

mendations, the actions taken on the recommendations and the reasons for those actions, and an assessment of the effects of those actions on the Federal Government. The report shall be available to any Member of Congress on request.

(i) **RESTRICTION ON DELEGATION.**—The head of an executive agency may not delegate responsibilities under this section to an individual in a position below level IV of the Executive Schedule.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3792.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4506	41:255(g).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, § 305(g), as added Pub. L. 103-355, title II, § 2051(e), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3305, as amended Pub. L. 104-106, title XLIII, § 4321(a)(4), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 671.

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Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VIII, §828(a)(2), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1840, added item 4712.

§ 4701. Determinations and decisions

(a) **INDIVIDUAL OR CLASS DETERMINATIONS AND DECISIONS AUTHORIZED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Determinations and decisions required to be made under this division by the head of an executive agency or provided in this division or chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 to be made by the Administrator of General Services or other agency head may be made for an individual purchase or contract or, except for determinations or decisions made under sections 3105, 3301, 3303 to 3305, 3306(a)–(e), and 3308, chapter 37, and section 4702 of this title or to the extent expressly prohibited by another law, for a class of purchases or contracts.

(2) **DELEGATION.**—Except as provided in section 3304(a)(7) of this title, and except as provided in section 121(d)(1) and (2) of title 40 with respect to the Administrator of General Serv-

ices, the agency head, in the discretion and subject to the direction of the agency head, may delegate powers provided by this division or chapters 1 to 11 of title 40, including the making of determinations and decisions described in paragraph (1), to other officers or officials of the agency.

(3) **FINALITY.**—The determinations and decisions are final.

(b) **WRITTEN FINDINGS.**—

(1) **BASIS FOR CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS.**—Each determination or decision under section 3901, 3905, 4503, or 4706(d)(2)(B) of this title shall be based on a written finding by the individual making the determination or decision. A finding under section 4503 or 4706(d)(2)(B) shall set out facts and circumstances that support the determination or decision.

(2) **FINALITY.**—Each finding referred to in paragraph (1) is final.

(3) **MAINTAINING COPIES OF FINDINGS.**—The head of an executive agency shall maintain for a period of not less than 6 years a copy of each finding referred to in paragraph (1) that is made by an individual in that executive agency. The period begins on the date of the determination or decision to which the finding relates.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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4701	41:257.	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, §307, 63 Stat. 396; Pub. L. 95-900, §5, Aug. 29, 1958, 72 Stat. 967; Pub. L. 89-343, §§3, 4, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1303; Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, §2714(a)(4), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1184; Pub. L. 104-106, title XLIII, §4321(e)(6), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 675; Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §121(c), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3836.
	41:262.	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, §312, as added Pub. L. 103-355, title I, §1553, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3300.

§ 4702. Prohibition on release of contractor proposals

(a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “proposal” means a proposal, including a technical, management, or cost proposal, submitted by a contractor in response to the requirements of a solicitation for a competitive proposal.

(b) **PROHIBITION.**—A proposal in the possession or control of an executive agency may not be made available to any person under section 552 of title 5.

(c) **NONAPPLICATION.**—Subsection (b) does not apply to a proposal that is set forth or incorporated by reference in a contract entered into between the agency and the contractor that submitted the proposal.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3794.)