

SUBCHAPTER IX—RURAL COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

§ 2009dd. Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish a regional rural collaborative investment program—

- (1) to provide rural regions with a flexible investment vehicle, allowing for local control with Federal oversight, assistance, and accountability;
- (2) to provide rural regions with incentives and resources to develop and implement comprehensive strategies for achieving regional competitiveness, innovation, and prosperity;
- (3) to foster multisector community and economic development collaborations that will optimize the asset-based competitive advantages of rural regions with particular emphasis on innovation, entrepreneurship, and the creation of quality jobs;
- (4) to foster collaborations necessary to provide the professional technical expertise, institutional capacity, and economies of scale that are essential for the long-term competitiveness of rural regions; and
- (5) to better use Department of Agriculture and other Federal, State, and local governmental resources, and to leverage those resources with private, nonprofit, and philanthropic investments, in order to achieve measurable community and economic prosperity, growth, and sustainability.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 385A, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6030, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 402; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, § 6028, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1183; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VI, § 6028, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1944.)

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 L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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, § 6028, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to purpose of this subchapter.

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.

§ 2009dd-1. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) **Benchmark**

The term “benchmark” means an annual set of goals and performance measures established for the purpose of assessing performance in meeting a regional investment strategy of a Regional Board.

(2) **Indian tribe**

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

(3) **National Board**

The term “National Board” means the National Rural Investment Board established under section 2009dd-2(c) of this title.

(4) **National Institute**

The term “National Institute” means the National Institute on Regional Rural Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship established under section 2009dd-2(b)(2) of this title.

(5) **Regional Board**

The term “Regional Board” means a Regional Rural Investment Board described in section 2009dd-3(a) of this title.

(6) **Regional innovation grant**

The term “regional innovation grant” means a grant made by the Secretary to a certified Regional Board under section 2009dd-5 of this title.

(7) **Regional investment strategy grant**

The term “regional investment strategy grant” means a grant made by the Secretary to a certified Regional Board under section 2009dd-4 of this title.

(8) **Rural heritage**

(A) **In general**

The term “rural heritage” means historic sites, structures, and districts.

(B) **Inclusions**

The term “rural heritage” includes historic rural downtown areas and main streets, neighborhoods, farmsteads, scenic and historic trails, heritage areas, and historic landscapes.

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§ 2009dd-2. Establishment and administration of Rural Collaborative Investment Program

(a) **Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a Rural Collaborative Investment Program to support comprehensive regional investment strategies for achieving rural competitiveness.

(b) **Duties of Secretary**

In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall—

- (1) appoint and provide administrative and program support to the National Board;
- (2) establish a national institute, to be known as the “National Institute on Regional