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(c) Changes of project scope after the time the project grant funds could be obligated will not be approved by EDA. Projects funded with no year funds are not subject to the change of scope rule.

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§ 316.10 Preapproval award costs.

Project activities carried out before approval of an application by EDA are carried out at the sole risk of the applicant. Such activity could result in rejection of such project application, the disallowance of costs, or other adverse consequences as a result of non-compliance with Federal requirements, including, but not limited to, civil rights requirements, Federal labor standards, or Federal environmental, historic preservation or related requirements.

§ 316.11 Intergovernmental review of projects.

(a) When the applicant is not a State, Indian tribe or other general-purpose governmental authority, the applicant must afford the appropriate general purpose local governmental authority of the area a minimum of 15 days in which to review and comment on a proposed project under EDA's public works and economic adjustment programs. Under these programs, applicants shall furnish the following with their application: if no comments were received, a statement of the efforts made to obtain such comments; or, if comments were received, a copy of the comments and a statement of any actions taken to address such comments.

(b) Applicants as appropriate, must also give State and local governments a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project if the State has a Single Point of Contact review process, including comments from areawide planning organizations in metropolitan areas as provided for in 15 CFR part 13.

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§ 316.12 Fees for paying attorneys and consultants.

Grant funds must not be used directly or indirectly to pay for attorney's or consultant's fees in connection

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with obtaining grants and contracts for projects funded under PWEDA.

§ 316.13 Economic development information clearinghouse.

EDA will provide assistance and information as follows:

(a) Maintain a central information clearinghouse on matters relating to economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment programs and activities of the Federal and State governments, including political subdivisions of States;

(b) Assist potential and actual applicants for economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment assistance under Federal, State, and local laws in locating and applying for the assistance; and

(c) Assist areas described in § 301.2(b) and other areas by providing to interested persons, communities, industries, and businesses in the areas any technical information, market research, or other forms of assistance, information, or advice that would be useful in alleviating or preventing conditions of excessive unemployment or underemployment in the areas.

§ 316.14 Project administration, operation, and maintenance.

EDA shall approve Federal assistance under PWEDA only if satisfied that the project for which Federal assistance is granted will be properly and efficiently administered, operated, and maintained.

§ 316.15 Maintenance of standards.

In accordance with sec. 602 of PWEDA all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on public projects assisted by EDA under PWEDA shall be paid in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5).

§ 316.16 Records and audits.

(a) Each recipient of Federal assistance under PWEDA shall keep such records as the Secretary shall require, including records that fully disclose—

(1) The amount and the disposition by the recipient of the proceeds of the assistance;

(2) The total cost of the project in connection with which the assistance is given or used;

(3) The amount and nature of the portion of the cost of the project provided by other sources; and

(4) Such other records as will facilitate an effective audit.

(b) Access to books for examination and audit—The Secretary, the Inspector General of the Department, and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any duly authorized representative, shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient that relate to assistance received under PWEDA.

§ 316.17 Acceptance of certifications by applicants.

EDA will accept an applicant's certifications, accompanied by evidence satisfactory to EDA, that the applicant meets the requirements of PWEDA. Each applicant must include in such evidence satisfactory information that any non-Federal funds (or eligible Federal funds) required to match the EDA share of project costs are committed to the project and will be available as needed.

§ 316.18 Reports by recipients.

(a) In general, each recipient of assistance under PWEDA must submit reports to EDA at such intervals and in such manner as EDA shall require, except that no report shall be required to be submitted more than 10 years after the date of closeout of the assistance award.

(b) Each report must contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of the economic assistance provided in meeting the need that the assistance was designed to address and in meeting the objectives of PWEDA

§ 316.19 Project administration by District organization.

When an Economic Development District is not a recipient or co-recipient of an award for a project involving construction, the District organization may administer the project for such recipient if the following conditions are met, as determined by EDA:

(a) The recipient has requested (either in the application or by separate written request) that the district organization for the area in which the project is located perform the project administration;

(b) The recipient certifies and EDA finds that:

(1) Administration of the project is beyond the capacity of the recipient's current staff to perform and would require hiring additional staff or contracting for such services,

(2) No local organization/business exists that would be able to administer the project in a more efficient or cost-effective manner than the staff of the district, and

(3) The staff of the district would administer the project themselves, without subcontracting the work out;

(c) EDA approves the request either by approving the application in which the request is made, or by separate specific written approval; and

(d) The allowable costs for the administration of the project by the district organization staff will not exceed the customary and reasonable amount that would be allowable if the district were the recipient.

PART 317—CIVIL RIGHTS

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§ 317.1 Civil rights.

(a) Discrimination is prohibited in programs receiving federal financial assistance from EDA in accordance with the following authorities:

(1) Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, codified at 42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.* (proscribing discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin), and the Department of Commerce's implementing regulations found at 15 CFR part 8;

(2) 42 U.S.C. 3123 (proscribing discrimination on the basis of sex);

(3) 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, and the Department of Commerce's implementing regulations found at 15 CFR