

Federal Property Management Regulations

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Administrator means the Administrator of General Services or an official or employee of GSA acting for the Administrator under a delegation of authority.

State means any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

§ 101-6.2103 What programs and activities of GSA are subject to these regulations?

The Administrator publishes in the FEDERAL REGISTER a list of GSA's programs and activities that are subject to these regulations.

§ 101-6.2104 What are the Administrator's general responsibilities under the Order?

(a) The Administrator provides opportunities for consultation by elected officials of those State and local governments that would provide the non-Federal funds for, or that would be directly affected by, proposed Federal financial assistance from, or direct Federal development by, GSA.

(b) If a State adopts a process under the Order to review and coordinate proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development, the Administrator, to the extent permitted by law:

(1) Uses the State process to determine official views of State and local elected officials;

(2) Communicates with State and local elected officials as early in a program planning cycle as is reasonably feasible to explain specific plans and actions;

(3) Makes efforts to accommodate State and local elected officials' concerns with proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development that are communicated through the State process;

(4) Allows the States to simplify and consolidate existing federally required State plan submissions;

(5) Where State planning and budgeting systems are sufficient and where permitted by law, encourages the sub-

stitution of State plans for federally required State plans;

(6) Seeks the coordination of views of affected State and local elected officials in one State with those of another State when proposed Federal financial assistance or direct Federal development has an impact on interstate metropolitan urban centers or other interstate areas; and

(7) Supports State and local governments by discouraging the reauthorization or creation of any planning organization which is federally-funded, which has limited purpose, and which is not adequately representative of, or accountable to, State or local elected officials.

§ 101-6.2105 What is the Administrator's obligation with respect to Federal interagency coordination?

The Administrator, to the extent practicable, consults with and seeks advice from all other substantially affected Federal departments and agencies in an effort to assure full coordination between such agencies and GSA regarding programs and activities covered under these regulations.

§ 101-6.2106 What procedures apply to the selection of programs and activities under these regulations?

(a) A State may select any program or activity published in the FEDERAL REGISTER in accordance with § 101-6.2103 of this part for intergovernmental review under these regulations. Each State, before selecting programs and activities, shall consult with local elected officials.

(b) Each State that adopts a process shall notify the Administrator of the GSA programs and activities selected for that process.

(c) A State may notify the Administrator of changes in its selections at any time. For each change, the State shall submit to the Administrator an assurance that the State has consulted with elected local elected officials regarding the change. GSA may establish deadlines by which States are required to inform the Administrator of changes in their program selections.

(d) The Administrator uses a State's process as soon as feasible, depending on individual programs and activities,

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after the Administrator is notified of its selections.

§ 101-6.2107 How does the Administrator communicate with State and local officials concerning GSA's programs and activities?

(a) [Reserved]

(b) The Administrator provides notice to directly affected State, areawide, regional, and local entities in a State of proposed Federal financial assistance or direct Federal development if:

(1) The State has not adopted a process under the Order; or

(2) The assistance or development involves a program or activity not selected for the State process.

NOTE: This notice may be made by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER or other appropriate means, which GSA in its discretion deems appropriate.

§ 101-6.2108 How does the Administrator provide States an opportunity to comment on proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development?

(a) Except in unusual circumstances, the Administrator gives State processes or directly affected State, areawide, regional and local officials and entities at least:

(1) [Reserved]

(2) 60 days from the date established by the Administrator to comment on proposed direct Federal development or Federal financial assistance.

(b) This section also applies to comments in cases in which the review, coordination, and communication with GSA have been delegated.

§ 101-6.2109 How does the Administrator receive and respond to comments?

(a) The Administrator follows the procedures in § 101-6.2110 if:

(1) A State office or official is designated to act as a single point of contact between a State process and all Federal agencies, and

(2) That office or official transmits a State process recommendation for a program selected under § 101-6.2106.

(b)(1) The single point of contact is not obligated to transmit comments from State, areawide, regional or local

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officials and entities where there is no State process recommendation.

(2) If a State process recommendation is transmitted by a single point of contact, all comments from State, areawide, regional, and local officials and entities that differ from it must also be transmitted.

(c) If a State has not established a process, or is unable to submit a State process recommendation, State, areawide, regional and local officials and entities may submit comments to GSA.

(d) If a program or activity is not selected for a State process, State, areawide, regional and local officials and entities may submit comments to GSA. In addition, if a State process recommendation for a nonselected program or activity is transmitted to GSA by the single point of contact, the Administrator follows the procedures of § 101-6.2110 of this part.

(e) The Administrator considers comments which do not constitute a State process recommendation submitted under these regulations, and for which the Administrator is not required to apply the procedures of § 101-6.2110 of this part, when such comments are provided by a single point of contact, or directly to GSA by a commenting party.

§ 101-6.2110 How does the Administrator make efforts to accommodate intergovernmental concerns?

(a) If a State process provides a State process recommendation to GSA through its single point of contact, the Administrator either:

(1) Accepts the recommendation;

(2) Reaches a mutually agreeable solution with the State process; or

(3) Provides the single point of contact with such written explanation of its decision, as the Administrator in his or her discretion deems appropriate. The Administrator may also supplement the written explanation by providing the explanation to the single point of contact by telephone, other telecommunication, or other means.

(b) In any explanation under paragraph (a)(3) of this section, the Administrator informs the single point of contact that: