

Economic Development Administration, Commerce

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303.5 Approval process for initial OEDPs.
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§ 303.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) Approval of an OEDP is generally a prerequisite for designation of a redevelopment area or economic development district; and

(b) A redevelopment area or economic development district, where appropriate, is required to maintain a currently approved OEDP to retain its previous designation for eligibility to receive EDA funds.

§ 303.2 Redevelopment area—District OEDP's.

Those qualified areas within existing economic development districts may use the district's accepted OEDP in lieu of a separate area OEDP when the following conditions have been met:

(a) The area actively participates in and supports the district OEDP planning process; and

(b) The area submits a letter or resolution to EDA signed by the area's chief elected official, governing body, or the local OEDP committee stating that the area will use the district OEDP.

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§ 303.3 Redevelopment area OEDP committee.

(a)(1) The primary purpose of this committee is to develop an ongoing development program and to prepare the Area OEDP.

(2) Redevelopment area OEDP committees are required only in areas not located in EDDs. EDA recommends OEDP committees in all areas whenever practicable.

(b) OEDP committees shall be representative of the community so that all viewpoints are considered in discussion and decisionmaking and all available local skills are engaged in program formulation. To the extent practicable, representation on these committees shall include those from local

government, business, industry, finance, agriculture, the professions, organized labor, utilities, education, minorities, and the unemployed or underemployed.

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§ 303.4 Initial OEDP.

(a) The initial OEDP should contain the following information:

(1) Background on the area or district's economic development situation, including for example a discussion of the district or area's:

- (i) Geography;
- (ii) Population;
- (iii) Labor force, including minority and female;
- (iv) Natural and manmade resources;
- (v) Economic and social activities; and
- (vi) Environmental considerations.

(2) An examination of economic and community development, opportunities and problems, including for example, identification of current major activities of other organizations involved in economic and community development and improvement; and

(3) A realistic action plan that will:

- (i) Promote the district or area's economic progress;
- (ii) Improve community facilities and services; and
- (iii) Serve as a basis for a continuing planning and development program.

(b) In addition to requirements in paragraph (a) of this section, OEDPs for districts must contain the following:

- (1) Proposed designation or recognition of at least one growth center; and
- (2) Description of the role of the proposed center in implementing the district wide development program, particularly as it relates to redevelopment areas.

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(a) The completed initial OEDP must be reviewed and commented upon by appropriate:

- (1) Governmental bodies;
- (2) Interest groups; and
- (3) EDA Regional Office.

(b) If the OEDP is approved, copies must be made available to interested