

104-52, set out as a note preceding section 591 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

ADVOCACY STUDY OF PAPERWORK AND TAX IMPACT

Pub. L. 103-403, title VI, §613, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4205, directed Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to conduct a study of the impact of all Federal regulatory, paperwork, and tax requirements upon small business, and report its findings to Congress not later than 1 year after Oct. 22, 1994.

**§ 634c. Additional duties of Office of Advocacy**

The Office of Advocacy shall also perform the following duties on a continuing basis:

(1) serve as a focal point for the receipt of complaints, criticisms, and suggestions concerning the policies and activities of the Administration and any other Federal agency which affects small businesses;

(2) counsel small businesses on how to resolve questions and problems concerning the relationship of the small business to the Federal Government;

(3) develop proposals for changes in the policies and activities of any agency of the Federal Government which will better fulfill the purposes of this chapter and communicate such proposals to the appropriate Federal agencies;

(4) represent the views and interests of small businesses before other Federal agencies whose policies and activities may affect small business;

(5) enlist the cooperation and assistance of public and private agencies, businesses, and other organizations in disseminating information about the programs and services provided by the Federal Government which are of benefit to small businesses, and information on how small businesses can participate in or make use of such programs and services; and

(6) carry out the responsibilities of the Office of Advocacy under chapter 6 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 94-305, title II, §203, June 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 669; Pub. L. 111-240, title I, §1602(a), Sept. 27, 2010, 124 Stat. 2551.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Small Business Act which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Par. (6). Pub. L. 111-240 added par. (6).

**§ 634d. Staff and powers of Office of Advocacy**

In carrying out the provisions of sections 634a to 634g of this title, the Chief Counsel for Advocacy may—

(1) employ and fix the compensation of such additional staff personnel as is deemed necessary, without regard to the provisions of title 5, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to chapter 51, and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates but at rates not in excess of the lowest rate for GS-15 of the General Schedule: *Provided, however,* That not more than 14 staff personnel at any one time may be employed and compensated at a rate not in excess of GS-15, step 10, of the General Schedule;

(2) procure temporary and intermittent services to the same extent as is authorized by section 3109 of title 5;

(3) consult with experts and authorities in the fields of small business investment, venture capital, investment and commercial banking and other comparable financial institutions involved in the financing of business, and with individuals with regulatory, legal, economic, or financial expertise, including members of the academic community, and individuals who generally represent the public interest;

(4) utilize the services of the National Advisory Council established pursuant to the provisions of section 637(b)(13) of this title and in accordance with the provisions of such statute, also appoint such other advisory boards or committees as is reasonably appropriate and necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 634a to 634g of this title; and

(5) hold hearings and sit and act at such times and places as he may deem advisable.

(Pub. L. 94-305, title II, §204, June 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 669; Pub. L. 96-302, title IV, §402, July 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 850; Pub. L. 103-403, title VI, §§605(b), 610, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4203, 4204.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in par. (1), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5.

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AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-403, §§605(b), 610(1), in introductory provisions substituted “provisions of sections 634a to 634g of this title, the Chief” for “provisions of section 634b of this title, after consultation with and subject to the approval of the Administrator, the Chief”.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-403, §610(2), substituted “14” for “ten” before “staff personnel”.

1980—Par. (1). Pub. L. 96-302 authorized employment at any one time of ten staff personnel at rate of compensation not in excess of GS-15, step 10, of the General Schedule.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-302 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 507 of Pub. L. 96-302, set out as a note under section 631 of this title.

**§ 634e. Assistance of Government agencies**

Each department, agency, and instrumentality of the Federal Government is authorized and directed to furnish to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy such reports and other information as he deems necessary to carry out his functions under sections 634a to 634g of this title.

(Pub. L. 94-305, title II, §205, June 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 670.)

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**§ 634f. Reports**

The Chief Counsel may from time to time prepare and publish such reports as he deems appropriate. Not later than one year after June 4,