of the Army is authorized to transfer and reassign property accountability for the headquarters aircraft of the Corps of Engineers, Serial Number 045, from the assets of the civil works revolving fund, to the military activity of the Army that the Secretary determines is appropriate, except that the aircraft shall be made available on a priority basis as necessary for activities in support of the Army's civil works mission."

## RETENTION OF THREE OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT; NOTICE OF INTENDED USE OUTSIDE UNITED STATES

Pub. L. 100-202, §101(d) [title I, §110], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-104, 1329-112, provided that: "The Chief of Engineers is directed to retain three operational aircraft authorized pursuant to section 101 of the Act of July 27, 1953, 67 Stat. 199 [33 U.S.C. 576], together with their attendant crews, and may only dispose of any of these aircraft if authorized to do so by a future congressional enactment for that purpose. The Chief of Engineers shall provide at least thirty days advance written notification to the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives of any intended use of any of these aircraft for a trip destined outside the United States or its territories or possessions."

### § 576a. Purchase of passenger motor vehicles by Corps of Engineers

On and after March 4, 1933, the provisions of section 1343 of title 31 shall be construed as applying to the Corps of Engineers as to the purchase of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles.

(Mar. 4, 1933, ch. 281, title II, §1, 47 Stat. 1599.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

#### CODIFICATION

"Section 1343 of title 31" substituted in text for "section 5 of the Act of July 16, 1914 (U.S.C., title 5, sec. 78)" on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

Section was formerly classified to section 638b of Title 31 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 31, Money and Finance, by Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 877.

Section was also formerly classified to section 78a of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

## § 576b. Lease authority

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may lease space available in buildings for which funding for construction or purchase was provided from the revolving fund established by the 1st section of the Civil Functions Appropriations Act, 1954 (33 U.S.C. 576; 67 Stat. 199), under such terms and conditions as are acceptable to the Secretary. The proceeds from such leases shall be credited to the revolving fund for the purposes set forth in such Act.

(Pub. L. 104-303, title II, §213, Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3684.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

#### References in Text

The Civil Functions Appropriations Act, 1954, referred to in text, is act July 27, 1953, ch. 245, 67 Stat. 197. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

## §576c. Corps of Engineers operation of unmanned aircraft systems

### (a) In general

The Secretary shall designate an individual, within the headquarters office of the Corps of Engineers, who shall serve as the coordinator and principal approving official for developing the process and procedures by which the Corps of Engineers—

(1) operates and maintains small unmanned aircraft (as defined in section 331 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101<sup>1</sup> note)) systems in support of civil works and emergency response missions of the Corps of Engineers; and

(2) acquires, applies for, and receives any necessary Federal Aviation Administration authorizations for such operations and systems.

## (b) Requirements

A small unmanned aircraft system acquired, operated, or maintained for carrying out the missions specified in subsection (a) shall be operated in accordance with regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration as a civil aircraft or public aircraft, at the discretion of the Secretary, and shall be exempt from regulations of the Department of Defense, including the Department of the Army, governing such system.

# (c) Limitation

A small unmanned aircraft system acquired, operated, or maintained by the Corps of Engineers is excluded from use by the Department of Defense, including the Department of the Army, for any mission of the Department of Defense other than a mission specified in subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 114-322, title I, §1124, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1647.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

## References in Text

Section 331 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is section 331 of Pub. L. 112-95, which was set out in a note under section 40101 of Title 49, Transportation, and was transferred and is now set out in a note under section 44802 of Title 49.

#### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## "Secretary" Defined

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 1002 of Pub. L. 114-322, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

# §577. Small river and harbor improvement projects

## (a) Allotment from appropriations for construction

The Secretary of the Army is authorized to allot from any appropriations hereafter made for rivers and harbors not to exceed \$62,500,000 for any one fiscal year for the construction of small river and harbor improvement projects not specifically authorized by Congress which will result in substantial benefits to navigation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See References in Text note below.

and which can be operated consistently with appropriate and economic use of the waters of the Nation for other purposes, when in the opinion of the Chief of Engineers such work is advisable, if benefits are in excess of the cost.

## (b) Limitation on allotment

Not more than \$10,000,000 shall be allotted for the construction of a project under this section at any single locality and the amount allotted shall be sufficient to complete the Federal participation in the project under this section.

