

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3106 .....	41:252(c)(1).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, § 302(c)(1), 63 Stat. 393; July 12, 1952, ch. 703, § 1(m), 66 Stat. 594; Pub. L. 85-800, §§ 2, 3, Aug. 28, 1958, 72 Stat. 966; Pub. L. 89-343, § 2, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1303; Pub. L. 89-348, § 1(2), Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1310; Pub. L. 90-268, § 4, Mar. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 50; Pub. L. 93-356, § 3, July 25, 1974, 88 Stat. 390; Pub. L. 98-191, § 9(a)(1), Dec. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 1331; Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VII, § 2714(a)(1)(B), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1184.

In paragraph (1), the words “but such authorization shall be required in the same manner as heretofore” are omitted as unnecessary.

**CHAPTER 33—PLANNING AND SOLICITATION**

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**§ 3301. Full and open competition**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sections 3303, 3304(a), and 3305 of this title and except in the case of procurement procedures otherwise expressly authorized by statute, an executive agency in conducting a procurement for property or services shall—

- (1) obtain full and open competition through the use of competitive procedures in accordance with the requirements of this division and the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and
- (2) use the competitive procedure or combination of competitive procedures that is best suited under the circumstances of the procurement.

(b) APPROPRIATE COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES.—

- (1) USE OF SEALED BIDS.—In determining the competitive procedures appropriate under the circumstance, an executive agency shall—
  - (A) solicit sealed bids if—
    - (i) time permits the solicitation, submission, and evaluation of sealed bids;
    - (ii) the award will be made on the basis of price and other price-related factors;
    - (iii) it is not necessary to conduct discussions with the responding sources about their bids; and
    - (iv) there is a reasonable expectation of receiving more than one sealed bid; or
  - (B) request competitive proposals if sealed bids are not appropriate under subparagraph (A).
- (2) SEALED BID NOT REQUIRED.—Paragraph (1)(A) does not require the use of sealed-bid

procedures in cases in which section 204(e) of title 23 applies.

(c) EFFICIENT FULFILLMENT OF GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall ensure that the requirement to obtain full and open competition is implemented in a manner that is consistent with the need to efficiently fulfill the Federal Government’s requirements.

(Pub. L. 111-350, § 3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3745.)

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3301(a) .....	41:253(a)(1).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, § 303(a), 63 Stat. 395; July 12, 1952, ch. 703, § 1(m), 66 Stat. 594; Pub. L. 90-268, § 2, Mar. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 49; Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, § 2711(a)(1), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1175; Pub. L. 103-355, title I, § 1051(1), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3260.
3301(b)(1) ....	41:253(a)(2).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, § 302(c)(2), as added Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, § 2714(a)(1)(B), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1184.
3301(b)(2) ....	41:252(c)(2).	
3301(c) .....	41:253(h).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, § 303(h), as added Pub. L. 104-106, title XLI, § 4101(b)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 642.

CONSTRUCTION

Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VII, § 2711(c), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1181, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [see Tables for classification] do not supersede or affect the provisions of section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)).”

**§ 3302. Requirements for purchase of property and services pursuant to multiple award contracts**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive agency” has the same meaning given in section 133 of this title.
- (2) INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE.—The term “individual purchase” means a task order, delivery order, or other purchase.
- (3) MULTIPLE AWARD CONTRACT.—The term “multiple award contract” means—
  - (A) a contract that is entered into by the Administrator of General Services under the multiple award schedule program referred to in section 2302(2)(C) of title 10;
  - (B) a multiple award task order contract that is entered into under the authority of sections 2304a to 2304d of title 10, or chapter 41 of this title; and
  - (C) any other indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract that is entered into by the head of an executive agency with 2 or more sources pursuant to the same solicitation.
- (4) SOLE SOURCE TASK OR DELIVERY ORDER.—The term “sole source task or delivery order” means any order that does not follow the competitive procedures in paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (c).

(b) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall require enhanced competition in the purchase of property and