

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.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 120 days after Dec. 17, 2002, see section 402(a) of Pub. L. 107-347, set out as a note under section 3601 of this title.

**CHAPTER 37—ADVERTISEMENTS BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

Sec. 3701.	Advertisements for contracts in District of Columbia.
3702.	Advertisements not to be published without written authority.
3703.	Rate of payment for advertisements, notices, and proposals.

**§ 3701. Advertisements for contracts in District of Columbia**

Advertisements for contracts for the public service may not be published in any newspaper published and printed in the District of Columbia unless the supplies or labor covered by the advertisement are to be furnished or performed in the District of Columbia or in the adjoining counties of Maryland or Virginia.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1305.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 321 (R.S. § 79; June 20, 1874, ch. 328, 18 Stat. 90; Feb. 18, 1875, ch. 80, § 1, 18 Stat. 317; July 31, 1876, ch. 246, 19 Stat. 105; Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 744, § 17(b), 60 Stat. 811; 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 20, § 2(b), eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3178, 64 Stat. 1272).

**§ 3702. Advertisements not to be published without written authority**

Advertisements, notices, or proposals for an executive department of the Government, or for a bureau or office connected with it, may not be published in a newspaper except under written authority from the head of the department; and a bill for advertising or publication may not be paid unless there is presented with the bill a copy of the written authority.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1305.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 324 (R.S. § 3828).

**§ 3703. Rate of payment for advertisements, notices, and proposals**

Advertisements, notices, proposals for contracts, and all forms of advertising required by law for the several departments of the Government may be paid for at a price not to exceed the commercial rates charged to private individuals, with the usual discounts. But the heads of the several departments may secure lower terms at special rates when the public interest requires it. The rates shall include the furnishing of lawful evidence, under oath, of publication, to be made and furnished by the printer or publisher making publication.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1305.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §§ 322, 325 (R.S. § 853; June 20, 1878, ch. 359, § 1, 20 Stat. 216; Sept. 23, 1950, ch. 1010, § 5, 64 Stat. 986).

The second sentence of former section 325 was added. The balance was superseded by former section 322 which will be found in section 3703 of the revision.

**CHAPTER 39—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Sec. 3901.	Purpose and establishment of the Office of Inspector General.
3902.	Appointment of Inspector General; supervision; removal.
3903.	Duties, responsibilities, authority, and reports.

## CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in chapter heading on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537, set out as a note preceding section 301 of this title.

**§ 3901. Purpose and establishment of the Office of Inspector General**

In order to create an independent and objective office—

(1) to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the Government Publishing Office;

(2) to provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; and

(3) to provide a means of keeping the Director of the Government Publishing Office and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration and operations of the Government Publishing Office;

there is hereby established an Office of Inspector General in the Government Publishing Office.

(Added Pub. L. 100-504, title II, § 202, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2530; amended Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, § 1301(b), (c)(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Par. (3). Pub. L. 113-235, § 1301(c)(1), substituted “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “Public Printer”.

## CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in pars. (1) and (3) and concluding provisions on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-504, title II, § 206, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2532, provided that: “The provisions of this title and the amendments made by this title [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under sections 101 and 3901 of this title] shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this title [Oct. 18, 1988].”

## SHORT TITLE

For short title of title II of Pub. L. 100-504, which enacted this chapter, as the “Government Printing Office Inspector General Act of 1988”, see section 201 of Pub. L. 100-504, set out as a Short Title of 1988 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

## TRANSFER OF OFFICE

Pub. L. 100-504, title II, § 203, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2531 transferred the office of the Government Printing

Office referred to as the “Office of Inspector General”, and the functions, powers, duties, and certain personnel of that office, to the Office of Inspector General in the Government Printing Office.

PAYMENT AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 100-504, title II, §205, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2531, provided that: “Any authority to make payments under this title [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under sections 101 and 3901 of this title] shall be effective only to such extent as provided in appropriations Acts.”

**§ 3902. Appointment of Inspector General; supervision; removal**

(a) There shall be at the head of the Office of Inspector General, an Inspector General who shall be appointed by the Director of the Government Publishing Office without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations. The Inspector General shall report to, and be under the general supervision of, the Director of the Government Publishing Office. The Director of the Government Publishing Office shall have no authority to prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation, or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit or investigation.

(b) The Inspector General may be removed from office by the Director of the Government Publishing Office. The Director of the Government Publishing Office shall, promptly upon such removal, communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal to each House of the Congress.

(Added Pub. L. 100-504, title II, §202, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2530; amended Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(c)(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-235 substituted “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “Public Printer” wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 206 of 100-504, set out as a note under section 3901 of this title.

**§ 3903. Duties, responsibilities, authority, and reports**

(a) Sections 4, 5, 6 (other than subsection (a)(7) and (8) thereof), and 7 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App. 3) shall apply to the Inspector General of the Government Publishing Office and the Office of such Inspector General and such sections shall be applied to the Government Publishing Office and the Director of the Government Publishing Office by substituting—

- (1) “Government Publishing Office” for “establishment”; and
- (2) “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “head of the establishment”.

(b) The Inspector General, in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, is authorized to select, appoint, and employ such officers and em-

ployees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General subject to the provisions of this title governing selections, appointments, and employment in the Government Publishing Office (and any regulations thereunder).

(Added Pub. L. 100-504, title II, §202, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2531; amended Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(b), (c)(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (a), are sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Pub. L. 95-452, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-235, §1301(c)(1), substituted “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “Public Printer” in introductory provisions and par. (2).

CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” wherever appearing in text on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 206 of 100-504, set out as a note under section 3901 of this title.

**CHAPTER 41—ACCESS TO FEDERAL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION**

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**§ 4101. Electronic directory; online access to publications; electronic storage facility**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Documents, under the direction of the Director of the Government Publishing Office, shall—

(1) maintain an electronic directory of Federal electronic information;

(2) provide a system of online access to the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and, as determined by the Superintendent of Documents, other appropriate publications distributed by the Superintendent of Documents; and

(3) operate an electronic storage facility for Federal electronic information to which online access is made available under paragraph (2).

(b) DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS.—To the extent practicable, the Superintendent of Documents shall accommodate any request by the head of a department or agency to include in the system of access referred to in subsection (a)(2) information that is under the control of the department or agency involved.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the Superintendent of Documents shall consult—

(1) users of the directory and the system of access provided for under subsection (a); and