

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a)(1), “sections 6301(a), (b)(1) to (3) and 6306(a) of title 41,” substituted for “sections 3732(a) and 3741 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U.S.C. 11(a) and 22),” and “section 3901 and chapter 45 of title 41” substituted for “sections 304(a) and 305 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 254(a) and 255)” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited in the credit to this section, and not as part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-76 substituted “2014 and thereafter” for “2013” in introductory provisions.

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-6 substituted “2013” for “2012” in introductory provisions.

2011—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-74 substituted “2012” for “2011” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 112-10 substituted “2011” for “2010” in introductory provisions.

2009—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-83 substituted “2010” for “2009” in introductory provisions.

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-329 substituted “2009” for “2008” in introductory provisions.

2007—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-161 substituted “2008” for “2007” in introductory provisions.

PART D—ACQUISITIONS

§ 391. Research and development projects**(a) Authority**

Until September 30, 2014, and subject to subsection (d), the Secretary may carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary may exercise the following authorities:

(1) In general

When the Secretary carries out basic, applied, and advanced research and development projects, including the expenditure of funds for such projects, the Secretary may exercise the same authority (subject to the same limitations and conditions) with respect to such research and projects as the Secretary of Defense may exercise under section 2371 of title 10 (except for subsections (b) and (f)), after making a determination that the use of a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for such project is not feasible or appropriate. The annual report required under subsection (b) of this section, as applied to the Secretary by this paragraph, shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(2) Prototype projects

The Secretary may, under the authority of paragraph (1), carry out prototype projects in accordance with the requirements and conditions provided for carrying out prototype projects under section 845 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103-160). In applying the authorities of that section 845, subsection (c) of that section shall apply with respect to prototype projects under this paragraph, and the Secretary shall perform the functions of the Secretary of Defense under subsection (d) thereof.

(b) Procurement of temporary and intermittent services

The Secretary may—

(1) procure the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants (or organizations thereof) in accordance with section 3109(b) of title 5; and

(2) whenever necessary due to an urgent homeland security need, procure temporary (not to exceed 1 year) or intermittent personal services, including the services of experts or consultants (or organizations thereof), without regard to the pay limitations of such section 3109.

(c) Additional requirements**(1) In general**

The authority of the Secretary under this section shall terminate September 30, 2014, unless before that date the Secretary—

(A) issues policy guidance detailing the appropriate use of that authority; and

(B) provides training to each employee that is authorized to exercise that authority.

(2) Report

The Secretary shall provide an annual report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives detailing the projects for which the authority granted by subsection (a) was used, the rationale for its use, the funds spent using that authority, the outcome of each project for which that authority was used, and the results of any audits of such projects.

(d) Definition of nontraditional Government contractor

In this section, the term “nontraditional Government contractor” has the same meaning as the term “nontraditional defense contractor” as defined in section 845(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103-160; 10 U.S.C. 2371 note).

(Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, §831, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2224; Pub. L. 110-161, div. E, title V, §572, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2093; Pub. L. 110-329, div. D, title V, §537, Sept. 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 3687; Pub. L. 111-83, title V, §531, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2174; Pub. L. 112-10, div. B, title VI, §1651, Apr. 15, 2011, 125 Stat. 146; Pub. L. 112-74, div. D, title V, §527, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 974; Pub. L. 113-6, div. D, title V, §525, Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 371; Pub. L. 113-76, div. F, title V, §525, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 273.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 845 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, referred to in subsecs. (a)(2) and (d), is section 845 of Pub. L. 103-160, which is set out as a note under section 2371 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-76, §525(1), substituted “Until September 30, 2014,” for “Until September 30, 2013,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 113-76, §525(2), substituted “September 30, 2014,” for “September 30, 2013,” in introductory provisions.

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-6, §525(1), substituted “Until September 30, 2013,” for “Until September 30, 2012,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 113-6, § 525(2), substituted “September 30, 2013,” for “September 30, 2012,” in introductory provisions.

2011—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-74, § 527(1), substituted “Until September 30, 2012,” for “Until September 30, 2011” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 112-10, § 1651(1), substituted “Until September 30, 2011” for “Until September 30, 2010” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-74, § 527(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “Not later than 2 years after the effective date of this chapter, and annually thereafter, the Comptroller General shall report to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate on—

“(1) whether use of the authorities described in subsection (a) of this section attracts nontraditional Government contractors and results in the acquisition of needed technologies; and

“(2) if such authorities were to be made permanent, whether additional safeguards are needed with respect to the use of such authorities.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-74, § 527(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 112-74, § 527(4), substituted “September 30, 2012,” for “September 30, 2011” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-74, § 527(3), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 112-10, § 1651(2), substituted “September 30, 2011” for “September 30, 2010” in introductory provisions.

2009—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-83, § 531(1), substituted “September 30, 2010,” for “September 30, 2009” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 111-83, § 531(2), substituted “September 30, 2010,” for “September 30, 2009,” in introductory provisions.

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-329, § 537(1), substituted “Until September 30, 2009 and subject to subsection (d),” for “Until September 30, 2008,” in introductory provisions.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 110-329, § 537(2), (3), added subsec. (d) and redesignated former subsec. (d) as (e).

2007—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-161 substituted “Until September 30, 2008” for “During the 5-year period following the effective date of this chapter” in introductory provisions.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

§ 392. Personal services

The Secretary—

(1) may procure the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants (or organizations thereof) in accordance with section 3109 of title 5; and

(2) may, whenever necessary due to an urgent homeland security need, procure temporary (not to exceed 1 year) or intermittent personal services, including the services of experts or consultants (or organizations thereof), without regard to the pay limitations of such section 3109.

(Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, § 832, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2225.)

§ 393. Special streamlined acquisition authority

(a) Authority

(1) In general

The Secretary may use the authorities set forth in this section with respect to any procurement made during the period beginning on the effective date of this chapter and ending September 30, 2007, if the Secretary determines in writing that the mission of the Department (as described in section 111 of this title) would be seriously impaired without the use of such authorities.

(2) Delegation

The authority to make the determination described in paragraph (1) may not be delegated by the Secretary to an officer of the Department who is not appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(3) Notification

Not later than the date that is 7 days after the date of any determination under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate—

- (A) notification of such determination; and
- (B) the justification for such determination.

(b) Increased micro-purchase threshold for certain procurements

(1) In general

The Secretary may designate certain employees of the Department to make procurements described in subsection (a) for which in the administration of section 1902 of title 41 the amount specified in subsections (a), (d), and (e) of such section 1902 shall be deemed to be \$7,500.

(2) Number of employees

The number of employees designated under paragraph (1) shall be—

(A) fewer than the number of employees of the Department who are authorized to make purchases without obtaining competitive quotations, pursuant to section 1902(d) of title 41;

(B) sufficient to ensure the geographic dispersal of the availability of the use of the procurement authority under such paragraph at locations reasonably considered to be potential terrorist targets; and

(C) sufficiently limited to allow for the careful monitoring of employees designated under such paragraph.

(3) Review

Procurements made under the authority of this subsection shall be subject to review by a designated supervisor on not less than a monthly basis. The supervisor responsible for the review shall be responsible for no more than 7 employees making procurements under this subsection.

(c) Simplified acquisition procedures

(1) In general

With respect to a procurement described in subsection (a), the Secretary may deem the