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procurement contract alleging a violation of section 2102, 2103, or 2104 of this title, and the Comptroller General may not consider that allegation in deciding a protest, unless the person, no later than 14 days after the person first discovered the possible violation, reported to the Federal agency responsible for the procurement the information that the person believed constitutes evidence of the offense.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3731.) HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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2106	41:423(g).	Pub. L. 93–400, \$27(g), as added Pub. L. 100–679, \$6(a), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4063; Pub. L. 101–189, title VIII. \$814(a)–(d)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1495; Pub. L. 101–510, title XIV. \$1484(l/6), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1720; Pub. L. 102–25, title VIII. \$705L, Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 121; Pub. L. 103–355, title VIII. \$8301(e), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3397; Pub. L. 104–106, title XLIII., \$4304(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 663.

## § 2107. Savings provisions

This chapter does not-

- (1) restrict the disclosure of information to, or its receipt by, a person or class of persons authorized, in accordance with applicable agency regulations or procedures, to receive that information:
- (2) restrict a contractor from disclosing its own bid or proposal information or the recipient from receiving that information;
- (3) restrict the disclosure or receipt of information relating to a Federal agency procurement after it has been canceled by the Federal agency before contract award unless the Federal agency plans to resume the procurement;
- (4) prohibit individual meetings between a Federal agency official and an offeror or potential offeror for, or a recipient of, a contract or subcontract under a Federal agency procurement, provided that unauthorized disclosure or receipt of contractor bid or proposal information or source selection information
- (5) authorize the withholding of information from, nor restrict its receipt by, Congress, a committee or subcommittee of Congress, the Comptroller General, a Federal agency, or an inspector general of a Federal agency;
- (6) authorize the withholding of information from, nor restrict its receipt by, the Comptroller General in the course of a protest against the award or proposed award of a Federal agency procurement contract; or
- (7) limit the applicability of a requirement, sanction, contract penalty, or remedy established under another law or regulation.

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## §2301. Use of electronic commerce in Federal procurement

- (a) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section, the term "electronic commerce" means electronic techniques for accomplishing business transactions, including electronic mail or messaging, World Wide Web technology, electronic bulletin boards, purchase cards, electronic funds transfers, and electronic data interchange.
- (b) ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE PROCEDURES AND PROC-ESSES.—The head of each executive agency, after consulting with the Administrator, shall establish, maintain, and use, to the maximum extent that is practicable and cost-effective, procedures and processes that employ electronic commerce in the conduct and administration of the procurement system of the agency.
- (c) APPLICABLE STANDARDS.—In conducting electronic commerce, the head of an executive agency shall apply nationally and internationally recognized standards that broaden interoperability and ease the electronic interchange of information.
- (d) REQUIREMENTS OF SYSTEMS, TECHNOLOGIES, PROCEDURES, AND PROCESSES.—The head of each executive agency shall ensure that systems, technologies, procedures, and processes established pursuant to this section
  - implemented with uniformity (1) are throughout the agency, to the extent practicable: