ecutive agency determines that a purpose of the system is to disseminate information to the public, then the head of that executive agency shall reasonably ensure that an index of information disseminated by the system is included in the directory created pursuant to section 4101 of title 44. This section does not authorize the dissemination of information to the public unless otherwise authorized.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1252, \$11703; renumbered \$11702, Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title VIII, \$825(c)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2616.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
11703	40:1503.	Pub. L. 104–106, div. E, title LIV, §5403, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 698.

The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter" are omitted as unnecessary.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11702 was renumbered section 11701 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

 $2002\mathrm{-Pub}.$  L.  $107\mathrm{-}314$  renumbered section 11703 of this title as this section.

#### § 11703. Procurement procedures

To the maximum extent practicable, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall ensure that the process for acquisition of information technology is a simplified, clear, and understandable process that specifically addresses the management of risk, incremental acquisitions, and the need to incorporate commercial information technology in a timely manner.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1252, \$11704; renumbered \$11703, Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title VIII, \$825(e)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2616.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
11704	40:1461.	Pub. L. 104–106, div. E, title LII, §5201, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 689.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11703 was renumbered section 11702 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

 $2002\mathrm{-\!Pub}.$  L.  $107\mathrm{-}314$  renumbered section 11704 of this title as this section.

## [§ 11704. Renumbered § 11703]

# SUBTITLE IV—APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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#### **CHAPTER 141—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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#### § 14101. Findings and purposes

## (a) 1965 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds and declares that the Appalachian region of the United States, while abundant in natural resources and rich in potential, lags behind the rest of the Nation in its economic growth and that its people have not shared properly in the Nation's prosperity. The region's uneven past development, with its historical reliance on a few basic industries and a marginal agriculture, has failed to provide the economic base that is a vital prerequisite for vigorous, self-sustaining growth. State and local governments and the people of the region understand their problems and have been working, and will continue to work, purposefully toward their solution. Congress recognizes the comprehensive report of the President's Appalachian Regional Commission documenting these findings and concludes that regionwide development is feasible, desirable, and urgently needed.

(2) Purpose.—It is the purpose of this subtitle to assist the region in meeting its special problems, to promote its economic development, and to establish a framework for joint federal and state efforts toward providing the basic facilities essential to its growth and attacking its common problems and meeting its common needs on a coordinated and concerted regional basis. The public investments made in the region under this subtitle shall be concentrated in areas where there is a significant potential for future growth and where the expected return on public dollars invested will be the greatest. States will be responsible for recommending local and state projects within their borders that will receive assistance under this subtitle. As the region obtains the needed physical and transportation facilities and develops its human resources, Congress expects that the region will generate a diversified industry and that the region will then be able to support itself through the workings of a strengthened free enterprise economy.

## (b) 1975 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress further finds and declares that while substantial progress has been made toward achieving the purposes set out in subsection (a), especially with respect to the provision of essential public facilities, much remains to be accomplished, especially with respect to the provision of essential health, education, and other public services. Congress recognizes that changes and evolving national purposes in the decade since 1965 affect not only the Appalachian region but also its relationship to a nation that on December 31, 1975, is assigning higher priority to conservation and the quality of life, values long cherished within the region. Appalachia as of December 31, 1975, has the opportunity, in accommodating future growth and development, to demonstrate local leadership and coordinated

planning so that housing, public services, transportation and other community facilities will be provided in a way congenial to the traditions and beauty of the region and compatible with conservation values and an enhanced quality of life for the people of the region, and consistent with that goal, the Appalachian region should be able to take advantage of ecoindustrial development, which promotes both employment and economic growth and the preservation of natural resources. Congress recognizes also that fundamental changes are occurring in national energy requirements and production, which not only risk short-term dislocations but will undoubtedly result in major long-term effects in the region. It is essential that the opportunities for expanded energy production be used so as to maximize the social and economic benefits and minimize the social and environmental costs to the region and its people.

- (2) PURPOSE.—It is also the purpose of this subtitle to provide a framework for coordinating federal, state and local efforts toward—
  - (A) anticipating the effects of alternative energy policies and practices;
  - (B) planning for accompanying growth and change so as to maximize the social and economic benefits and minimize the social and environmental costs; and
  - (C) implementing programs and projects carried out in the region by federal, state, and local governmental agencies so as to better meet the special problems generated in the region by the Nation's energy needs and policies, including problems of transportation, housing, community facilities, and human services.

## (c) 1998 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

- (1) FINDINGS.—Congress further finds and declares that while substantial progress has been made in fulfilling many of the objectives of this subtitle, rapidly changing national and global economies over the decade ending November 13, 1998, have created new problems and challenges for rural areas throughout the United States and especially for the Appalachian region.
- (2) PURPOSE.—In addition to the purposes stated in subsections (a) and (b), it is the purpose of this subtitle—
  - (A) to assist the Appalachian region in-
  - (i) providing the infrastructure necessary for economic and human resource development;
    - (ii) developing the region's industry;
  - (iii) building entrepreneurial communities;
  - (iv) generating a diversified regional economy; and
  - (v) making the region's industrial and commercial resources more competitive in national and world markets;
  - (B) to provide a framework for coordinating federal, state, and local initiatives to respond to the economic competitiveness challenges in the Appalachian region through—
    - (i) improving the skills of the region's workforce;

- (ii) adapting and applying new technologies for the region's businesses, including eco-industrial development technologies; and
- (iii) improving the access of the region's businesses to the technical and financial resources necessary to development of the businesses: and
- (C) to address the needs of severely and persistently distressed areas of the Appalachian region and focus special attention on the areas of greatest need so as to provide a fairer opportunity for the people of the region to share the quality of life generally enjoyed by citizens across the United States.

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#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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14101(b)	40 App.:2(b).	Pub. L. 89–4, §2(b), as added Pub. L. 94–188, title I, §102, Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1079; Pub. L. 107–149, §2(b)(1), Mar. 12. 2002. 116 Stat. 66.
14101(c)	40 App.:2(c).	Pub. L. 89-4, §2(c), as added Pub. L. 105-393, title II, §202, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3618; Pub. L. 107-149, §2(b)(2), Mar. 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 66.

In subsection (b)(1), the words "December 31, 1975" are substituted for "now" for clarity.

In subsection (c)(1), the words "decade ending November 13, 1998" are substituted for "past decade" for clarity.

### § 14102. Definitions

- (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this subtitle—
- (1) APPALACHIAN REGION.—The term "Appalachian region" means that area of the eastern United States consisting of the following counties (including any political subdivision located within the area):
- (A) In Alabama, the counties of Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, De Kalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston
- (B) In Georgia, the counties of Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Dawson, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, Walker, White, and Whitfield.
- (C) In Kentucky, the counties of Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Hart, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lin-