Federal entities may cease operations when they are established as a temporary entity, are abolished, or functions are transferred to state or local government or private control.

Description:

The Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission was established by an act of October 1, 1988 (102 Stat. 229), to identify economic, environmental, educational, medical, and other social needs of the Lower Mississippi Delta region (comprised of 219 counties and parishes in Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee), and to establish priorities for their fulfillment. The Commission terminated on September 30, 1990.
The Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission was established under Public Law 100-460 in October 1988 through legislation introduced by a bi-partisan group of senators and representatives from the seven states making up the Lower Mississippi Delta region, as well as Congressmen from other parts of the nation. The Lower Mississippi Delta area was originally comprised of 214 counties and parishes in Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee, and was later modified to include an additional five parishes in the state of Louisiana. The Commission was established to study and make recommendations regarding economic needs, problems, and opportunities in the Delta, and to develop a ten-year regional economic development plan. The Commission held public hearings in each of the seven states, sponsored several different conferences on a variety of topics, and solicited research from citizens and organizations. The Commission issued an Interim Report in October 1989 and a Final Report in May 1990.

1. Research Contracts/Conferences

The Commission, in conjunction with a variety of groups and organizations, sponsored nine conferences which covered topics such as Education, Community Action Organizations, Economics, Energy, and the Environment, The Role of Churches in Economic Development, Agriculture, Poverty, Housing, and Leadership. In addition, the Commission granted 26 research contracts which covered a wide variety of subjects such as: Infrastructure, Telecommunications, Housing, Public Management Expertise, Value-Added Industries, Labor Markets,
Alternative Crops, Alternative Foods, Finance, Higher Education, Youth At Risk, Health, Race Relations, Wetlands, Regional Receipts, Small Business, Natural Resources, Minority Business, Interstate Cooperation, and Labor Management. Documentation includes abstracts, contracts, mid-term reports, Final reports, and any other material, such as mailing lists, which were generated by the contractors during their research. Records are arranged by contract number from 100-139.

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2. Public Hearings
The Commission held public hearings in each of the seven states of the Delta region. Both oral and written testimonies were gathered from political leaders, business leaders, organizations, and citizens. Documentation consists of transcripts of the oral testimony as well as written statements submitted by both the presenters and by those who were not able to attend. Records are arranged alphabetically by state.

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3. Speeches
Records include speeches made by the Executive Director at Commission events and other public occasions (March 1989-May 1990). Arranged chronologically.

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4. Divisional Files

4a. Commission Meetings
Copies of minutes from Commission meetings, arranged chronologically.
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4b. Office of the Executive Director
Records include copies of official correspondence from the Executive Director to Congress, Governors, Commissioners, Local Constituents, etc.
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| 4c.     | Files of Commissioners  
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| 4d.     | Public Affairs Division  
Records include a complete set of the Commission's press releases, a set of news articles about or related to the Commission and its' work, and agendas and/or minutes of any press conferences held by the Commission. All records are arranged chronologically.  
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| 5b.     | Pamphlets  
Copies of any pamphlets and booklets published by the Commission.  
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| 5c.     | Other  
Records include a draft copy of "The Delta Initiative Directory" of local initiatives in development which was compiled by the Commission to document grass roots efforts in the Delta region that have effected community development.  
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| 6.      | Audiovisual Files  
Records include a video tape on the Cultural Heritage of the Delta, maps of the region, and a copy of the CNN special series on the Delta which was broadcast in April 1990.  
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