**Sec. 26 RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT 3–132**

**SEC. 26.** [**42 U.S.C. 1769g**] **INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter into a contract

with a nongovernmental organization described in subsection (b) to

establish and maintain a clearinghouse to provide information to

nongovernmental groups located throughout the United States that

assist low-income individuals or communities regarding food assistance,

self-help activities to aid individuals in becoming self-reliant,

and other activities that empower low-income individuals or communities

to improve the lives of low-income individuals and reduce

reliance on Federal, State, or local governmental agencies for food

or other assistance.

(b) NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.—The nongovernmental

organization referred to in subsection (a) shall be selected on a

competitive basis and shall—

(1) be experienced in the gathering of first-hand information

in all the States through onsite visits to grassroots organizations

in each State that fight hunger and poverty or that assist

individuals in becoming self-reliant;

(2) be experienced in the establishment of a clearinghouse

similar to the clearinghouse described in subsection (a);

(3) agree to contribute in-kind resources towards the establishment

and maintenance of the clearinghouse and agree to

provide clearinghouse information, free of charge, to the Secretary,

States, counties, cities, antihunger groups, and grassroots

organizations that assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient

and self-reliant;

(4) be sponsored by an organization, or be an organization,

that—

(A) has helped combat hunger for at least 10 years;

(B) is committed to reinvesting in the United States;

and

(C) is knowledgeable regarding Federal nutrition programs;

(5) be experienced in communicating the purpose of the

clearinghouse through the media, including the radio and print

media, and be able to provide access to the clearinghouse information

through computer or telecommunications technology, as

well as through the mails; and

(6) be able to provide examples, advice, and guidance to

States, counties, cities, communities, antihunger groups, and

local organizations regarding means of assisting individuals

and communities to reduce reliance on government programs,

reduce hunger, improve nutrition, and otherwise assist low-income

individuals and communities become more self-sufficient.

(c) AUDITS.—The Secretary shall establish fair and reasonable

auditing procedures regarding the expenditures of funds to carry

out this section.

(d) FUNDING.—Out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise

appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the

Secretary to provide to the organization selected under this section,

to establish and maintain the information clearinghouse, $200,000

for each of fiscal years 1995 and 1996, $150,000 for fiscal year

1997, $100,000 for fiscal year 1998, $166,000 for each of fiscal

years 1999 through 2004, and $250,000 for each of fiscal years

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**3–133 RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT Sec. 28**

27–1 Sec. 27 repealed by sec. 441(a)(14) of P.L. 111–296, 124 Stat. 3264, Dec. 13, 2010.

2010 through 2015. The Secretary shall be entitled to receive the

funds and shall accept the funds, without further appropriation.