year to provide pre-service and in-service training and educational materials and services for participants in such a program. Program participants shall be provided with information concerning the benefits to the community that result from the activities undertaken by such participants.

## (2) Agreements for academic study

A program agency may enter into arrangements with academic institutions or education providers, including—

- (A) local education agencies;
- (B) community colleges;
- (C) 4-year colleges:
- (D) area vocational-technical schools; and
- (E) community based organizations;

to evaluate the basic skills of participants and to make academic study available to participants to enable such participants to upgrade literacy skills, to obtain high school diplomas or the equivalent of such diplomas, to obtain college degrees, or to enhance employable skills.

#### (3) Counseling

Career and educational guidance and counseling shall be provided to a participant during a period of in-service training as described in this subsection. Each graduating participant shall be provided with counseling with respect to additional study, job skills training or employment and shall be provided job placement assistance where appropriate.

# (4) Priority for participants without high school diplomas

A program agency shall give priority to participants who have not obtained a high school diploma or the equivalent of such diploma, in providing services under this subsection.

#### (d) Standards and procedures

## (1) Consistency with State and local requirements

Appropriate State and local officials shall certify that standards and procedures with respect to the awarding of academic credit and the certification of educational attainment in programs conducted under subsection (c) of this section are consistent with the requirements of applicable State and local law and regulations.

#### (2) Academic standards

The standards and procedures described in paragraph (1) shall provide that an individual serving in a program that receives assistance under this division—

- (A) who is not a high school graduate, participate in an educational curriculum so that such individual can earn a high school diploma or the equivalent of such diploma; and
- (B) may arrange to receive academic credit in recognition of the education and skills obtained from service satisfactorily completed.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §199G, formerly §127, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3145; renumbered §199G, Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §101(a), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 788)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 12547 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 103-82, §101(a).

## § 12655g. Repealed. Pub. L. 103–82, title I, § 101(e)(8)(A), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 816

Section, Pub. L. 101–610, title I, §199H, formerly §128, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3146; Pub. L. 102–10, §5(5), Mar. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 30; renumbered §199H, Pub. L. 103–82, title I, §101(a), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 788, related to amount of award and matching requirement.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of Title 16, Conservation.

#### § 12655h. Preference for certain projects

### (a) In general

In the consideration of applications submitted under section 12655b of this title, the Corporation shall give preference to programs that—

- (1) will provide long-term benefits to the public:
- (2) will instill a work ethic and a sense of public service in the participants;
- (3) will be labor intensive, and involve youth operating in crews;
- (4) can be planned and initiated promptly; and
- (5) will enhance skills development and educational level and opportunities for the participants.

## (b) Special rule

In the consideration of applications under this division the Corporation shall ensure the equitable treatment of both urban and rural areas.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §199H, formerly §129, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3146; renumbered §199I, renumbered §199H, and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §101(a), (e)(1), (7), (8)(B), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 788, 815, 816.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 12549 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 103–82,  $\S 101(a)$ .

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 199H of Pub. L. 101–610 was classified to section 12655g of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-82, 101(e)(8)(A).

## AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103–82, \$101(e)(1), (7), in introductory provisions, substituted "Corporation" for "Commission" and "section 12655b" for "section 12543". Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103–82, \$101(e)(1), substituted "Corporation" for "Commission".

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103–82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103–82, set out as a note under section 1701 of Title 16. Conservation.

#### § 12655i. Age and citizenship criteria for enrollment

## (a) Age and citizenship

Enrollment in programs that receive assistance under this division shall be limited to individuals who, at the time of enrollment, are—