## (c) Lands, easements, and rights-of-way; indemnification; assurances of local cooperation

Local interests shall provide without cost to the United States all necessary lands, easements and rights-of-way for all projects to be constructed under the authority of this section. In addition, local interests may be required to hold and save the United States free from damages that may result from the construction and maintenance of the project and may be required to provide such additional local cooperation as the Chief of Engineers deems appropriate. A State, county, municipality or other responsible local entity shall give assurance satisfactory to the Chief of Engineers that such conditions of cooperation as are required will be accomplished.

## (d) Sharing of costs by non-Federal interests

Non-Federal interests may be required to share in the cost of the project to the extent that the Chief of Engineers deems that such cost should not be borne by the Federal Government in view of the recreational or otherwise special or local nature of the project benefits.

## (e) Completeness of project

Each project for which money is allotted under this section shall be complete in itself and not commit the United States to any additional improvement to insure its successful operation, other than routine maintenance, and except as may result from the normal procedure applying to projects authorized after submission of survey reports, and projects constructed under the authority of this section shall be considered as authorized projects.

# (f) Low water access navigation channels from existing channel of Mississippi River

This section shall apply to, but not be limited to, the provision of low water access navigation channels from the existing channel of the Mississippi River to harbor areas heretofore or now established and located along the Mississippi River.

(Pub. L. 86-645, title I, §107, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 486; Pub. L. 89-298, title III, §310(a), Oct. 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 1095; Pub. L. 91-611, title I, §112(a), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1821; Pub. L. 94-587, §133(a), Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2928; Pub. L. 99-662, title IX, §915(d), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4191; Pub. L. 110-114, title II, §2022, Nov. 8, 2007, 121 Stat. 1078; Pub. L. 113-121, title I, §1030(b), June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1231; Pub. L. 115-270, title I, §1157(b), Oct. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 3794.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

#### Amendments

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–270 substituted "\$62,500,000" for "\$50,000,000".

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113–121, 1030(b)(1), substituted ''\$50,000,000'' for ''\$35,000,000''.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113–121, §1030(b)(2), substituted "\$10,000,000" for "\$7,000,000".

2007—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-114 substituted "\$7,000,000" for "\$4,000,000". 1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-662 substituted

"\$35,000,000" for "\$25,000,000". Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-662 substituted "\$4,000,000" for "\$2,000,000".

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94–587 substituted "\$2,000,000" for "\$1,000,000".

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-611 substituted \$25,000,000" for "\$10,000,000".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-611 substituted "\$1,000,000" for "\$500,000".

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89–298, 310(a)(1), substituted "\$10,000,000" for "\$2,000,000".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-298, §310(a)(2), substituted "\$500,000" for "\$200,000".

#### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

#### Effective Date of 1986 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-662 not applicable to any project under contract for construction on Nov. 17, 1986, see section 915(i) of Pub. L. 99-662, set out as a note under section 426g of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-587, §133(c), Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2928, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 701s of this title] shall not apply to any project under contract for construction on the date of enactment of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 [Oct. 22, 1976]."

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-611 not applicable to any project under contract for construction on Dec. 31, 1970, see section 112(c) of Pub. L. 91-611, set out as a note under section 426g of this title.

# §577a. Small-boat navigation projects; charter fishing craft

The Chief of Engineers, for the purpose of determining Federal and non-Federal cost sharing, relating to proposed construction of small-boat navigation projects, shall consider charter fishing craft as commercial vessels.

(Pub. L. 91-611, title I, §119, Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1822.)

## § 577b. Cost of operation and maintenance of general navigation features of small boat harbor projects; applicable projects

The cost of operation and maintenance of the general navigation features of small boat harbor projects shall be borne by the United States. This section shall apply to any such project authorized (A) under section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965 [42 U.S.C. 1962d–5], (B) under section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960 [33 U.S.C. 577], (C) between January 1, 1970, and December 31, 1970, under authorized in accordance with the policy set forth in the preceding sentence and to such projects authorized in this Act or which are hereafter authorized.

(Pub. L. 91-611, title I, §103, Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1819; Pub. L. 93-251, §6, Mar. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 15.)