

(A) be responsible for overseeing and managing the planning, design, construction, and operation of facilities and infrastructure of the Department, including major and minor construction projects; and

(B) perform such other functions as the Secretary shall prescribe.

(2) In carrying out the oversight and management of construction and operation of facilities and infrastructure under this section, the Director shall be responsible for the following:

(A) Development and updating of short-range and long-range strategic capital investment strategies and plans of the Department.

(B) Planning, design, and construction of facilities for the Department, including determining architectural and engineering requirements and ensuring compliance of the Department with applicable laws relating to the construction program of the Department.

(C) Management of the short-term and long-term leasing of real property by the Department.

(D) Repair and maintenance of facilities of the Department, including custodial services, building management and administration, and maintenance of roads, grounds, and infrastructure.

(E) Management of procurement and acquisition processes relating to the construction and operation of facilities of the Department, including the award of contracts related to design, construction, furnishing, and supplies and equipment.

(Added Pub. L. 109-461, title VIII, §811(a), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3446.)

### § 313. Availability of appropriations

(a) Funds appropriated to the Department may remain available until expended.

(b) Funds appropriated to the Department may not be used for a settlement of more than \$1,000,000 on a construction contract unless—

(1) the settlement is audited by an entity outside the Department for reasonableness and appropriateness of expenditures; and

(2) the settlement is provided for specifically in an appropriation law.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 383.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 313 was renumbered section 1113 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 203 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

### § 314. Central Office

The Central Office of the Department shall be in the District of Columbia.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 383.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 314 was renumbered section 1114 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 230(a) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

### § 315. Regional offices

(a) The Secretary may establish such regional offices and such other field offices within the United States, its Territories, Commonwealths, and possessions, as the Secretary considers necessary.

(b) The Secretary may maintain a regional office in the Republic of the Philippines until September 30, 2015.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 384; amended Pub. L. 102-291, §1(a), May 20, 1992, 106 Stat. 178; Pub. L. 103-210, §2(c), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2497; Pub. L. 103-446, title V, §502, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4663; Pub. L. 106-117, title VIII, §802, Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1586; Pub. L. 108-183, title II, §213, Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2658; Pub. L. 111-117, div. E, title II, §228, Dec. 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3307; Pub. L. 111-275, title VIII, §807(a), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2893; Pub. L. 112-74, div. H, title II, §234, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1160; Pub. L. 112-191, title II, §202, Oct. 5, 2012, 126 Stat. 1439; Pub. L. 113-59, §7, Dec. 20, 2013, 127 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 113-175, title IV, §402, Sept. 26, 2014, 128 Stat. 1905.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 315 was renumbered section 1115 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 230(a), (b) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-175 substituted “September 30, 2015” for “December 31, 2014”.

2013—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-59 substituted “December 31, 2014” for “December 31, 2013”.

2012—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-191 substituted “December 31, 2013” for “December 31, 2012”.

2011—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-74 substituted “December 31, 2012” for “December 31, 2011”.

2010—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-275 substituted “December 31, 2011” for “December 31, 2010”.

2009—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-117 substituted “December 31, 2010” for “December 31, 2009”.

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-183 substituted “December 31, 2009” for “December 31, 2003”.

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-117 substituted “December 31, 2003” for “December 31, 1999”.

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-446 substituted “December 31, 1999” for “December 31, 1994”.

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-210 substituted “December 31, 1994” for “March 31, 1994”.

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-291 substituted “March 31, 1994” for “September 30, 1991”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-291, §1(b), May 20, 1992, 106 Stat. 178, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as of September 30, 1991.”

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-191, title II, §202, Oct. 5, 2012, 126 Stat. 1439, provided that this section shall be carried out as amended by section 202 of Pub. L. 112-191 notwithstanding the date described in section 151 of Pub. L. 112-175 (126 Stat. 1323).

#### RATIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE DURING LAPSED PERIOD

Pub. L. 102-291, §1(c), May 20, 1992, 106 Stat. 178, provided that: “Any action of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in maintaining a Department of Veterans Af-