

stated by the Act. The definitions for “department” and “continental United States” are omitted because those terms do not appear in 41:5. In paragraph (1), the words “section 9104 of title 31” are substituted for “section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, approved December 6, 1945” because of section 4(b) of Public Law. 97-258 (31 U.S.C. note prec. 101). In paragraphs (1) and (2), the word “includes” is substituted for “shall be construed to include” and for “shall be construed as including”, respectively, to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (c), the words “as authorized by section 29 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (50 U.S.C. App. 1638)” in section 3709 of the Revised Statutes are omitted because section 29 was repealed by section 602(a)(1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (ch. 288, 63 Stat. 399).

§ 6102. Exceptions from advertising requirement

(a) AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION.—Section 6101 of this title does not apply to the American Battle Monuments Commission with respect to leases in foreign countries for office or garage space.

(b) BUREAU OF INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.—Section 6101 of this title does not apply to the Bureau of Interparliamentary Union for Promotion of International Arbitration with respect to necessary stenographic reporting services by contract.

(c) DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—Section 6101 of this title does not apply to the Department of State when the purchase or service relates to the packing of personal and household effects of Diplomatic, Consular, and Foreign Service officers and clerks for foreign shipment.

(d) INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AERIAL LEGAL EXPERTS.—Section 6101 of this title does not apply to the International Committee of Aerial Legal Experts with respect to necessary stenographic and other services by contract.

(e) ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—The purchase of supplies and equipment and the procurement of services for all branches under the Architect of the Capitol may be made in the open market according to common business practice, without compliance with section 6101 of this title, when the aggregate amount of the purchase or the service does not exceed \$25,000 in any instance.

(f) FOREST PRODUCTS FROM INDIAN RESERVATIONS.—Lumber and other forest products produced by Indian enterprises from forests on Indian reservations may be sold under regulations the Secretary of the Interior prescribes, without compliance with section 6101 of this title.

(g) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Section 6101 of this title does not apply to purchases and contracts for supplies or services for any office of the House of Representatives.

(h) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE.—The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may enter into agreements or contracts without regard to section 6101 of this title.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3802.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
6102(a)	41:6a(a).	Oct. 10, 1940, ch. 851, §2(a), 54 Stat. 1110; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §3(8), 65 Stat. 708.
6102(b)	41:6a(f).	Oct. 10, 1940, ch. 851, §2(f), (j), 54 Stat. 1110.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
6102(c)	41:6a(h).	Oct. 10, 1940, ch. 851, §2(h), 54 Stat. 1110; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §3(9), 65 Stat. 708.
6102(d)	41:6a(j).	Pub. L. 89-90, (2d par. on p. 276), July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 276; Pub. L. 93-356, §2, July 25, 1974, 88 Stat. 390; Pub. L. 98-191, §9(c), Dec. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 1332.
6102(e)	41:6a-1.	
6102(f)	41:6b(d).	June 24, 1940, ch. 412, 54 Stat. 504.
6102(g)	41:6a-3.	Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §§104, 1102, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 354, 370.
6102(h)	41:6a-4.	

In subsections (a)–(d), the words “under any appropriation Act” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (e), the words “On and after July 27, 1965” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “according to common business practice” are substituted for “in the manner common among businessmen” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (g), the words “in any fiscal year” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (h), the text of 41:6a-4(b) is omitted as unnecessary.

§ 6103. Opening of bids

Whenever proposals for supplies have been solicited, the parties responding to the solicitation shall be notified of the time and place of the opening of the bids, and be permitted to be present either in person or by attorney. A record of each bid shall be made at the time and place of the opening of the bids.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3803.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
6103	41:8.	R.S. §3710.

CHAPTER 63—GENERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS

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§ 6301. Authorization requirement

(a) IN GENERAL.—A contract or purchase on behalf of the Federal Government shall not be made unless the contract or purchase is authorized by law or is under an appropriation adequate to its fulfillment.

(b) EXCEPTION.—

(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “defined Secretary” means—

- (A) the Secretary of Defense; or
- (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy.

