
7 U.S. Code § 2279b

Department of Agriculture educational, training, and professional development activities

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Graduate School

The term “Graduate School” means the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture.

(2) Board

The term “Board” means the General Administration Board of the Graduate School.

(3) Director

The term “Director” means the Director of the Graduate School.

(4) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) Operation as nonappropriated fund instrumentality

(1) Cease operations

Not later than October 1, 2009, the Secretary of Agriculture shall cease to maintain or operate a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the United States to develop, administer, or provide educational training and professional development activities, including educational activities for Federal agencies, Federal employees, non-profit organizations, other entities, and members of the general public.

(2) Transition

(A) In general

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to use funds available to the Department of Agriculture and such resources of the Department as the Secretary considers appropriate (including the assignment of such employees of the Department as the Secretary considers appropriate) to assist the General Administrative Board of the Graduate School in the conversion of the Graduate School to an entity that is non-governmental and not a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the United States, including such privatization activities not otherwise inconsistent with law or regulation.

(B) Termination of authority

The authority under paragraph (1) shall terminate on the earlier of—

(i) the completion of the transition of the Graduate School to an entity that is non-governmental and not a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the United States, as determined by the Secretary; or

(ii) September 30, 2009.

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