

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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8506	41:48c.	June 25, 1938, ch. 697, § 6, 52 Stat. 1196; Pub. L. 92-28, § 1, June 23, 1971, 85 Stat. 82; Pub. L. 93-76, July 30, 1973, 87 Stat. 176; Pub. L. 93-358, § 1(4), July 25, 1974, 88 Stat. 393.

The reference to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 is omitted as obsolete.

CHAPTER 87—KICKBACKS

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§ 8701. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) **CONTRACTING AGENCY.**—The term “contracting agency”, when used with respect to a prime contractor, means a department, agency, or establishment of the Federal Government that enters into a prime contract with a prime contractor.

(2) **KICKBACK.**—The term “kickback” means any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, thing of value, or compensation of any kind that is provided to a prime contractor, prime contractor employee, subcontractor, or subcontractor employee to improperly obtain or reward favorable treatment in connection with a prime contract or a subcontract relating to a prime contract.

(3) **PERSON.**—The term “person” means a corporation, partnership, business association of any kind, trust, joint-stock company, or individual.

(4) **PRIME CONTRACT.**—The term “prime contract” means a contract or contractual action entered into by the Federal Government to obtain supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind.

(5) **PRIME CONTRACTOR.**—The term “prime contractor” means a person that has entered into a prime contract with the Federal Government.

(6) **PRIME CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE.**—The term “prime contractor employee” means an officer, partner, employee, or agent of a prime contractor.

(7) **SUBCONTRACT.**—The term “subcontract” means a contract or contractual action entered into by a prime contractor or subcontractor to obtain supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind under a prime contract.

(8) **SUBCONTRACTOR.**—The term “subcontractor”—

(A) means a person, other than the prime contractor, that offers to furnish or furnishes supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind under a prime contract or a subcontract entered into in connection with the prime contract; and

(B) includes a person that offers to furnish or furnishes general supplies to the prime contractor or a higher tier subcontractor.

(9) **SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE.**—The term “subcontractor employee” means an officer, partner, employee, or agent of a subcontractor.

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8701	41:52.	Mar. 8, 1946, ch. 80, § 2, 60 Stat. 37; Pub. L. 86-695, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 740; Pub. L. 99-634, § 2(a), Nov. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 3523.

In this section, the text of 41:52(3) is omitted because of the definition of “person” in 1:1.

In paragraph (2), the words “directly or indirectly” are omitted as unnecessary.

SENATE REVISION AMENDMENT

Senate amendment 4726 (111th Cong.) added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) to (8) as (4) to (9), respectively. See 156 Cong. Rec. S8442, Dec. 2, 2010 (daily ed.).

§ 8702. Prohibited conduct

A person may not—

(1) provide, attempt to provide, or offer to provide a kickback;

(2) solicit, accept, or attempt to accept a kickback; or

(3) include the amount of a kickback prohibited by paragraph (1) or (2) in the contract price—

(A) a subcontractor charges a prime contractor or a higher tier subcontractor; or

(B) a prime contractor charges the Federal Government.

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In paragraph (3), before subparagraph (A), the words “directly or indirectly” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 8703. Contractor responsibilities

(a) **REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED IN CONTRACTS.**—Each contracting agency shall include in each prime contract awarded by the agency a requirement that the prime contractor shall—

(1) have in place and follow reasonable procedures designed to prevent and detect violations of section 8702 of this title in its own operations and direct business relationships; and

(2) cooperate fully with a Federal Government agency investigating a violation of section 8702 of this title.

(b) **FULL COOPERATION REQUIRED.**—Notwithstanding subsection (d), a prime contractor shall cooperate fully with a Federal Government agency investigating a violation of section 8702 of this title.

(c) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A prime contractor or subcontractor that has reasonable grounds to be-