

27-311. Federal surplus property program; administration by secretary of administration; powers and duties; rules and regulations. (a) The secretary of administration shall be responsible for the administration of K.S.A. 27-311 et seq., and amendments thereto. The secretary of administration or the secretary's designee is authorized to do the following:

(1) To acquire from the United States of America under and in conformance with the provisions of the federal property and administrative services act of 1949, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "act," such property, including equipment, materials and books, or other supplies under the control of any department or agency of the United States of America as may be usable and necessary for the purposes of education, public health, or civil defense, or for research for any such purpose, and for such other purposes as may now or hereafter be authorized by the act;

(2) to warehouse such property; and

(3) to distribute such property within the state to one or more of the following entities:

(A) Tax-supported medical institutions, hospitals, clinics, health centers, school systems, schools, colleges or universities within the state;

(B) other nonprofit medical institutions, hospitals, clinics, health centers, schools, colleges or universities that have been held exempt from taxation under section 501 (c) (3) of the United States internal revenue code of 1954;

(C) civil defense organizations of the state or political subdivisions or instrumentalities thereof that are established pursuant to state law; or

(D) such other types of institutions or activities as may now be or hereafter become eligible under federal law to acquire such property.

(b) The secretary of administration or the secretary's designee is authorized to receive applications from eligible institutions for the acquisition of federal surplus real property, investigate the applications, obtain comments regarding the applications from the appropriate health or educational authorities of the state, make recommendations regarding the need of such applicant for the property, the merits of its proposed program of utilization and the suitability of the property for such purposes, and otherwise assist in the processing of such applications for acquisition of real and related personal property of the United States under section 203 (k) of the act.

(c) The secretary of administration may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this act and to assure maximum utilization by and benefit to health and educational institutions within the state from property distributed under this act.

(d) The secretary of administration or the secretary's designee is authorized to take the following actions:

(1) Make certifications, take actions, make expenditures and enter into contracts, agreements and undertakings for and in the name of the state, including cooperative agreements with any federal agencies providing for utilization by and exchange between them of property, facilities, personnel and services;

(2) require reports and make investigations as may be required by law or regulation of the United States of America in connection with the disposal of real property; and

(3) receive, warehouse and distribute personal property received by the secretary of administration or the secretary's designee from the United States of America.

(e) The secretary of administration or the secretary's designee is authorized to do the following:

(1) Act as a clearinghouse of information regarding federal surplus property for the public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies referred to in subsection (a) of this section and other institutions eligible to acquire federal surplus real property;

(2) locate both real and personal property available for acquisition from the United States of America;

(3) ascertain the terms and conditions under which such property may be obtained;

(4) receive requests for federal surplus property from the above mentioned institutions and agencies;

(5) transmit to them all available information in reference to such property; and

(6) aid and assist such institutions and agencies in every way possible in the acquisitions or transactions hereunder.

(f) The secretary of administration shall cooperate to the fullest extent consistent with the provisions of the act, shall cooperate with the departments or agencies of the United States of America, shall file a state plan of operation, operate in accordance therewith, and take such action as may be necessary to meet the minimum standards of the department of health, education and welfare and of the federal civil defense administration, shall make such reports in such form and containing such information as the United States of America or any of its departments or agencies may from time to time require and shall comply with the laws of the United States of America and the rules and regulations of any of the departments or agencies of the United States of America governing the allocation, transfer, use or accounting for any property that is donated to the state.

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