in the appropriate Indian tribe;

(B) if property described in subparagraph (A) has a value in excess of \$5,000 at the time of retrocession, withdrawal, or reassumption, at the option of the Secretary upon the retrocession, withdrawal, or reassumption, title to such property and equipment shall revert to the Department of Health and Human Services; and

(C) all property referred to in subparagraph (A) shall remain eligible for replacement, maintenance, and improvement on the same basis as if title to such property were vested in the United States; and

(3) shall acquire excess or surplus Government personal or real property for donation to an Indian tribe if the Secretary determines the property is appropriate for use by the Indian tribe for any purpose for which a compact or funding agreement is authorized under this part.

**(d) Matching or cost-participation requirement**

All funds provided under compacts, funding agreements, or grants made pursuant to this

subchapter, shall be treated as non-Federal funds for purposes of meeting matching or cost participation requirements under any other Federal or non-Federal program.

**(e) State facilitation**

States are hereby authorized and encouraged to enact legislation, and to enter into agreements with Indian tribes to facilitate and supplement the initiatives, programs, and policies authorized by this part and other Federal laws benefiting Indians and Indian tribes.

**(f) Rules of construction**

Each provision of this part and each provision of a compact or funding agreement shall be liberally construed for the benefit of the Indian tribe participating in self-governance and any ambiguity shall be resolved in favor of the Indian tribe.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §512, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 726.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Title III, referred to in subsec. (c), means title III of Pub. L. 93-638, as added by Pub. L. 100-472, title II, §209, Oct. 5, 1988, 102 Stat. 2296, and amended, which was set out as a note under section 450f of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 106-260, §10, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 734.

**§ 458aaa-12. Budget request**

**(a) Requirement of annual budget request**

**(1) In general**

The President shall identify in the annual budget request submitted to Congress under section 1105 of title 31 all funds necessary to fully fund all funding agreements authorized under this part, including funds specifically identified to fund tribal base budgets. All funds so appropriated shall be apportioned to the Indian Health Service. Such funds shall be provided to the Office of Tribal Self-Governance which shall be responsible for distribution of all funds provided under section 458aaa-4 of this title.

**(2) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the Indian Health Service to reduce the amount of funds that a self-governance tribe is otherwise entitled to receive under its funding agreement or other applicable law, whether or not such funds are apportioned to the Office of Tribal Self-Governance under this section.

**(b) Present funding; shortfalls**

In such budget request, the President shall identify the level of need presently funded and any shortfall in funding (including direct program and contract support costs) for each Indian tribe, either directly by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, under self-determination contracts, or under compacts and funding agreements authorized under this part.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §513, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 727.)

**§ 458aaa-13. Reports**

**(a) Annual report**

**(1) In general**

Not later than January 1 of each year after August 18, 2000, the Secretary shall submit to

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.