

cer, 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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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
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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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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8702	41:53.	Mar. 8, 1946, ch. 80, §3, 60 Stat. 37; Pub. L. 86-695, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 740; Pub. L. 99-634, §2(a), Nov. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 3524.

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 believe that a violation of section 8702 of this title may have occurred shall promptly report the possible violation in writing to the inspector general of the contracting agency, the head of the contracting agency if the agency does not have an inspector general, or the Attorney General.

(2) **SUPPLYING INFORMATION AS FAVORABLE EVIDENCE.**—In an administrative or contractual action to suspend or debar a person who is eligible to enter into contracts with the Federal Government, evidence that the person has supplied information to the Federal Government pursuant to paragraph (1) is favorable evidence of the person’s responsibility for the purposes of Federal procurement laws and regulations.

(d) **INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN PRIME CONTRACTS.**—Subsection (a) does not apply to a prime contract—

(1) that is not greater than \$100,000; or

(2) for the acquisition of commercial items (as defined in section 103 of this title).

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8703(a)	41:57(a), (b).	Mar. 8, 1946, ch. 80, §7, 60 Stat. 37; Pub. L. 86-695, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 740; Pub. L. 99-634, §2(a), Nov. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 3525; Pub. L. 103-355, title IV, §410(a), title VIII, §8301(c)(1), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3341, 3397; Pub. L. 104-106, div. D, title XLIII, §4321(g), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 675.
8703(b)	41:57(e).	
8703(c)	41:57(c).	
8703(d)	41:57(d).	

In subsection (c)(1), the words “Attorney General” are substituted for “Department of Justice” because of 28:503.

§ 8704. Inspection authority

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—To ascertain whether there has been a violation of section 8702 of this title with respect to a prime contract, the Comptroller General and the inspector general of the contracting agency, or a representative of the contracting agency designated by the head of the agency if the agency does not have an inspector general, shall have access to and may inspect