

Public Law 97-254  
97th Congress

An Act

Sept. 8, 1982  
[H.R. 6409]

To provide for the participation of the United States in the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, and for other purposes.

1984 Louisiana  
World  
Exposition.  
U.S.  
participation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, in accordance with the Act entitled "An Act to provide for Federal Government recognition of and participation in international expositions proposed to be held in the United States, and for other purposes", approved May 27, 1970 (22 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.), the President is authorized to provide for United States participation in an international exposition to be known as the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Exposition"), to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The purposes of the Exposition are—

(1) to offer the citizens of the world a greater understanding and appreciation of rivers and fresh water as a basis of life, providing food, transportation, energy, generating related industry and commercial activity, and serving as a source of aesthetic gratification, social interchange, and inspiration for the arts;

(2) to create an awareness of the need to conserve and protect the world's fresh water resources from the hazards of increasing demands, diminishing supplies, pollution, and ecological disruption; and

(3) to stimulate international trade, encourage tourist travel in and to the United States, and promote cultural exchanges.

SEC. 2. (a) The President, through the Secretary of Commerce (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") and the other officials designated in this Act, is authorized to carry out in the most effective manner the proposal for United States participation in the Exposition, transmitted by the President to the Congress pursuant to section 3 of Public Law 91-269 (22 U.S.C. 2803), and to fulfill the obligations of the Federal Government under the Convention Relating to International Expositions, done at Paris, France, on November 22, 1928, as amended, and entered into by the United States at Paris on April 30, 1968 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Convention"), and under the General Rules for the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition, as approved by the Bureau of International Expositions.

(b)(1) The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Commissioner General of the United States Government for the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition, who shall be in the Department of Commerce and who shall be the senior Federal official for the Exposition. The Commissioner General shall have such duties and exercise such responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Secretary and as may be necessary and appropriate to fulfill the obligations of the United States Government

Commissioner  
General of the  
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Government,  
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Duties and  
responsibilities.

under the Convention and the General Rules for the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition.

(2) The Commissioner General shall be compensated at a rate not greater than the minimum rate of basic pay payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

(c) The Secretary of State may assign for duty with the Exposition not more than two career members of the Foreign Service who have the rank of ambassador, and who are not otherwise assigned, to assist the Commissioner General in performing the functions of the Commissioner General in foreign countries and in carrying out the diplomatic responsibilities of the United States as the host Government of the Exposition. The travel and other necessary expenses authorized by law which are incurred by any individual or individuals assigned under this subsection in carrying out the responsibilities of that assignment shall be paid from funds appropriated to carry out this Act. The assignment of any individual or individuals under this subsection shall terminate at the close of the Exposition or on such other date as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of State and the Secretary.

(d) Any functions which the Commissioner General or any individual or individuals assigned under subsection (c) of this section perform in a foreign country shall be performed in consultation with the Chief of the United States diplomatic mission in that country, and the Commissioner General or such individual or individuals shall keep the Secretary of State fully and currently informed with respect to all those functions so performed.

(e) The Secretary shall designate a Commissioner General of Section for United States participation in the Exposition (as provided in the proposal referred to in subsection (a) of this section), who shall be in the Department of Commerce and who shall perform such duties in carrying out this Act as may be delegated or assigned by the Secretary, including serving as director of the United States pavilion.

SEC. 3. To such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, the Secretary is authorized to—

(1) lease such buildings and other structures or space therein (including commercial space for administrative purposes) and any land appurtenant thereto, and to make such improvements and renovations in such buildings or other structures as may be appropriate for United States participation in the Exposition;

(2) incur such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including—

(A) expenditures for the design, development, construction, installation, rental, purchase, or other acquisition of exhibits and materials and equipment for exhibits, and for the actual display, dismantling, and disposition of exhibits; and

(B) expenditures for transportation, insurance, safekeeping and storage, maintenance and operation, printing, purchase of reference books, newspapers, and periodicals, and publicity; and

(3) enter into such contracts and agreements as may be necessary to provide for United States participation in the Exposition.

SEC. 4. The Secretary is authorized to obtain the services of consultants and experts as authorized by section 3109 of title 5,

Compensation.

Foreign Service career members, assignment.

Travel and other expenses.

Termination.