(2) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) does not apply to a contract or purchase made by a defined Secretary for clothing, subsistence, forage, fuel, quarters, transportation, or medical and hospital supplies.

(3) CURRENT YEAR LIMITATION.—A contract or purchase made by a defined Secretary under this subsection may not exceed the necessities of the current year.

(4) REPORTS.—The defined Secretary shall immediately advise Congress when authority is exercised under this subsection. The defined Secretary shall report quarterly on the estimated obligations incurred pursuant to the authority granted in this subsection.

(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR PURCHASE OF LAND.—Land may not be purchased by the Federal Government unless the purchase is authorized by law.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3803; Pub. L. 111-281, title IX, §903(a)(4), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 3010.)

AMENDMENT NOT SHOWN IN TEXT

Subsecs. (a) and (b) of this section are derived from section 11 of former Title 41, Public Contracts, which was amended by Pub. L. 111-281, title IX, §903(a)(4), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 3010, prior to being repealed and reenacted as subsecs. (a) and (b) of this section by Pub. L. 111-350, §§3, 7(b), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3677, 3855. For applicability of that amendment to this section, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 111-350, set out as a Transitional and Savings Provisions note preceding section 101 of this title. Section 903 of Pub. L. 111-281 provided that, effective with the enactment of Pub. L. 109-241, section 902(c) of Pub. L. 109-241, which amended section 3732 of the Revised Statutes, is amended by inserting in the directory language, “of the United States” after “Revised Statutes”, resulting in no change in text.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6301(a)	41:11(a) (words before 2nd comma).	R.S. §3732; Pub. L. 89-687, title VI, §612(e), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 993; Pub. L. 98-557, §17(e)(1), (2), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2868; Pub. L. 104-106, div. D, title XLIII, §4322(b)(4), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 677; Pub. L. 109-241, title IX, §902(c), July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 566.
6301(b)	41:11(a) (words after 2nd comma), (b).	
6301(c)	41:14.	R.S. §3736.

In subsection (b)(1)(A), the words “Secretary of Defense” are substituted for “Department of Defense” because of 10:113.

In subsection (b)(1)(B), the words “Secretary of Homeland Security” are substituted for “Department of Homeland Security” because of section 102(a)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 112(a)(2)).

§ 6302. Contracts for fuel made by Secretary of the Army

The Secretary of the Army, when the Secretary believes it is in the interest of the United States, may enter into contracts and incur obligations for fuel in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements for one year without regard to the current fiscal year. Amounts appropriated for the fiscal year in which the contract is made or amounts appropriated or which may be appropriated for the following fiscal year may be used to pay for supplies delivered under a contract made pursuant to this section.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3804.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6302	41:11a.	June 30, 1921, ch. 33, §1 (last proviso on p. 78), 42 Stat. 78.

The words “Secretary of the Army” are substituted for “Secretary of War” because of section 205(a) of the National Security Act of 1947 (ch. 343, 61 Stat. 501). Section 205(a) was repealed by section 53 of the Act of August 10, 1956 (ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 676). Section 1 of the Act of August 10, 1956 (70A Stat. 1) enacted Title 10, “Armed Forces”, and under sections 3011 to 3013 of title 10, the Department of the Army remains under the administrative supervision of the Secretary of the Army.

§ 6303. Certain contracts limited to appropriated amounts

A contract to erect, repair, or furnish a public building, or to make any public improvement, shall not be made on terms requiring the Federal Government to pay more than the amount specifically appropriated for the activity covered by the contract.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3804.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6303	41:12.	R.S. §3733.

The words “the activity covered by the contract” are substituted for “the specific purpose” for clarity.

§ 6304. Certain contracts limited to one-year term

Except as otherwise provided, an executive department shall not make a contract for stationery or other supplies for a term longer than one year from the time the contract is made.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3804.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6304	41:13.	R.S. §3735.

The words “an executive department shall not” are substituted for “it shall not be lawful for any of the executive departments to” to state the legal prohibition directly and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 6305. Prohibition on transfer of contract and certain allowable assignments

(a) GENERAL PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF CONTRACTS.—The party to whom the Federal Gov-