

encourage use of private energy service companies and demonstrate opportunities for energy cost reduction through energy services contracts, and to report findings and recommendations to Congress as soon as practicable after expiration of 1-year period beginning on Nov. 28, 1990, was repealed by Pub. L. 105-276, title V, § 582(a)(11), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2644.

**§ 1437h. Implementation of provisions by Secretary**

**(a) Preparation and submission of annual budget program; maintenance of accounts; audit by Government Accountability Office**

In the performance of, and with respect to, the functions, powers, and duties vested in him by this chapter, the Secretary, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, shall—

- (1) prepare annually and submit a budget program as provided for wholly owned Government corporations by chapter 91 of title 31; and
- (2) maintain an integral set of accounts which may be audited by the Government Accountability Office as provided by chapter 91 of title 31.

**(b) Availability of receipts and assets**

All receipts and assets of the Secretary under this chapter shall be available for the purposes of this chapter until expended.

**(c) Federal Reserve banks to act as depositories, custodians and fiscal agents; reimbursement for services**

The Federal Reserve banks are authorized and directed to act as depositories, custodians, and fiscal agents for the Secretary in the general exercise of his powers under this chapter, and the Secretary may reimburse any such bank for its services in such manner as may be agreed upon.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, § 10, as added Pub. L. 93-383, title II, § 201(a), Aug. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 666; amended Pub. L. 98-479, title II, § 203(b)(2), Oct. 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 2229; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 100-358, § 5, June 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 681; Pub. L. 104-316, title I, § 122(k), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3837; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 10 of act Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, 50 Stat. 891, as amended, authorized annual contributions in assistance of low rentals for housing projects and was classified to section 1410 of this title, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 93-383. Similar provisions are contained in section 1437c of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2004—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-316 substituted “maintain an integral set of accounts which may be audited by the General Accounting Office as provided by chapter 91 of title 31.” for “maintain an integral set of accounts which shall be audited annually by the General Accounting Office in accordance with the principles and procedures applicable to commercial transactions as provided by chapter 91 of title 31, and no other audit shall be required.”

1984—Subsec. (a)(1), (2). Pub. L. 98-479 substituted “chapter 91 of title 31” for “the Government Corporations Control Act, as amended”.

**§ 1437i. Obligations of public housing agencies; contestability; full faith and credit of United States pledged as security; tax exemption**

(a) Obligations issued by a public housing agency in connection with low-income housing projects which (1) are secured (A) by a pledge of a loan under any agreement between such public housing agency and the Secretary, or (B) by a pledge of annual contributions under an annual contributions contract between such public housing agency and the Secretary, or (C) by a pledge of both annual contributions under an annual contributions contract and a loan under an agreement between such public housing agency and the Secretary, and (2) bear, or are accompanied by, a certificate of the Secretary that such obligations are so secured, shall be incontestable in the hands of a bearer and the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all amounts agreed to be paid by the Secretary as security for such obligations.

(b) Except as provided in section 1437c(g) of this title, obligations, including interest thereon, issued by public housing agencies in connection with low-income housing projects shall be exempt from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States whether paid by such agencies or by the Secretary. The income derived by such agencies from such projects shall be exempt from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, § 11, as added Pub. L. 93-383, title II, § 201(a), Aug. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 667; amended Pub. L. 97-35, title III, § 322(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 402; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 100-358, § 5, June 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 681; Pub. L. 101-625, title V, § 572(2), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4236.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 11 of act Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, 50 Stat. 893, as amended, authorized capital grants to public housing agencies in assistance of low rentals and was classified to section 1411 of this title, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 93-383.

**AMENDMENTS**

1990—Pub. L. 101-625 substituted “low-income housing” for “lower income housing” wherever appearing.

1981—Pub. L. 97-35 substituted reference to lower income for reference to low-income wherever appearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Oct. 1, 1981, see section 371 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3701 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

**§ 1437j. Labor standards and community service requirement**

**(a) Payment of wages prevailing in locality**

Any contract for loans, contributions, sale, or lease pursuant to this chapter shall contain a provision requiring that not less than the wages prevailing in the locality, as determined or adopted (subsequent to a determination under applicable State or local law) by the Secretary, shall be paid to all architects, technical engineers, draftsmen, and technicians employed in the development, and all maintenance laborers and mechanics employed in the operation, of the