

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381M, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

#### § 2009m. Electronic transfer

The Secretary shall transfer funds in accordance with this subchapter through electronic transfer as soon as practicable after April 4, 1996.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381N, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1147.)

#### § 2009n. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6026(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 372

Section, Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381O, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1147, related to rural venture capital demonstration program.

### SUBCHAPTER VI—DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

#### § 2009aa. Definitions

In this subchapter:

##### (1) Authority

The term “Authority” means the Delta Regional Authority established by section 2009aa-1 of this title.

##### (2) Region

The term “region” means the Lower Mississippi (as defined in section 4 of the Delta Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 100-460)).

##### (3) Federal grant program

The term “Federal grant program” means a Federal grant program to provide assistance in—

- (A) acquiring or developing land;
- (B) constructing or equipping a highway, road, bridge, or facility; or
- (C) carrying out other economic development activities.

##### (4) Alabama as participating State

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State of Alabama shall be a full member of the Delta Regional Authority and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges that said membership affords to all other participating States in the Delta Regional Authority.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382A, as added and amended Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §153(b), title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-252, 2763A-269.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Delta Development Act, referred to in par. (2), is S. 2836 of the 100th Congress, as introduced on Sept. 27, 1988, and incorporated by reference by, and made a part of, Pub. L. 100-460, title II, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2246, as amended. Section 4 of the Delta Development Act, which was set out in a note under section 3121 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, was omitted from the Code. See Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission note under section 3121 of Title 42 and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Par. (4). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §153(b)], added par. (4).

#### FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §502], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-268, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

“(1) the lower Mississippi River region (referred to in this title [enacting this subchapter and amending provisions classified as a note under section 3121 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] as the ‘region’), though rich in natural and human resources, lags behind the rest of the United States in economic growth and prosperity;

“(2) the region suffers from a greater proportion of measurable poverty and unemployment than any other region of the United States;

“(3) the greatest hope for economic growth and revitalization in the region lies in the development of transportation infrastructure, creation of jobs, expansion of businesses, and development of entrepreneurial local economies;

“(4) the economic progress of the region requires an adequate transportation and physical infrastructure, a skilled and trained workforce, and greater opportunities for enterprise development and entrepreneurship;

“(5) a concerted and coordinated effort among Federal, State, and local agencies, the private sector, and nonprofit groups is needed if the region is to achieve its full potential for economic development;

“(6) economic development planning on a regional or multicounty basis offers the best prospect for achieving the maximum benefit from public and private investments; and

“(7) improving the economy of the region requires a special emphasis on areas of the region that are most economically distressed.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

“(1) to promote and encourage the economic development of the region—

“(A) to ensure that the communities and people in the region have the opportunity for economic development; and

“(B) to ensure that the economy of the region reaches economic parity with that of the rest of the United States;

“(2) to establish a formal framework for joint Federal-State collaboration in meeting and focusing national attention on the economic development needs of the region;

“(3) to assist the region in obtaining the transportation and basic infrastructure, skills training, and opportunities for economic development that are essential for strong local economies;

“(4) to foster coordination among all levels of government, the private sector, and nonprofit groups in crafting common regional strategies that will lead to broader economic growth;

“(5) to strengthen efforts that emphasize regional approaches to economic development and planning;

“(6) to encourage the participation of interested citizens, public officials, agencies, and others in developing and implementing local and regional plans for broad-based economic and community development; and

“(7) to focus special attention on areas of the region that suffer from the greatest economic distress.”

#### § 2009aa-1. Delta Regional Authority

##### (a) Establishment

###### (1) In general

There is established the Delta Regional Authority.

###### (2) Composition

The Authority shall be composed of—

- (A) a Federal member, to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate; and