

parties by the designated area or district.

(c) If the initial OEDP is inadequate, the EDA Regional Office will contact the chairman of the OEDP committee by letter stating deficiencies and allowing additional time for corrections to be made and reviewed by EDA.

§ 303.6 The continuing program.

(a) After designation by EDA the area or district shall implement the development program as updated and made known to EDA through annual reports or revised OEDPs.

(b) No financial assistance for a designated area or district will be awarded if it:

- (1) Has not submitted a timely annual report;
- (2) Has submitted a deficient annual report; or
- (3) Has not corrected noted deficiencies.

(c) Revised OEDPs.

(1) A revised OEDP will be required if EDA determines that the initial OEDP of the area or district is inadequate, or outdated.

(2) The area or district may choose to revise its initial OEDP if the OEDP committee determines that a complete reassessment of the local situation or a complete reassessment of the economic development program is desirable.

(3) A revised OEDP may be submitted in lieu of the annual OEDP progress report.

(4) Before any revised OEDP for a district is approved by EDA, it shall be reviewed by appropriate:

- (i) Governmental bodies;
- (ii) Interest groups; and
- (iii) EDA Regional Office.

PART 304—GENERAL SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

304.1 General selection process and evaluation criteria for programs under PWEDA.

304.2 Demonstration project assistance under Section 301(f) of PWEDA.

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§ 304.1 General selection process and evaluation criteria for programs under PWEDA.

EDA has established a streamlined and uniform selection process based upon a short proposal and standardized application form with attachments as applicable to each particular program. Additional information if any, is set forth in program specific parts/sections. EDA applies uniform evaluation criteria to all programs, as well as evaluation criteria which are set forth in parts 305, 307 and 308 of this chapter.

(a) The selection process is described as follows:

(1) For projects to be funded under parts 305, 307 and 308 of this chapter proponents will submit forms to EDA during the selection process as follows:

(i) There will be a brief proposal on the OMB approved form, number 0610–0094, consisting of the face sheet (SF–424) and two additional pages, except for projects under part 307, subparts C and D, of this chapter for which proponents may include more than two pages if necessary to provide adequate information to EDA upon which to make an informed determination whether to invite a more comprehensive proposal and application, including for example, budget, scope of work and capability statements.

(ii) There will be a standard application for all programs which will include an additional attachment for each program as appropriate.

(2) For projects to be funded under part 307—Subparts A, B, E and F and parts 305 and 308 of this chapter, requirements are as follows:

(i) Initial contact with EDA will generally be through contact with the appropriate Economic Development Representative (EDR) (see § 300.4 of this chapter) who will provide assistance as needed in filling out the proposal as described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(ii) Such proposals, whether received through contact with the appropriate Economic Development Representative (EDR) or Regional Office of EDA, shall have the opportunity to be formally reviewed by the appropriate Regional Office Project Review Committee (consisting of at least three EDA officials) (PRC). Generally, an EDR will evaluate

proposals under paragraph (b) of this section before submitting them to the EDA Regional Office for such review.

(iii) The results of these PRC meetings shall be communicated to the proponents in writing and in a timely manner, advising them that they are: being invited to submit a formal application; having their application returned because of specified deficiencies (resubmissions will be allowed when the deficiencies are cured) or being denied for specific reasons.

(iv) An invitation to submit an application does not assure EDA funding.

(v) Applications are generally to be submitted within 30 days after receipt of an invitation letter.

(3) For projects to be funded under part 307—Subparts C and D of this chapter, requirements are as follows:

(i) Initial contact by proponents for information and assistance concerning proposals will generally be with Washington, DC, at locations noted in §§ 307.13 and 307.18 of this chapter.

(ii) Generally, proposals will be reviewed for relevance and quality by three or more technically knowledgeable EDA officials.

(iii) If the proposal is acceptable under paragraph (b) of this section, EDA may invite proponents to submit applications which must include a more detailed and comprehensive project narrative.

(iv) An invitation to submit an application does not assure EDA funding.

(v) Applications are generally to be submitted within 30 days after receipt of an invitation letter.

(b) General evaluation criteria for projects to be funded under parts 305, 307 and 308 of this chapter in addition to criteria noted in such parts, are as follows: All proposals/applications will be screened for conformance to statutory and regulatory requirements, the relative severity of the economic problem of the area, the quality of the scope of work proposed to address the problem, the merits of the activity(ies) for which funding is requested, and the ability of the prospective applicant to carry out the proposed activity(ies) successfully. The NOFA may identify

special areas of interest for the fiscal year of such NOFA.

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§ 304.2 Demonstration project assistance under Section 301(f) of PWEDA.

In addition to the selection of projects under the general selection process as set forth in § 304.1 above, EDA may also select demonstration projects, as authorized under section 301(f) of PWEDA. Demonstration projects involve the provision of funds, through grants, loans or otherwise, to carry out the purpose of PWEDA. There are no set forms or procedure for project selection, and proposals may be submitted to EDA at any time. Demonstration projects must be within re-development areas.

PART 305—PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES PROGRAM

Subpart A—General

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- 305.1 Purpose and scope.
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Subpart B—Supplementary and Overrun Grants

- 305.8 Supplementary grants.
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- 305.10 Grants for construction cost increases.

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- 305.11 Disbursements of funds for grants.
- 305.12 Variance in cost of grant projects.
- 305.13 Final inspection.

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