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AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110-140, title III, § 323(c)(2), Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1591, added items 3313 to 3316 and struck out former items 3313 “Delegation”, 3314 “Report to Congress”, and 3315 “Certain authority not affected”.

§ 3301. Definitions and nonapplication

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this chapter—

(1) ALTER.—The term “alter” includes—

(A) preliminary planning, engineering, architectural, legal, fiscal, and economic investigations and studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, procedures, and other similar actions necessary for the alteration of a public building; and

(B) repairing, remodeling, improving, or extending, or other changes in, a public building.

(2) CONSTRUCT.—The term “construct” includes preliminary planning, engineering, architectural, legal, fiscal, and economic investigations and studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, procedures, and other similar actions necessary for the construction of a public building.

(3) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive agency” means an executive department or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Federal Government, including—

(A) any wholly owned Government corporation;

(B) the Central-Bank for Cooperatives and the regional banks for cooperatives;

(C) federal land banks;

(D) federal intermediate credit banks;

(E) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and

(F) the Government National Mortgage Association.

(4) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “federal agency” means an executive agency or an establishment in the legislative or judicial branch of the Government (except the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Architect of the Capitol and any activities under the direction of the Architect).

(5) PUBLIC BUILDING.—The term “public building”—

(A) means a building, whether for single or multitenant occupancy, and its grounds, approaches, and appurtenances, which is generally suitable for use as office or storage space or both by one or more federal agencies or mixed-ownership Government corporations;

(B) includes—

(i) federal office buildings;

(ii) post offices;

(iii) customhouses;

(iv) courthouses;

(v) appraisers stores;

(vi) border inspection facilities;

(vii) warehouses;

(viii) record centers;

(ix) relocation facilities;

(x) telecommuting centers;

(xi) similar federal facilities; and

(xii) any other buildings or construction projects the inclusion of which the President considers to be justified in the public interest; but

(C) does not include a building or construction project described in subparagraphs (A) and (B)—

(i) that is on the public domain (including that reserved for national forests and other purposes);

(ii) that is on property of the Government in foreign countries;

(iii) that is on Indian and native Eskimo property held in trust by the Government;

(iv) that is on land used in connection with federal programs for agricultural, recreational, and conservation purposes, including research in connection with the programs;

(v) that is on or used in connection with river, harbor, flood control, reclamation or power projects, for chemical manufacturing or development projects, or for nuclear production, research, or development projects;

(vi) that is on or used in connection with housing and residential projects;

(vii) that is on military installations (including any fort, camp, post, naval training station, airfield, proving ground, military supply depot, military school, or any similar facility of the Department of Defense);

(viii) that is on installations of the Department of Veterans Affairs used for hospital or domiciliary purposes; or

(ix) the exclusion of which the President considers to be justified in the public interest.

(6) UNITED STATES.—The term “United States” includes the States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(b) NONAPPLICATION.—This chapter does not apply to the construction of any public building to which section 241(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(g)) or section 1 of the Act of June 26, 1930 (19 U.S.C. 68) applies.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1156.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3301(a)(1)	40:612(2), (5), (6).	Pub. L. 86-249, §13, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 482; Pub. L. 90-448, title VIII, §807(f), Aug. 1, 1968, 82 Stat. 544; Pub. L. 101-73, title VII, §744(g), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 438; Pub. L. 102-54, §13(o), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 278; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(f) [title IV, §407(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-338.
	40:612a(1).	Pub. L. 94-541, title I, §105(1), (2), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2507.
3301(a)(2)	40:612(6).	
3301(a)(3)	40:612(4).	
3301(a)(4)	40:612(3).	
	40:612a(2).	
3301(a)(5)	40:612(1).	
	40:612a(2).	
3301(a)(6)	40:612(7).	
3301(b)	40:613.	Pub. L. 86-249, §14, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 483.

In subsection (a), the text of 40:612(2) and 612a(1) is omitted because the complete name of the Administrator of General Services is used the first time the term appears in a section. In clause (5)(A), the words “mixed-ownership Government corporation” are substituted for “mixed ownership corporation” for consistency with 31:9101. In clause (5)(B) and (C), the words “from time to time hereafter” are omitted as unnecessary. In clause (6), the words “territories and” are added for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In subsection (b), the text of 40:613(1)–(3) is omitted as obsolete. The reference is to section 241(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act rather than to section 242(c) to reflect the amendment of sections 241 and 242 by sections 305(a)(3) and 306(a)(2) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208, div. C, 110 Stat. 3009-598, 3009-607).

§ 3302. Prohibition on construction of buildings except by Administrator of General Services

Only the Administrator of General Services may construct a public building. The Administrator shall construct a public building in accordance with this chapter.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3302	40:601.	Pub. L. 86-249, §2, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 479.

§ 3303. Continuing investigation and survey of public buildings

(a) CONDUCTED BY ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administrator of General Services shall—

- (1) make a continuing investigation and survey of the public buildings needs of the Federal Government so that the Administrator may carry out the duties of the Administrator under this chapter; and
- (2) submit to Congress prospectuses of proposed projects in accordance with section 3307(a) and (b) of this title.

(b) COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

- (1) DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATOR.—In carrying out the duties of the Administrator under this chapter, the Administrator—

- (A) shall cooperate with all federal agencies in order to keep informed of their needs;
- (B) shall advise each federal agency of the program with respect to the agency; and
- (C) may request the cooperation and assistance of each federal agency in carrying out duties under this chapter.

(2) DUTY OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Each federal agency shall cooperate with, advise, and assist the Administrator in carrying out the duties of the Administrator under this chapter as determined necessary by the Administrator to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(c) REQUEST FOR IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS OF HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL, OR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE.—When the Administrator undertakes a survey of the public buildings needs of the Government within a geographical area, the Administrator shall request that, within 60 days, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation established by title II of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470i et seq.) identify any existing buildings in the geographical area that—

- (1) are of historical, architectural, or cultural significance (as defined in section 3306(a) of this title); and
- (2) whether or not in need of repair, alteration, or addition, would be suitable for acquisition to meet the public buildings needs of the Government.

(d) STANDARD FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—In carrying out the duties of the Administrator under this chapter, the Administrator shall provide for the construction and acquisition of public buildings equitably throughout the United States with due regard to the comparative urgency of the need for each particular building. In developing plans for new buildings, the Administrator shall give due consideration to excellence of architecture and design.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3303(a)	40:611(a).	Pub. L. 86-249, §12(a), (b), (d), Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 482; Pub. L. 92-313, §2(2), (3), June 16, 1972, 86 Stat. 216; Pub. L. 94-541, title I, §103(3), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2506.
3303(b)	40:611(b).	
3303(c)	40:611(c).	Pub. L. 86-249, §12(c), as added Pub. L. 94-541, title I, §103(3), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2506.
3303(d)	40:611(d).	

In subsection (c)(1), the word “historical” is substituted for “historic” to conform to the defined term. In subsection (c)(2), the word “purchase” is omitted as being included in [“]acquisition”.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Historic Preservation Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 89-665, Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 915, as amended. Title II of the Act is classified generally to sections 470i to 470v of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 470 of Title 16 and Tables.