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§ 4601. Establishment of Take Pride in America Program

(a) In general

There is hereby established the Take Pride in America Program within the Department of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "TPIA Program").

(b) Purposes

The purposes of the TPIA Program shall include the following:

- (1) To establish and maintain a public awareness campaign in cooperation with public and private organizations and individuals—
 - (A) to instill in the public the importance of the appropriate use of, and appreciation for Federal, State, and local lands, facilities, and natural and cultural resources;
 - (B) to encourage an attitude of stewardship and responsibility toward these lands, facilities, and resources; and
 - (C) to promote participation by individuals, organizations, and communities of a conservation ethic in caring for these lands, facilities, and resources.
- (2) To conduct a national awards program to honor those individuals and entities which, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the "Secretary"), have distinguished themselves in the activities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(Pub. L. 101-628, title XI, §1102, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4502.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title XI of Pub. L. 101-628, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4502, known as the Take Pride in America Act, which is classified generally to this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

SHORT TITLE

Section 1101 of title XI of Pub. L. 101-628 provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Take Pride in America Act'."

§ 4602. Gifts and bequests

(a) Authority

The Secretary may solicit, accept, hold, administer, invest in government securities, and use gifts and bequests of money and other per-

sonal property to aid or facilitate the purposes of the TPIA Program. Property so donated and accepted shall not be subject to sequestration.

(b) Accounting

The Secretary shall maintain a full accounting of such gifts and bequests.

(c) Treatment of donations, etc.

For purposes of Federal law, property accepted pursuant to this section shall be considered as a gift, bequest, or devise to the United States.

(d) Use of property

Any property and the proceeds thereof shall be used as nearly as practicable in accordance with the terms of the gift or bequest.

(Pub. L. 101-628, title XI, §1103, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4502.)

§ 4603. Administrative services

The Secretary of the Interior shall provide such facilities, administrative services, personnel, and support to the TPIA Program as the Secretary determines is necessary and appropriate.

(Pub. L. 101-628, title XI, §1104, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4502.)

§ 4604. Volunteers

(a) Authority to use volunteers

The Secretary is authorized to recruit, train, and accept the services of individuals or entities, without compensation, as volunteers for or in aid of the purposes of the TPIA Program, without regard to the provisions of title 5, that govern appointments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, that relate to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(b) Incidental expenses

The Secretary is authorized to provide for the incidental expenses of such volunteers, such as transportation, uniforms, lodging, or subsistence.

(c) Volunteers' status as Federal employees

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a volunteer shall not be deemed a Federal employee and shall not be subject to the provisions of law relating to Federal employment, including those provisions relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and Federal employee benefits.

(2) For purposes of chapter 171 of title 28 (commonly referred to as the "Federal Tort Claims Act"), a volunteer under this subsection shall be considered an employee of the government (as defined in section 2671 of such title).

(3) For purposes of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, relating to compensation to Federal employees for work injuries, a volunteer under this subsection shall be considered an employee (as defined in section 8101 of title 5).

(Pub. L. 101-628, title XI, §1105, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4502.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, referred to in subsec. (a), are