

related purposes, including continued research for development of the most effective and economic control measures, to be administered by the Chief of Engineers, under the direction of the Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with other Federal and State agencies. Local interests shall agree to hold and save the United States free from claims that may occur from control operations and to participate to the extent of 30 per centum of the cost of such operations. Costs for research and planning undertaken pursuant to the authorities of this section shall be borne fully by the Federal Government.

(b) Appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts, not in excess of \$15,000,000 annually, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Any such funds employed for control operations shall be allocated by the Chief of Engineers on a priority basis, based upon the urgency and need of each area, and the availability of local funds.

(c) Support

In carrying out the program under this section, the Secretary is encouraged to use contracts, cooperative agreements, and grants with colleges and universities and other non-Federal entities.

(Pub. L. 85-500, title I, § 104, July 3, 1958, 72 Stat. 300; Pub. L. 89-298, title III, § 302, Oct. 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 1092; Pub. L. 98-63, title I, § 101, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 313; Pub. L. 99-662, title IX, § 941, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4199; Pub. L. 104-303, title II, § 225, Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3697; Pub. L. 106-53, title II, § 205, Aug. 17, 1999, 113 Stat. 285.)

AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-53, § 205(1), substituted “noxious aquatic plant growths from” for “water-hyacinth, alligatorweed, Eurasian water milfoil, melaleuca, and other obnoxious aquatic plant growths, from” in first sentence.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-53, § 205(2), substituted “\$15,000,000” for “\$12,000,000” in first sentence.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-53, § 205(3), added subsec. (c). 1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-303 inserted “melaleuca,” after “milfoil.”

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-662 substituted “\$12,000,000” for “\$10,000,000”.

1983—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-63 substituted “\$10,000,000” for “\$5,000,000”.

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-298 designated part of existing provisions as subsec. (a), substituting “comprehensive program” and “other allied waters of the United States” for “comprehensive project” and “other allied waters in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas”, respectively, providing for control and eradication of Eurasian water milfoil, and striking out “in accordance with the report of the Chief of Engineers, published as House Document Numbered 37, Eighty-fifth Congress” after “Federal and State agencies”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-298 designated part of existing provisions as subsec. (b), substituting the appropriations authorization of \$5,000,000 annually as first sentence for former provisions which authorized “an estimated additional cost for the expanded program over that now underway of \$1,350,000 annually for five years, of which 70 per centum, presently estimated at \$945,000, shall be borne by the United States and 30 per centum, presently estimated at \$405,000, by local interests” and incorporating former second proviso in second sentence.

SUBCHAPTER V—PROSECUTION OF WORK
GENERALLY

§ 621. By what methods river and harbor work may be authorized to be prosecuted

Any public work on canals, rivers, and harbors adopted by Congress may be prosecuted by direct appropriations, by continuing contracts, or by both direct appropriations and continuing contracts.

(Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 427, § 10, 42 Stat. 1043.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1922.

§ 622. Contracts, etc., with private industry for implementation of projects for improvements and dredging; reduction of federally owned fleet

(a) Contracts for dredging and related work

The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”), in carrying out projects for improvement of rivers and harbors (other than surveys, estimates, and gagings) shall, by contract or otherwise, carry out such work in the manner most economical and advantageous to the United States. The Secretary shall have dredging and related work done by contract if he determines private industry has the capability to do such work and it can be done at reasonable prices and in a timely manner. During the four-year period which begins on April 26, 1978, the Secretary may limit the application of the second sentence of this subsection for work for which the federally owned fleet is available to achieve an orderly transition to full implementation of this subsection.

(b) Reduction of federally owned fleet

As private industry reasonably demonstrates its capability under subsection (a) of this section to perform the work done by the federally owned fleet, at reasonable prices and in a timely manner, the federally owned fleet shall be reduced in an orderly manner, as determined by the Secretary, by retirement of plant. To carry out emergency and national defense work the Secretary shall retain only the minimum federally owned fleet capable of performing such work and he may exempt from the provisions of this section such amount of work as he determines to be reasonably necessary to keep such fleet fully operational, as determined by the Secretary, after the minimum fleet requirements have been determined. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, in carrying out the reduction of the federally owned fleet, the Secretary may retain so much of the federally owned fleet as he determines necessary, for so long as he determines necessary, to insure the capability of the Federal Government and private industry together to carry out projects for improvements of rivers and harbors. For the purpose of making the determination required by the preceding sentence the Secretary shall not exempt any work from the requirements of this section. The minimum federally owned fleet shall be maintained to technologically modern