Commissioner General of Section for U.S., designation.

Consultants and experts.

- Compensation. United States Code, to the extent the Secretary considers it necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. Persons so appointed shall be compensated at rates not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate of basic pay payable for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule. To such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, persons so appointed shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses incurred, including a per diem allowance, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for employees serving intermittently in the Government service.
- 5 USC 5332 note. Travel and other expenses. SEC. 5. (a) Notwithstanding section 3679(b) of the Revised Statutes of the United States (31 U.S.C. 665(b)) and section 3111 of title 5, United States Code, the Secretary is authorized to recruit, train, and accept the voluntary services of individuals in carrying out those functions, services, or activities in and related to United States participation in the Exposition.
- Voluntary services. (b) To such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts, the Secretary is authorized to provide for incidental expenses of individuals providing voluntary services described in subsection (a), including transportation, uniforms, lodging, and subsistence expenses.
- Incidental expenses. (c)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, an individual providing voluntary service described in subsection (a) shall not be deemed to be a Federal employee and shall not be subject to those provisions of law relating to Federal employment, including provisions relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and Federal employee benefits.
- 28 USC 1346, 2671 *et seq.* (2) For purposes of section 1346(b) and chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, an individual providing voluntary service described in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be an employee of the government.
- Work injuries, compensation. 5 USC 8101. (3) An individual providing voluntary service described in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be an "employee" for purposes of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, relating to compensation to Federal employees for work injuries. For purposes of that subchapter, such an individual shall be deemed to be receiving monthly pay at the minimum rate of GS-2 of the General Schedule.
- 5 USC 5332 note. SEC. 6. (a) To such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, the Secretary is authorized—
- (1) notwithstanding the requirements of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 *et seq.*), to purchase for resale and to sell at fair market value books, brochures, recordings, souvenirs, and other items in conformity with the theme of the Exposition and commemorative of United States participation in the Exposition, and to charge an amount sufficient to realize a reasonable profit on the sale of those items; and
- (2) to enter into contracts and leases, including cooperative arrangements and concessions agreements, with respect to the sale of the items described in paragraph (1).
- The proceeds from the sale of the items described in paragraph (1) shall be credited to the appropriation for United States participation in the Exposition and, to the extent provided in advance in appropriation Acts, such credited amounts may be used for such participation. To the extent that such proceeds exceed the amounts necessary

to provide for such participation, they shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to provide, without charge, aid and assistance to visitors to the United States pavilion in emergencies. Emergency assistance.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall take all reasonable measures to facilitate the participation in the Exposition of the governments of other countries and their nationals, to assure adherence to the protocols of the Bureau of International Expositions, and to cooperate with the Louisiana World Exposition, incorporated in its efforts and the efforts of the Federal Government to organize, develop, and administer the Exposition successfully.

SEC. 8. The Secretary shall encourage private individuals, firms, associations, agencies, and other groups to participate to the maximum extent feasible in carrying out the purposes of this Act and to make contributions of funds, property, use of property, and services to be used in carrying out this Act. The Secretary is authorized to accept such contributions. Contributions.

SEC. 9. The head of each department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government is authorized—

(1) to cooperate with the Secretary with respect to carrying out this Act; and

(2) to make available to the Secretary from time to time, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, such personnel as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in carrying out this Act.

SEC. 10. Within one year after the date of the official close of the Exposition, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress a report on the activities of the Federal Government under this Act, including a detailed statement of expenditures made under this Act. Upon transmittal of such report to the Congress, all appointments made under this Act shall terminate, except that the Secretary may extend any such appointment for such additional period of time as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. The preceding sentence shall not apply to assignments made under section 2(c) of this Act. Report to Congress.

SEC. 11. After the close of the Exposition, all Federal property acquired to carry out this Act shall be disposed of in the discretion of the Secretary, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and other applicable Federal laws relating to the disposition of excess and surplus property. Termination.

SEC. 12. The functions authorized by this Act may be performed without regard to the requirements, prohibitions, and limitations of the following laws: Federal property, disposal.

(1) Section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, to the extent that section limits procurement of temporary services to one year.

(2) Section 5(a) of the Act of July 16, 1914 (31 U.S.C. 638a(a)), as amended by section 16(a) of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, to the extent that section pertains to hiring automobiles.

