

§ 2303. Applicability of chapter

(a) This chapter applies to the procurement by any of the following agencies, for its use or otherwise, of all property (other than land) and all services for which payment is to be made from appropriated funds:

- (1) The Department of Defense.
- (2) The Department of the Army.
- (3) The Department of the Navy.
- (4) The Department of the Air Force.
- (5) The Coast Guard.
- (6) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(b) The provisions of this chapter that apply to the procurement of property apply also to contracts for its installation or alteration.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 128; Pub. L. 85-568, title III, § 301(b), July 29, 1958, 72 Stat. 432; Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VII, § 2722(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1187.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2303(a)	41:151(a).	Feb. 19, 1948, ch. 65,
2303(b)	41:158 (clause (b), less last 5 words).	§§ 2(a), 9 (clause (b)), 62 Stat. 21, 24.
2303(c)	41:158 (last 5 words of clause (b)).	

In subsection (a), the words "all property named in subsection (b), and all services" are substituted for the words "for supplies or services". The words "(each being hereinafter called the agency)", are omitted, since the revised sections of this chapter make specific reference to the agencies named in this revised section. The words "United States" before the words "Coast Guard" are omitted, since they are not a part of the official name of the Coast Guard under section 1 of title 14.

In subsection (b), the introductory clause is substituted for the word "supplies". Throughout the revised chapter reference is made to "property or services covered by this chapter", instead of "supplies", since the word "supplies" is defined in section 101(26) of this title in its usual and narrower sense, rather than the sense of the source statute for this revised chapter. It is desirable to avoid a usage which conflicts with the definition in section 101(26) of this title. The word "ships" and the words "of every character, type, and description", after the word "vessels", are omitted as covered by the definition of "vessel" in section 1 of title 1.

AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-369, § 2722(b)(1)(A), (B), substituted in provisions preceding cl. (1) "procurement" for "purchase, and contract to purchase," and "(other than land) and all services" for "named in subsection (b), and all services."

Subsec. (a)(1) to (6). Pub. L. 98-369, § 2722(b)(1)(C), (D), added cl. (1) and redesignated existing cls. (1) to (5) as (2) to (6), respectively.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 98-369, § 2722(b)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b). Former subsec. (b), which had provided that this chapter did not cover land but did cover public works, buildings, facilities, vessels, floating equipment, aircraft, parts, accessories, equipment, and machine tools, was struck out.

1958—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 85-568 substituted "The National Aeronautics and Space Administration" for "The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 applicable with respect to any solicitation for bids or proposals issued after

Mar. 31, 1985, see section 2751 of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 2302 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-568 effective 90 days after July 29, 1958, or on any earlier date on which the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration determines, and announces by proclamation, that the Administration has been organized and is prepared to discharge the duties and exercise the powers conferred upon it, see note set out under section 2302 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

ACQUISITION, LEASE, OR RENTAL FOR USE BY THE ARMED FORCES OF MOTOR BUSES MANUFACTURED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Pub. L. 90-500, title IV, § 404, Sept. 20, 1968, 82 Stat. 851, which provided that no funds for the armed forces were to be used to buy or lease buses other than those manufactured in the United States, except as regulation from the Secretary of Defense might authorize solely to avoid uneconomical procurement or one contrary to the national interest, was repealed and restated as section 2400 of this title by Pub. L. 97-295, §§ 1(29)(A), 6(b), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1294, 1314.

§ 2303a. Repealed. Pub. L. 98-577, title III, § 302(c)(1), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3077]

Section, Pub. L. 98-525, title XII, § 1212(a), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2590, related to publication of proposed regulations.

Section, pursuant to section 1212(b) of Pub. L. 98-525, was to have taken effect with respect to procurement policies, regulations, procedures, or forms first proposed to be issued by an agency on or after the date which was 30 days after the date of enactment of Pub. L. 98-525. Pub. L. 98-525 was approved Oct. 19, 1984. However, before that effective date, the section was repealed by Pub. L. 98-577.

§ 2304. Contracts: competition requirements

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (g) and except in the case of procurement procedures otherwise expressly authorized by statute, the head of an agency in conducting a procurement for property or services—

(A) shall obtain full and open competition through the use of competitive procedures in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and

(B) shall use the competitive procedure or combination of competitive procedures that is best suited under the circumstances of the procurement.

(2) In determining the competitive procedure appropriate under the circumstances, the head of an agency—

(A) shall solicit sealed bids if—

(i) time permits the solicitation, submission, and evaluation of sealed bids;

(ii) the award will be made on the basis of price and other price-related factors;