

(May 20, 1936, ch. 432, title IV, §412, as added May 7, 1971, Pub. L. 92-12, §2, 85 Stat. 37; amended Oct. 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §235(a)(13), 108 Stat. 3221.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective May 7, 1971, see section 7 of Pub. L. 92-12, set out as a note under section 921a of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 939 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER V—RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in section 6944 of this title.

§ 950aa. Additional powers and duties

The Secretary shall—

(1) provide advice and guidance to electric borrowers under this chapter concerning the effective and prudent use by such borrowers of the investment authority under section 940b of this title to promote rural development;

(2) provide technical advice, troubleshooting, and guidance concerning the operation of programs or systems that receive assistance under this chapter;

(3) establish and administer various pilot projects through electric and telephone borrowers that the Secretary determines are useful or necessary, and recommend specific rural development projects for rural areas;

(4) act as an information clearinghouse and conduit to provide information to electric and telephone borrowers under this chapter concerning useful and effective rural development efforts that such borrowers may wish to apply in their areas of operation and concerning State, regional, or local plans for long-term rural economic development;

(5) provide information to electric and telephone borrowers under this chapter concerning the eligibility of such borrowers to apply for financial assistance, loans, or grants from other Federal agencies and non-Federal sources to enable such borrowers to expand their rural development efforts; and

(6) promote local partnerships and other coordination between borrowers under this chapter and community organizations, States, counties, or other entities, to improve rural development.

(May 20, 1936, ch. 432, title V, §501, as added Nov. 28, 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, §2345, 104 Stat. 4029; amended Dec. 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-237, title VII, §703(c), 105 Stat. 1881; Oct. 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §235(a)(12), (13), 108 Stat. 3221; Apr. 4, 1996, Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §781(b), 110 Stat. 1151.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Par. (7). Pub. L. 104-127 struck out par. (7) which read as follows: “administer a Rural Business Incubator Fund (as established under section 950aa-1 of this title) that shall provide technical assistance, advice,

loans, or capital to business incubator programs or for the creation or operation of small business incubators in rural areas.”

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 struck out “of REA Administrator” at end of section catchline and substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” in introductory provisions and par. (3).

1991—Pars. (6) to (8). Pub. L. 102-237 inserted “and” at end of par. (6), redesignated par. (8) as (7), and struck out former par. (7) which read as follows: “review the advice and recommendations of the Rural Educational Opportunities Board as established under section 601(f); and”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-237 effective as if included in the provision of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, to which the amendment relates, see section 1101(b)(8) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as a note under section 1421 of this title.

§ 950aa-1. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, § 781(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1151

Section, act May 20, 1936, ch. 432, title V, §502, as added Nov. 28, 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, §2345, 104 Stat. 4030; amended Dec. 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-237, title VII, §703(d), 105 Stat. 1881; Oct. 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §235(a)(13), 108 Stat. 3221, provided for establishment of Rural Business Incubator Fund.

CHAPTER 31A—TELEMEDICINE AND DISTANCE LEARNING SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS

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Telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas.

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- (c) Recipients.
- (d) Priority.
- (e) Maximum amount of assistance to individual recipients.
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- (i) Notification of local exchange carrier.

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Administration.

- (a) Nonduplication.
- (b) Loan maturity.
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- (d) Encouraging consortia.
- (e) Coordination with other agencies.
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TERMINATION OF CHAPTER

For termination of chapter by section 1(b) of Pub. L. 102-551, see note set out under section 950aaa of this title.

§ 950aaa. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents.