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and proposed district activities in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) The economic development district organization must hold meetings open to the public at least once a year and shall also publish the date and agenda of the meeting enough in advance to allow the public a reasonable time to prepare to participate effectively.

(2) The district organization shall adopt a system of parliamentary procedures to assure that board members and others have access to and an effective opportunity to participate in the affairs of the district.

(3) Information should be provided sufficiently in advance of public decisions to give the public adequate opportunity to review and react to proposals. District organizations should seek to relate technical data and other material to the public so they may understand the impact of public programs, available options and alternative decisions.

§ 302.4 District organization functions and responsibilities.

(a) All Economic Development District organizations are responsible for seeing that the following are provided on a continuing basis, consistent with the requirements of § 302.3:

(1) Organizational actions, including:

(i) Arranging the legal form of organization which will be used;

(ii) Arranging for the membership of the governing body to meet § 302.3 requirements;

(iii) Recruiting staff to carry out the economic development functions;

(iv) Establishing a management system;

(v) The inclusion of private citizens who are not officials of or employees appointed by the officials of a general purpose unit of local government;

(vi) Contracting for services to carry out district functions;

(vii) Establishing and directing activities of economic development subcommittees; and

(viii) Submitting reports as determined by EDA to comply with civil rights requirements under part 317 of this chapter.

(2) Actions to develop and maintain the required district strategy, and any subsequent supplements or revisions, including:

(i) Preparing the analytic, strategic and implementation components of the strategy;

(ii) Adopting the strategy by formal action of the Economic Development District governing board;

(iii) Submitting the strategy, any supplements or revisions and annual reports for reviews by appropriate governmental bodies and interested organized groups, and attaching dissenting opinions and comments received; and

(iv) Submitting to EDA an approvable strategy.

(b) District organizations receiving EDA financial assistance for the development and implementation of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies must also:

(1) Coordinate and implement economic development activities in the district, including:

(i) Assisting other eligible units within the district to apply for grant assistance for economic development purposes;

(ii) Carrying out economic development related research, planning, implementation and advisory functions as are necessary to the development and implementation of the strategy;

(2) Coordinate the development and implementation of the strategy with other local, State, Federal and private organizations (including minority organizations);

(3) Carry out the annual strategy for implementation; and

(4) Comply with the requirements of part 303 of this chapter.

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§ 302.5 Modification of district boundaries.

EDA, at the request of a district and with concurrence of the State or States affected (unless such concurrence is waived by the Assistant Secretary), may modify the boundaries of a district, if it determines that such modification will contribute to a more effective program for economic development.