

**(c) Selection considerations**

In selecting persons to participate in Institute activities, the Institute may consider a person's practical experience or equivalency in peace study and activity as well as other formal requirements.

**(d) Accounts of receipts and disbursements; financial reports**

The Institute shall keep correct and complete books and records of account, including separate and distinct accounts of receipts and disbursements of Federal funds. The Institute's annual financial report shall identify the use of such funding and shall present a clear description of the full financial situation of the Institute.

**(e) Minutes of proceedings**

The Institute shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board and of any committees having authority under the Board.

**(f) Record and inspection of required items**

The Institute shall keep a record of the names and addresses of its Board members; copies of this chapter, of any other Acts relating to the Institute, and of all Institute bylaws, rules, regulations, and guidelines; required minutes of proceedings; a record of all applications and proposals and issued or received contracts and grants; and financial records of the Institute. All items required by this subsection may be inspected by any Board member or the member's agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

**(g) Audits**

The accounts of the Institute shall be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by independent certified public accountants or independent licensed public accountants, certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States. The audit shall be conducted at the place or places where the accounts of the Institute are normally kept. All books, accounts, financial records, files, and other papers, things, and property belonging to or in use by the Institute and necessary to facilitate the audit shall be made available to the person or persons conducting the audit, and full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians shall be afforded to such person or persons.

**(h) Report of audit to Congress; copies for public**

The Institute shall provide a report of the audit to the President and to each House of Congress no later than six months following the close of the fiscal year for which the audit is made. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and include such statements, together with the independent auditor's opinion of those statements, as are necessary to present fairly the Institute's assets and liabilities, surplus or deficit, with reasonable detail, including a statement of the Institute's income and expenses during the year, including a schedule of all contracts and grants requiring payments in excess of \$5,000 and any payments of compensation, salaries, or fees at a rate in excess of \$5,000 per

year. The report shall be produced in sufficient copies for the public.

**(i) Freedom of information provisions applicable**

The Institute and its directors, officers, employees, and agents shall be subject to the provisions of section 552 of title 5 (relating to freedom of information).

(Pub. L. 98-525, title XVII, §1708, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2657; Pub. L. 108-7, div. G, title V, §515, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 345.)

## AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 108-7 struck out “on or before December 31, 1970” after “political subdivision of the United States”.

## TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (h) of this section relating to providing a report of the audit to each House of Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 207 of House Document No. 103-7.

**§ 4608. Independence and limitations**

(a) Nothing in this chapter may be construed as limiting the authority of the Office of Management and Budget to review and submit comments on the Institute's budget request at the time it is transmitted to the Congress.

(b) No political test or political qualification may be used in selecting, appointing, promoting, or taking any other personnel action with respect to any officer, employee, agent, or recipient of Institute funds or services or in selecting or monitoring any grantee, contractor, person, or entity receiving financial assistance under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 98-525, title XVII, §1709, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2659.)

**§ 4609. Funding****(a) Authorization of appropriations****(1) In general**

For the purpose of carrying out this chapter, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009 through 2014.

**(2) Availability**

Funds appropriated pursuant to the authority of paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

**(b) Transfer of unobligated funds; reports of use of funds to Congress and President**

The Board of Directors may transfer to the legal entity authorized to be established under section 4603(c) of this title any funds not obligated or expended from appropriations to the Institute for a fiscal year, and such funds shall remain available for obligation or expenditure for the purposes of such legal entity without regard to fiscal year limitations. Any use by such legal entity of appropriated funds shall be reported to each House of the Congress and to the President of the United States.

**(c) Contractual authority**

Any authority provided by this chapter to enter into contracts shall be effective for a fis-