

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.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 385B, 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, 1945.)

#### 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 L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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 defined terms for 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-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 Rural Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship”, to provide technical assistance to the Secretary and the National Board regarding regional competitiveness and rural entrepreneurship, including technical assistance for—

(A) the development of rigorous analytic programs to assist Regional Boards in determining the challenges and opportunities that need to be addressed to receive the greatest regional competitive advantage;

(B) the provision of support for best practices developed by the Regional Boards;

(C) the establishment of programs to support the development of appropriate governance and leadership skills in the applicable regions; and

(D) the evaluation of the progress and performance of the Regional Boards in achieving benchmarks established in a regional investment strategy;

(3) work with the National Board to develop a national rural investment plan that shall—

(A) create a framework to encourage and support a more collaborative and targeted rural investment portfolio in the United States;

(B) establish a Rural Philanthropic Initiative, to work with rural communities to create and enhance the pool of permanent philanthropic resources committed to rural community and economic development;

(C) cooperate with the Regional Boards and State and local governments, organizations, and entities to ensure investment strategies are developed that take into consideration existing rural assets; and

(D) encourage the organization of Regional Boards;

(4) certify the eligibility of Regional Boards to receive regional investment strategy grants and regional innovation grants;

(5) provide grants for Regional Boards to develop and implement regional investment strategies;

(6) provide technical assistance to Regional Boards on issues, best practices, and emerging trends relating to rural development, in cooperation with the National Rural Investment Board; and

(7) provide analytic and programmatic support for regional rural competitiveness through the National Institute, including—