

place not to exceed eight positions in grades 16, 17, and 18 of the General Schedule established by such Act. Such positions shall be in addition to the number of positions authorized to be placed in such grades by such section 505, the number of positions allocated to the Board under such section, and the number of positions authorized for the Board by Public Law 85-469 (72 Stat. 237). The number of positions authorized for the Board by Public Law 85-469 shall not cause a reduction in total number of positions under section 505(h) of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

Temporary Personnel

(c) The Board may, from time to time, without regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws, engage for temporary service such duly qualified consulting engineers or agencies, or other qualified persons as are necessary in the exercise and performance of the powers and duties of each, and fix the compensation of such engineers, agencies, or persons without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, and the expenses of such employment shall be paid out of sums appropriated for the expenses of the Board.

Cooperation With Other Federal Agencies

(d) The Board is authorized to use, with their consent, the available services, equipment, personnel, and facilities of other civilian or military agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government, on a reimbursable basis when appropriate, and on a similar basis to cooperate with such other agencies and instrumentalities in the establishment and use of services, equipment, and facilities of the Board.

AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES AND TRAVEL

General Authority

SEC. 203. [72 Stat. 742, 49 U.S.C. 1323] (a) The Board is empowered to make such expenditures at the seat of government and elsewhere as may be necessary for the exercise and performance of the powers and duties vested in and imposed upon the Board by law, and as from time to time may be appropriated for by Congress, including expenditures for (1) rent and personal services at the seat of government and elsewhere; (2) travel expenses; (3) office furniture, equipment and supplies, lawbooks, newspapers, periodicals, and books of reference (including the exchange thereof); (4) printing and binding; (5) membership in and cooperation with such organizations as are related to, or are part of, the civil-aeronautics industry or the art of aeronautics in the United States or in any foreign country; (6) making investigations and conducting studies in matters pertaining to aeronautics; and (7) acquisition (including exchange), operation, and maintenance of passenger-carrying automobiles and aircraft, and such other property as is necessary in the exercise and performance of the powers and duties of the Board: *Provided*, That no aircraft or motor vehicle purchased under the provisions of this section, shall be used otherwise than for official business.