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(b) of this section), and those which EDDs receiving grants must carry out (paragraph (c)).

(b) Subject to the requirements of §302.4, district organizations are responsible for seeing that the following functions are provided for on a continuing basis:

(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 §302.4 requirements;

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

(iv) Establishing a management system;

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

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

(vii) 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 OEDP, and any subsequent supplements or revisions, including:

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

(ii) Identifying growth centers, i.e., economic development centers and redevelopment centers, and any later boundary modifications;

(iii) Adopting the OEDP by formal action of the EDD governing board;

(iv) Submitting the OEDP, 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

(v) Submitting to EDA an approvable OEDP.

(3) Preparation of proposals that EDA take actions which:

(i) Establish or change the designation status of the district or its growth centers; or

(ii) Affect economic development projects available to the EDD.

(4) Coordination and implementation of economic development activities in the district, including:

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(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 and helpful to the coordination with other local, State, Federal, and private organizations, and as are necessary and helpful to the development and implementation of the OEDP;

(iii) Coordinating the development and implementation of the OEDP with other local, State, Federal and private organizations (including minority organizations); and

(iv) Carrying out the annual OEDP plan for implementation.

§302.6 Coordination with state and local organizations.

EDA shall cooperate with state and local organizations in accordance with §403 of PWEDA.

§302.7 Modification of district boundaries.

EDA (with concurrence of the State or States affected, unless such concurrence is waived by EDA) may modify the boundaries of a district consistent with standards for authorizing new districts set forth in §302.1, if it determines that such modification will contribute to a more effective program for economic development.

§302.8 Termination and suspension of district designation.

EDA may, upon 30 days prior notice, terminate the designation status of an economic development district:

(a) When the district no longer meets the standards for designation as set forth in §302.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), or (g); or §302.2(e), except that district designation status may be continued if those counties which would maintain their commitment to support economic development activities are determined by EDA to meet the other standards of §302.2 and the standards of §302.1;

(b) When a district has not maintained a currently approved OEDP in accordance with part 303 of this chapter;

(c) When a district has requested termination (with the approval of the State or States affected, unless such approval is waived by EDA); or

(d) Where a funded district fails to comply with terms and conditions of an EDA planning grant agreement.

§302.9 Benefits.

(a) Designation of an economic development district within which the economic development center (EDC) is located is a prerequisite to EDA providing financial assistance to an EDC.

(b) Projects in redevelopment areas which are located within designated economic development districts and which actively participate in the economic development district's OEDP planning process are eligible for 10 percent bonus grants, if the project is consistent with a currently approved district OEDP.

Subpart B—Standards for Designation, Modification, and Termination of Economic Development Centers

§302.10 General standards for designation of economic development centers.

EDA may designate an economic development center if such proposed center:

(a) Has been identified and included in an approved district OEDP;

(b) Is recommended by the State or States affected. Written concurrence from the State must be received by EDA;

(c) Is geographically and economically so related to the economic development district that the economic development center's economic growth may be expected to contribute significantly to the alleviation of distress in the redevelopment areas of the district;

(d) Does not have a population in excess of 250,000 according to the last preceding Federal census;

(e) May reasonably be expected to accelerate or maintain existing rates of growth in terms of population, employment, and income;

(f) Has the prospect of developing a diversified economy providing a wide range of health, educational, recreational, and cultural facilities; a relatively large local market; a relatively large well-trained labor force; and other similar qualities which encourage the continuing growth of economic activities; and

(g) Is an active participant in the district economic development program.

§302.11 Number of economic development centers per district.

EDA will designate the single leading growth point in an EDD as the economic development center. However, additional centers may be designated where unusual conditions exist in the district, such as for example:

(a) Where the district contains a relatively large number of redevelopment area residents who do not have reasonable commuting access to any one economic development center; and

(b) Where the district contains several smaller growth points rather than one leading economic development center.

§302.12 Boundaries of economic development centers and boundary modifications.

(a) An economic development center is administratively defined as a city or grouping of contiguous incorporated places. However, where justified, boundaries may be extended to include adjoining minor civil divisions or corridors of growth between centers.

(b) EDA may modify either the boundaries of an economic development center or the number of economic development centers in a district after giving notice and opportunity for comment to the State or States affected, if such modification will contribute to a more effective program.

§302.13 Termination and suspension of economic development centers.

(a) EDA may, upon 30 days prior notice to the interested State and local agencies, terminate the designated status of an economic development center when:

(1) The economic development center is no longer identified or recommended for designation in an approved district OEDP;

(2) The economic development center no longer meets the standards for designation, §302.10;