

“(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Such guidance shall, at a minimum—

“(1) require the Director of Small Business Programs in the Department of Defense—

“(A) to provide advice to the Defense Acquisition Board; and

“(B) to provide advice to the Information Technology Acquisition Board; and

“(2) require coordination between the chiefs of staff of the Armed Forces and the service acquisition executives, as appropriate (or their designees), and the Director of Small Business Programs in each military department as early as practical in the relevant acquisition processes.”

#### § 145. Principal Advisor on Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction

The Secretary of Defense may designate, from among the personnel of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, a Principal Advisor on Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction. Such Principal Advisor shall coordinate the activities of the Department of Defense relating to countering weapons of mass destruction. The individual designated to serve as such Principal Advisor shall be an individual who was appointed to the position held by the individual by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(Added Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title X, § 1082(a)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1987.)

#### § 146. Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is in the Office of the Secretary of Defense an office to be known as the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (in this section referred to as the “Office”).

(b) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, who shall be appointed by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment from among civilian employees of the Federal Government or private individuals who have the following:

(1) Experience in the interagency in the Executive Branch.

(2) Experience in the administration and management of Federal grants programs.

(c) DUTIES.—The Office shall—

(1) serve as the office in the Department of Defense with primary responsibility for—

(A) providing assistance to States, counties, municipalities, regions, and other communities to foster cooperation with military installations to enhance the military mission, achieve facility and infrastructure savings and reduced operating costs, address encroachment and compatible land use issues, support military families, and increase military, civilian, and industrial readiness and resiliency; and

(B) providing adjustment and diversification assistance to State and local governments under section 2391(b) of this title to achieve the objectives described in subparagraph (A);

(2) coordinate the provision of such assistance with other organizations and elements of the Department;

(3) provide support to the Economic Adjustment Committee established under Executive

Order No. 12788 (57 Fed. Reg. 2213; 10 U.S.C. 2391 note) or any successor to such Committee; and

(4) carry out such other activities as the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment considers appropriate.

(d) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than June 1 each year, the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the activities of the Office during the preceding year, including the assistance provided pursuant to subsection (c)(1) during such year.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 905(a)(1), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3798.)

#### LIMITATION ON INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION OF PERSONNEL

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 905(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3799, provided that: “No personnel of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation under section 146 of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), may be involuntarily separated from service with that Office during the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 1, 2021], except for cause.”

#### ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 905(c), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3799, provided that: “Any program, project, or other activity administered by the Office of Economic Adjustment of the Department of Defense as of the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 1, 2021] shall be administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation under section 146 of title 10, United States Code (as so added), after that date.”

#### § 147. Chief Diversity Officer

(a) CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER.—(1) There is a Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

(2) The Chief Diversity Officer shall be appointed from among persons who have an extensive management or business background and experience with diversity and inclusion. A person may not be appointed as Chief Diversity Officer within three years after relief from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of an armed force.

(3) The Chief Diversity Officer shall report directly to the Secretary of Defense in the performance of the duties of the Chief Diversity Officer under this section.

(b) DUTIES.—The Chief Diversity Officer—

(1) is responsible for providing advice on policy, oversight, guidance, and coordination for all matters of the Department of Defense related to diversity and inclusion;

(2) advises the Secretary of Defense, the Secretaries of the military departments, and the heads of all other elements of the Department with regard to matters of diversity and inclusion;

(3) shall establish and maintain a Department of Defense strategic plan that publicly states a diversity definition, vision, and goals for the Department;

(4) shall define a set of strategic metrics that are directly linked to key organizational priorities and goals, actionable, and actively used to implement the strategic plan under paragraph (3);