(3) Section 201(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 481(a)).

(4) Section 305(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 255(c)), and section 3648 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (31 U.S.C. 529), if the Secretary determines that it is impracticable to obtain adequate 40 USC 471 note.

security in a particular case and that there is a compelling need to make an advance payment in that case.

(5) Section 322 of the Act of June 20, 1932 (40 U.S.C. 278a), if the Secretary determines that waiver of that section would be in the best interests of the Federal Government.

(6) Section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (popularly known as the "Buy American Act"; 41 U.S.C. 10a).

(7) Section 501 of title 44, United States Code.

(8) Section 3702 of title 44, United States Code.

(9) Section 3703 of title 44, United States Code.

SEC. 13. The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out this Act.

Appropriation  
authorization.

SEC. 14. (a) There is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) Amounts appropriated under this section are authorized to remain available until expended.

Effective date.  
22 USC 2803  
note.

SEC. 15. This Act shall take effect upon its enactment, except that section 2(b)(2) and the second sentence of section 4 shall become effective on October 1, 1982.

SEC. 16. (a) That section 3 of the Act of May 27, 1970 (84 Stat. 272; 22 U.S.C. 2803), is amended by—

(1) striking out "The" and inserting in lieu thereof "(a) The";

(2) redesignating clauses (a), (b), and (c) as clauses (1), (2) and (3), respectively;

(3) striking out all after the period where it first appears in clause (3) as redesignated in clause (2) of this Act and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The Secretary of Commerce shall include in such plan any documentation described in subsection (b)(1)(A) of this section, a rendering of any design described in subsection (b)(1)(B) of this section, and any recommendation based on the determination under subsection (b)(1)(C) of this section."; and

(4) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

Federal pavilion  
construction.

"(b)(1) In developing a plan under subsection (a)(3) of this section the Secretary of Commerce shall consider whether the plan should include the construction of a Federal pavilion. If the Secretary of Commerce determines that a Federal pavilion should be constructed, he shall request the Administrator of General Services (hereinafter in this section referred to as the 'Administrator') to determine, in consultation with such Secretary, whether there is a federally endorsed need for a permanent structure in the area of the exposition. If the Administrator determines that any such need exists—

"(A) the Administrator shall fully document such determination, including the identification of the need, and shall transmit such documentation to the Secretary of Commerce;

"(B) the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Administrator, shall design a pavilion which satisfies the federally endorsed needs for—

"(i) participation in the exposition; and

"(ii) permanent use of such pavilion after the termination of participation in the exposition; and

"(C) the Secretary of Commerce shall determine whether the Federal Government should be deeded a satisfactory site for the Federal pavilion in fee simple, free of all liens and encumbrances, as a condition of participation in the exposition.

“(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, if the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Administrator determines that no design of a Federal pavilion will satisfy both needs described in paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, the Secretary shall design a temporary Federal pavilion.

Temporary  
Federal pavilion.

“(c) The enactment of a specific authorization of appropriations shall be required—

“(1) to construct a Federal pavilion in accordance with the plan prepared pursuant to subsection (a)(3) of this section;

“(2) if the Federal pavilion is not temporary, to modify such Federal pavilion after termination of participation in the exposition if modification is necessary to adapt such pavilion for use by the Federal Government to satisfy a need described in subsection (b)(1)(B)(ii) of this section; and

“(3) if the Federal pavilion is temporary, to dismantle, demolish, or otherwise dispose of such Federal pavilion after termination of Federal participation in the exposition.

“(d) For the purposes of this section—

“(1) a Federal pavilion shall be considered to satisfy both needs described in subsection (b)(1)(B) of this section if the Federal pavilion which satisfies the needs described in paragraph (1)(B)(i) of such subsection can be modified after completion of the exposition to satisfy the needs described in paragraph (1)(B)(ii) of such subsection, provided that such modification shall cost no more than the expense of demolition, dismantling, or other disposal, or if the cost is higher, it shall be no more than 50 per centum of the original cost of the construction of the pavilion; and

“(2) a Federal pavilion is temporary if the Federal pavilion is designed to satisfy the minimum needs of the Federal Government described in subsection (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section and is intended for disposal by the Federal Government after the termination of participation in the exposition.”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 6409:

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