

of uniform technical or administrative requirements, delegation of powers and responsibilities, and establishment of joint management funds) with respect to projects assisted under more than one Federal assistance program. These authorities shall be exercised only pursuant to regulations prescribed by the President. Those regulations shall include criteria or procedures to assure the authorities are limited in use to problems that cannot be adequately dealt with through other actions pursuant to this Act or other applicable law; that they are applied only as necessary to promote expeditious processing or effective and efficient administration; and that they are applied consistent with the protection of the Federal interest and with program purposes or statutory requirements of a substantive nature.

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 6. (a) In order to provide for projects which would otherwise be subject to varying or conflicting technical or administrative provisions of law, the heads of Federal agencies may adopt uniform provisions respecting:

(1) inconsistent or conflicting requirements relating to financial administration, including accounting, reporting and auditing, and maintaining separate bank accounts, but only to the extent consistent with the requirements of section 8;

(2) inconsistent or conflicting requirements relating to the timing of Federal payments where a single or combined schedule is to be established for the project as a whole;

(3) inconsistent or conflicting requirements that assistance be extended in the form of a grant rather than a contract, or a contract rather than a grant;

(4) inconsistent or conflicting requirements for merit personnel systems, but only to the extent that the combination of assistance contemplated would cause those requirements to be applied to portions of projects administered by agencies not otherwise subject to such requirements;

(5) inconsistent or conflicting requirements relating to accountability for, or the disposition of, property or structures acquired or constructed with Federal assistance where common rules are to be established for the project as a whole; and

(6) other inconsistent or conflicting requirements of an administrative or technical nature, as defined in regulations of the President and subject to such conditions as he may prescribe.

(b) In order to permit processing of applications in accordance with the purposes of this Act, Federal agency heads may provide for review of proposals for projects by a single panel, board or committee in lieu of review by separate panels, boards, or committees when such review would otherwise be required by law.

(c) In promoting the more effective and efficient use of Federal assistance resources, Federal agency heads may waive requirements that a single or specified public agency be utilized or designated to receive, supervise, or otherwise administer a part of the Federal assistance drawn upon by any jointly funded project to the extent that administration by another public agency is determined to be fully consistent with applicable State or local law and with the objectives of the Federal assistance program involved. This authority may be exercised only upon (1) request of the head of a unit of general government, with respect to agencies which he certifies to be under his jurisdiction, or (2) with the agreement of the several State or local public agencies concerned.

DELEGATION OF POWERS

SEC. 7. With the approval of the President, agency heads may delegate to other Federal agencies any powers relating to the approval, under this Act, of projects or classes of projects under a program if such delegation will promote the purposes of that program. Agency heads may also delegate to other Federal agencies powers and functions relating to the supervision of administration of Federal assistance, or otherwise arrange for other agencies to perform such activities, with respect to projects or classes of projects subject to this Act. Delegations under this section shall be made only on such conditions as may be appropriate to assure that the powers and functions delegated are exercised in full conformity with applicable statutory provisions and policies.