

**§ 2009k. Rural development interagency working group**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall provide leadership within the Executive branch for, and assume responsibility for, establishing an interagency working group chaired by the Secretary.

**(b) Duties**

The working group shall establish policy for, coordinate, make recommendations with respect to, and evaluate the performance of, all Federal rural development efforts.

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

**§ 2009l. Duties of Rural Economic and Community Development State Offices**

In carrying out this subchapter, the Director of a Rural Economic and Community Development State Office shall—

- (1) to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the State strategic plan referred to in section 2009c of this title is implemented;
- (2) coordinate community development objectives within the State;
- (3) establish links between local, State, and field office program administrators of the Department of Agriculture;
- (4) ensure that recipient communities comply with applicable Federal and State laws and requirements; and
- (5) integrate State development programs with assistance under this subchapter.

(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 Repealed.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; Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6701(f)(1), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4778.)

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

2018—Par. (4). Pub. L. 115-334 added par. (4).  
2000—Par. (4). Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §153(b)], which directed amendment of “section 382A of ‘The Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000’ as incorporated in this Act” by adding par. (4), could not be executed because this section is not section 382A of such Act, but rather section 382A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as added by section 503 of the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000. Corrected amendment was made by Pub. L. 115-334, effective as if included in Pub. L. 106-554. See 2018 Amendment note above and 2018 Effective Date of 2018 Amendment note below.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6701(f)(2), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4778, provided that: “The amendment made by this subsection [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of section 153(b) of division B of H.R. 5666, as introduced in the 106th Congress, and as enacted by section 1(4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Appendix D of Public Law 106-554; 114 Stat. 2763A-252).”

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