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SUBJECT: Implementation of the Rural Development Act of 1972

The purpose of this memorandum is to reissue guidance to ensure that DoD Components are implementing the provisions of the Rural Development Act of 1972, as codified in Section 2204b-1, Title 7, United States Code. This section defines the approach to rural development by giving first priority for the location of new offices and facilities to rural areas.

Specifically, Section 601 of the Rural Development Act of 1972 states:

> Congress hereby directs the heads of all executive departments and agencies of the Government to establish and maintain departmental policies and procedures giving first priority to the location of new offices and other facilities in rural areas as defined in the private business enterprise exception in section 306(a)(7) of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961.

In accordance with Section 2204b-1 of Title 7, United States Code, the Military Departments and Defense Agencies shall give priority consideration to rural areas for the location of new offices and other facilities. This policy will be incorporated into a future revision of DoD Directive 4165.6, "Real Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal".

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