

**§ 2009aa-10. Records****(a) Records of the Authority****(1) In general**

The Authority shall maintain accurate and complete records of all transactions and activities of the Authority.

**(2) Availability**

All records of the Authority shall be available for audit and examination by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture (including authorized representatives of the Comptroller General and the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture).

**(b) Records of recipients of Federal assistance****(1) In general**

A recipient of Federal funds under this subchapter shall, as required by the Authority, maintain accurate and complete records of transactions and activities financed with Federal funds and report on the transactions and activities to the Authority.

**(2) Availability**

All records required under paragraph (1) shall be available for audit by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, and the Authority (including authorized representatives of the Comptroller General, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, and the Authority).

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382K, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-280; amended Pub. L. 111-8, div. A, title VII, §733, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 558.)

## AMENDMENTS

2009—Pub. L. 111-8 struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall audit the activities, transactions, and records of the Authority on an annual basis.”

**§ 2009aa-11. Annual report**

Not later than 180 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Authority shall submit to the President and to Congress a report describing the activities carried out under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382L, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-280.)

**§ 2009aa-12. Authorization of appropriations****(a) In general**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Authority to carry out this subchapter \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012, to remain available until expended.

**(b) Administrative expenses**

Not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section for a fiscal year shall be used for administrative expenses of the Authority.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382M, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21,

2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-280; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6027(g), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 374; Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6025(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1177; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6025(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1938.)

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, §6025(a), substituted “2008 through 2012” for “2001 through 2007”.

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-171 substituted “2007” for “2002”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 2009aa-13. Termination of authority**

This subchapter and the authority provided under this subchapter expire on October 1, 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382N, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-281; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6027(h), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 374; Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6025(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1177; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6025(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1939.)

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §6025(b), substituted “2012” for “2007”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 substituted “2007” for “2002”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

## SUBCHAPTER VII—NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL AUTHORITY

**§ 2009bb. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Authority**

The term “Authority” means the Northern Great Plains Regional Authority established by section 2009bb-1 of this title.

**(2) Federal grant program**

The term “Federal grant program” means a Federal grant program to provide assistance in—

(A) implementing the recommendations of the Northern Great Plains Rural Development Commission established by the Northern Great Plains Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2661 note; Public Law 103-318);

- (B) acquiring or developing land;
- (C) constructing or equipping a highway, road, bridge, or facility;
- (D) carrying out other economic development activities; or
- (E) conducting research activities related to the activities described in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

**(3) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 450b of title 25.

**(4) Region**

The term “region” means the States of Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri (other than counties included in the Delta Regional Authority), Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §383A, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6028, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 375; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6026(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1177; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6026(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1939.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Par. (4). Pub. L. 110-246, §6026(a), inserted “Missouri (other than counties included in the Delta Regional Authority),” after “Minnesota.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 2009bb-1. Northern Great Plains Regional Authority**

**(a) Establishment**

**(1) In general**

There is established the Northern Great Plains Regional Authority.

**(2) Composition**

The Authority shall be composed of—

- (A) a Federal member, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (B) the Governor (or a designee of the Governor) of each State in the region that elects to participate in the Authority; and
- (C) a member of an Indian tribe, who shall be a chairperson of an Indian tribe in the region or a designee of such a chairperson, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(3) Cochairpersons**

The Authority shall be headed by—

- (A) the Federal member, who shall serve—
  - (i) as the Federal cochairperson; and
  - (ii) as a liaison between the Federal Government and the Authority;
- (B) a State cochairperson, who—
  - (i) shall be a Governor of a participating State in the region; and

- (ii) shall be elected by the State members for a term of not less than 1 year; and
- (C) the member of an Indian tribe, who shall serve—
  - (i) as the tribal cochairperson; and
  - (ii) as a liaison between the governments of Indian tribes in the region and the Authority.

**(4) Failure to confirm**

**(A) Federal member**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if a Federal member described in paragraph (2)(A) has not been confirmed by the Senate by not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Authority may organize and operate without the Federal member.

**(B) Indian Chairperson**

In the case of the Indian Chairperson, if no Indian Chairperson is confirmed by the Senate, the regional authority shall consult and coordinate with the leaders of Indian tribes in the region concerning the activities of the Authority, as appropriate.

**(b) Alternate members**

**(1) Alternate Federal cochairperson**

The President shall appoint an alternate Federal cochairperson.

**(2) State alternates**

**(A) In general**

The State member of a participating State may have a single alternate, who shall be—

- (i) a resident of that State; and
- (ii) appointed by the Governor of the State.

**(B) Quorum**

A State alternate member shall not be counted toward the establishment of a quorum of the members of the Authority in any case in which a quorum of the State members is required to be present.

**(3) Alternate tribal cochairperson**

The President shall appoint an alternate tribal cochairperson, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(4) Delegation of power**

No power or responsibility of the Authority specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (c) of this section, and no voting right of any member of the Authority, shall be delegated to any person who is not—

- (A) a member of the Authority; or
- (B) entitled to vote in Authority meetings.

**(c) Voting**

**(1) In general**

A decision by the Authority shall require a majority vote of the Authority (not including any member representing a State that is delinquent under subsection (g)(2)(D) of this section) to be effective.

**(2) Quorum**

A quorum of State members shall be required to be present for the Authority to make any policy decision, including—