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### § 305.25 Final inspection.

A final inspection will be scheduled by the recipient and appropriate notification given to EDA, when the project has been completed and all deficiencies have been corrected. EDA personnel may attend and participate in the final inspection and, in any event, EDA must be advised of the outcome of such final inspection and the recipient's acceptance of the work.

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### § 305.26 Reports.

Financial and performance reports requirements will be specified in the Special Award Conditions of the grant. Construction progress schedule reports will be required in §305.16.

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## PART 306—PLANNING ASSISTANCE

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### § 306.1 Purpose and scope.

The primary objective of planning assistance is to provide funding for administrative expenses to support the formulation and implementation of economic development planning programs and for the conduct of planning activities designed to create and retain permanent jobs and increase incomes, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the nation's most economically distressed areas. EDA's planning assistance is for partnership planning grants with Districts, Indian Tribes and other eligible applicants, as well as for short term grants to eligible grantees. Planning activities supported by these funds must be part of a continuous process involving the active participation of public officials and private citizens, and include the following:

(a) Analyzing local economies;

(b) Defining economic development goals;

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(c) Determining project opportunities; and

(d) Formulating and implementing an economic development program that includes systematic efforts to reduce unemployment and increase incomes.

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### § 306.2 Application evaluation criteria.

(a) EDA uses the application evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter. In addition, EDA evaluates applications on the following:

(1) Quality of the proposed work program;

(2) Management and staff capacity and qualifications of the applicant organization; and

(3) Extent of broad-based representation including for example, involvement of the local civic, business, leadership, labor, minority, and other community interests in the applicant's economic development activities.

(b) Previously funded grantees, in addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, will also be evaluated on the basis of the quality of their past performance.

### § 306.3 Award requirements.

(a) Planning assistance shall be used in conjunction with any other available Federal planning assistance to ensure adequate and effective planning and economical use of funds.

(b) Grant rate: (1) The maximum Federal grant rate for a project under this part for recipients other than Economic Development Districts is 50 percent, except as supplemented as provided in §301.4(b) of this chapter.

(2) The maximum Federal grant rate for a project under this part for a district is:

(i) 50 percent, or

(ii) 75 percent, if the project meets the criteria of paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(3) A district project is eligible for a supplemental grant increasing the Federal share up to and including 75 percent when the applicant is able to demonstrate that:

(i) The project is intended to address problems arising from actual or threatened high unemployment, low per capita income, or a special need that qualifies an area for eligibility under §301.2(b) of this chapter,

(ii) The project is in significant part devoted to activities addressing the needs of the most economically distressed parts of the total area served by the applicant,

(iii) The applicant is uniquely qualified to address the major causes of actual or threatened economic distress in the area served by the applicant, and

(iv) The applicant cannot provide the non-Federal share otherwise required because in the overall economic situation there is a lack of available non-Federal share due, for instance, to the pressing demand for its use elsewhere.

(4) A project receiving a supplemental grant increasing the Federal share under paragraph (b)(3) of this section is not eligible for additional Federal grant assistance under §301.4(d) of this chapter, i.e., the 10 percent incentive increase for certain projects in districts.

(c) As a condition of the receipt of assistance by a State under this part 306:

(1) The State must have or develop a CEDS;

(2) Any State plan developed with such assistance must be developed cooperatively by the State, political subdivisions of the State, and the economic development districts located wholly or partially within the State;

(3) Any overall State economic development planning assisted under this section shall be a part of a comprehensive planning process that shall consider the provision of public works to:

(i) Promote economic development and opportunity,

(ii) Foster effective transportation access,

(iii) Enhance and protect the environment, and

(iv) Balance resources through the sound management of physical development;

(4) Upon completion of the State plan, the State must,

(i) Certify to EDA that, in the development of the State plan, local and economic development district plans

were considered and, to the maximum extent practicable, the State plan is consistent with the local and economic development district plans; and

(ii) Identify any inconsistencies between the State plan and the local and economic development district plans and provide a justification for each inconsistency; and

(5) The State must submit to EDA an annual report on the planning process so assisted.

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#### §306.4 Post-approval requirements.

Financial, performance and progress reports, and project products will be as specified in the Special Award Conditions of the grant.

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### PART 307—LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, UNIVERSITY CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

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