meet requirements which cannot be met in public buildings; and

(B) submits the reasons to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

(h) DOLLAR AMOUNT ADJUSTMENT.—The Administrator annually may adjust any dollar amount referred to in this section to reflect a percentage increase or decrease in construction costs during the prior calendar year, as determined by the composite index of construction costs of the Department of Commerce. Any adjustment shall be expeditiously reported to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1161; Pub. L. 110–140, title III, § 323(a), (b), Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1589, 1590.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
3307(a)	40:606(a) (1st–3d sentences).	Pub. L. 86–249, § 7(a)–(d), Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 480; Pub. L. 92–313, § 2(4), June 16, 1972, 86 Stat. 217; Pub. L. 94–541, title I, § 103(1), (2), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2505; Pub. L. 100–678, §§ 2, 3(a), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4049; Pub. L. 103–437, § 14(b)(1), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4590.
3307(b)	40:606(a) (last sentence).	
3307(c)	40:606(b).	
3307(d)	40:606(c).	
3307(e)	40:606(d).	
3307(f)	40:606(e).	Pub. L. 86–249, § 7(e), as added Pub. L. 100–678, § 3(b), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4049.
3307(g)	40:606(f) (related to this section).	Pub. L. 86–249, § 7(f) (related to this section), Sept. 9, 1959, as added Pub. L. 100–678, § 4, Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4050.

In this section, the words ''Transportation and Infrastructure'' are substituted for ''Public Works and Transportation'' in section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–249, 73 Stat. 480) because of section 1(a)(9) of the Act of June 3, 1995 (Public Law 104–14, 2:21 note prec.). The word ''purchase'' is omitted as being included in ''acquire''.

In subsection (c), the words ''if any'' and ''as the case may be'' are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (d), the words ''at any time thereafter'' are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (f)(2)(A), the word ''first'' is omitted as unnecessary.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (b)(7). Pub. L. 110–140, § 323(a), added par. (7).

Subsecs. (f) to (h). Pub. L. 110–140, § 323(b), added subsec. (f) and redesignated former subsecs. (f) and (g) as (g) and (h), respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110–140 effective on the date that is 1 day after Dec. 19, 2007, see section 1601 of Pub. L. 110–140, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1824 of Title 2, The Congress.

§ 3308. Architectural or engineering services

(a) EMPLOYMENT BY ADMINISTRATOR.—When the Administrator of General Services decides it to be necessary, the Administrator may employ, by contract or otherwise, without regard to chapters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, civil service rules and regulations, or section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5), the services of established architectural or engineering corporations, firms, or individuals, to the extent the Administrator may require those services for any public building authorized to be constructed or altered under this chapter.

(b) EMPLOYMENT ON PERMANENT BASIS NOT PERMITTED.—A corporation, firm, or individual shall not be employed under authority of subsection (a) on a permanent basis.

(c) RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTRATOR.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Administrator is responsible for all construction authorized by this chapter, including the interpretation of construction contracts, approval of material and workmanship supplied under a construction contract, approval of changes in the construction contract, certification of vouchers for payments due the contractor, and final settlement of the contract.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1163.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
3308(a)	40:609(a).	Pub. L. 86–249, § 10, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 481.
3308(b)	40:609(b).	
3308(c)	40:609(c).	

In subsection (a), the words ''chapters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5'' are substituted for ''the Classification Act of 1949, as amended'' and the reference to civil service laws in section 10(a) of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–249, 73 Stat. 481) because of section 7(b) of the Act of September 6, 1966 (Public Law 89–554, 80 Stat. 631), the first section of which enacted Title 31, United States Code.

§ 3309. Buildings and sites in the District of Columbia

(a) IN GENERAL.—The purposes of this chapter shall be carried out in the District of Columbia as nearly as may be practicable in harmony with the plan of Peter Charles L'Enfant. Public buildings shall be constructed or altered to combine architectural beauty with practical utility.

(b) CLOSING OF STREETS AND ALLEYS.—When the Administrator of General Services decides that constructing or altering a public building under this chapter in the District of Columbia requires using contiguous squares as a site for the building, parts of streets that lie between the squares, and alleys that intersect the squares, may be closed and vacated if agreed to by the Administrator, the Council of the District of Columbia, and the National Capital Planning Commission. Those streets and alleys become part of the site.

(c) CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO ACQUISITIONS.—

(1) WITH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING COMMISSION.—The Administrator must consult with the House Office Building Commission created by the Act of March 4, 1907 (ch. 2918, 34 Stat. 1365), before the Administrator may acquire land located south of Independence Avenue, between Third Street SW and Eleventh Street SE, in the District of Columbia, for use as a site or an addition to a site.