

ence a special need arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or economic adjustment problems resulting from severe short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions.

**(b) Political boundaries of areas**

An area that meets 1 or more of the criteria of subsection (a) of this section, including a small area of poverty or high unemployment within a larger community in less economic distress, shall be eligible for assistance under section 3141 or 3149 of this title without regard to political or other subdivisions or boundaries.

**(c) Documentation**

**(1) In general**

A determination of eligibility under subsection (a) of this section shall be supported by the most recent Federal data available (including data available from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or any other Federal source determined by the Secretary to be appropriate), or, if no recent Federal data is available, by the most recent data available through the government of the State in which the area is located.

**(2) Acceptance by Secretary**

The documentation shall be accepted by the Secretary unless the Secretary determines that the documentation is inaccurate.

**(d) Prior designations**

Any designation of a redevelopment area made before the effective date of the Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998 shall not be effective after that effective date.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title III, § 301, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, § 102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3607; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title III, § 301, Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1767.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the effective date of the Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998, referred to in subsec. (d), see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3121 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3161, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, § 401, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 560; Pub. L. 89-794, title XI, § 1102, Nov. 8, 1966, 80 Stat. 1477; Pub. L. 91-123, title III, § 304, Nov. 25, 1969, 83 Stat. 219; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, § 106, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167; Pub. L. 93-423, §§ 3(a), 6, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1158, 1161; Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §§ 113, 114, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2334, set forth criteria for determining eligible redevelopment areas, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, § 102(a).

A prior section 301 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3151 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, § 102(a).

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 108-373 inserted “(including data available from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or any other Federal source determined by the Secretary to be appropriate)” after “most recent Federal data available”.

**§ 3162. Comprehensive economic development strategies**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary may provide assistance under section 3141 or 3149 of this title (except for planning assistance under section 3149 of this title) to an eligible recipient for a project only if the eligible recipient submits to the Secretary, as part of an application for the assistance—

(1) an identification of the economic development problems to be addressed using the assistance;

(2) an identification of the past, present, and projected future economic development investments in the area receiving the assistance and public and private participants and sources of funding for the investments; and

(3)(A) a comprehensive economic development strategy for addressing the economic problems identified under paragraph (1) in a manner that promotes economic development and opportunity, fosters effective transportation access, maximizes effective development and use of the workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy, promotes the use of technology in economic development (including access to high-speed telecommunications), enhances and protects the environment, and balances resources through sound management of development; and

(B) a description of how the strategy will solve the problems.

**(b) Approval of comprehensive economic development strategy**

The Secretary shall approve a comprehensive economic development strategy that meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

**(c) Approval of other plan**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may accept as a comprehensive economic development strategy a satisfactory plan developed under another federally supported program.

**(2) Existing strategy**

To the maximum extent practicable, a plan submitted under this paragraph shall be consistent and coordinated with any existing comprehensive economic development strategy for the area.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title III, § 302, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, § 102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3608; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title III, § 302, Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1767.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3162, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, § 402, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 561; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, § 107, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167, required annual review of area eligibility, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, § 102(a).

A prior section 302 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3151a of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, § 102(a).

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 108-373, § 302(a), inserted “maximizes effective development and use of the

workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy, promotes the use of technology in economic development (including access to high-speed telecommunications),” after “access.”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-373, §302(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

#### SUBCHAPTER IV—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

##### § 3171. Designation of economic development districts

###### (a) In general

In order that economic development projects of broad geographic significance may be planned and carried out, the Secretary may designate appropriate economic development districts in the United States, with the concurrence of the States in which the districts will be wholly or partially located, if—

- (1) the proposed district is of sufficient size or population, and contains sufficient resources, to foster economic development on a scale involving more than a single area described in section 3161(a) of this title;
- (2) the proposed district contains at least 1 area described in section 3161(a) of this title; and
- (3) the proposed district has a comprehensive economic development strategy that—
  - (A) contains a specific program for intra-district cooperation, self-help, and public investment; and
  - (B) is approved by each affected State and by the Secretary.

###### (b) Authorities

The Secretary may, under regulations promulgated by the Secretary—

- (1) invite the States to determine boundaries for proposed economic development districts;
- (2) cooperate with the States—
  - (A) in sponsoring and assisting district economic planning and economic development groups; and
  - (B) in assisting the district groups in formulating comprehensive economic development strategies for districts; and
- (3) encourage participation by appropriate local government entities in the economic development districts.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §401, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3608.)

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3171, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §403, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 562; Pub. L. 91-304, §1(d), July 6, 1970, 84 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §108, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167; Pub. L. 93-46, §4, June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 96; Pub. L. 93-423, §7, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1161; Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §115, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(7), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(6), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, authorized Secretary to designate economic development districts and centers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 401 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3161 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

##### § 3172. Termination or modification of economic development districts

The Secretary shall, by regulation, promulgate standards for the termination or modification of the designation of economic development districts.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §402, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609.)

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3172, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §404, as added Pub. L. 93-423, §8, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1162; amended Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §116, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(8), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(7), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, authorized additional appropriations for Indian economic development, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 402 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3162 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

##### § 3173. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-373, title IV, § 401(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1767

Section, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §403, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609, related to incentives for projects in economic development districts.

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3173, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §405, as added Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §117, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335, directed furnishing of unemployment rate information by either Federal Government or State, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 403 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3171 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

##### § 3174. Provision of comprehensive economic development strategies to Regional Commissions

If any part of an economic development district is in a region covered by 1 or more of the Regional Commissions, the economic development district shall ensure that a copy of the comprehensive economic development strategy of the district is provided to the affected Regional Commission.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §404, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3609; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title IV, §402(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1768.)

###### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 404 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3172 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

###### AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-373 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If any part of an economic development district is in the Appalachian region (as defined in section 403 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. App.)), the economic development district shall ensure that a copy of the comprehensive economic development strategy of the district is provided to the Appalachian Regional Commission established under that Act.”