

term includes an entity within the Department of Defense, an entity within the private sector, or a partnership between such entities.

(5) MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEM.—The term “major weapon system” means a major system within the meaning of section 2302d(a) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VIII, §823(a)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1830; amended Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VIII, §823, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 809.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (b)(2)(I). Pub. L. 113-66 added subpar. (I).

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 805 of Pub. L. 111-84, which was set out as a note under section 2302 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VIII, §823(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1832.

§ 2337a. Assessment, management, and control of operating and support costs for major weapon systems

(a) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall issue and maintain guidance on actions to be taken to assess, manage, and control Department of Defense costs for the operation and support of major weapon systems.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The guidance required by subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

(1) be issued in conjunction with the comprehensive guidance on life-cycle management and the development and implementation of product support strategies for major weapon systems required by section 2337 of this title;

(2) require the military departments to retain each estimate of operating and support costs that is developed at any time during the life cycle of a major weapon system, together with supporting documentation used to develop the estimate;

(3) require the military departments to update estimates of operating and support costs periodically throughout the life cycle of a major weapon system, to determine whether preliminary information and assumptions remain relevant and accurate, and identify and record reasons for variances;

(4) establish policies and procedures for the collection, organization, maintenance, and availability of standardized data on operating and support costs for major weapon systems in accordance with section 2222 of this title;

(5) establish standard requirements for the collection and reporting of data on operating and support costs for major weapon systems by contractors performing weapon system sustainment functions in an appropriate format, and develop contract clauses to ensure that contractors comply with such requirements;

(6) require the military departments—

(A) to collect and retain data from operational and developmental testing and evaluation on the reliability and maintainability of major weapon systems; and

(B) to use such data to inform system design decisions, provide insight into sustainment costs, and inform estimates of operating and support costs for such systems;

(7) require the military departments to ensure that sustainment factors are fully considered at key life-cycle management decision points and that appropriate measures are taken to reduce operating and support costs by influencing system design early in development, developing sound sustainment strategies, and addressing key drivers of costs;

(8) require the military departments to conduct an independent logistics assessment of each major weapon system prior to key acquisition decision points (including milestone decisions) to identify features that are likely to drive future operating and support costs, changes to system design that could reduce such costs, and effective strategies for managing such costs;

(9) include—

(A) reliability metrics for major weapon systems; and

(B) requirements on the use of metrics under subparagraph (A) as triggers—

(i) to conduct further investigation and analysis into drivers of those metrics; and

(ii) to develop strategies for improving reliability, availability, and maintainability of such systems at an affordable cost; and

(10) require the military departments to conduct periodic reviews of operating and support costs of major weapon systems after such systems achieve initial operational capability to identify and address factors resulting in growth in operating and support costs and adapt support strategies to reduce such costs.

(c) RETENTION OF DATA ON OPERATING AND SUPPORT COSTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a database on operating and support estimates, supporting documentation, and actual operating and support costs for major weapon systems.

(2) SUPPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Director, in carrying out such responsibility—

(A) promptly receives the results of all cost estimates and cost analyses conducted by the military departments with regard to operating and support costs of major weapon systems;

(B) has timely access to any records and data of the military departments (including classified and proprietary information) that the Director considers necessary to carry out such responsibility; and

(C) with the concurrence of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, may direct the military departments to collect and retain information necessary to support the database.

(d) MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this section, the term “major weapon system” has the meaning given that term in section 2379(f) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VIII, §836(a)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1472; amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title X, §1081(a)(20), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1984.)

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 832 of Pub. L. 112-81, which was set out as a note under section 2430 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VIII, § 836(b)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1473.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “this title” for “title 10, United States Code”.

SHOULD-COST MANAGEMENT

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VIII, § 837, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1474, provided that:

“(a) REQUIREMENT FOR REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 12, 2017], the Secretary of Defense shall amend the Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to provide for the appropriate use of the should-cost review process of a major weapon system in a manner that is transparent, objective, and provides for the efficiency of the systems acquisition process in the Department of the Defense.

“(b) REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—The regulations required under subsection (a) shall incorporate, at a minimum, the following elements:

“(1) A description of the features of the should-cost review process.

“(2) Establishment of a process for communicating with the prime contractor on the program elements of a proposed should-cost review.

“(3) A method for ensuring that identified should-cost savings opportunities are based on accurate, complete, and current information and can be quantified and tracked.

“(4) A description of the training, skills, and experience that Department of Defense and contractor officials carrying out a should-cost review in subsection (a) should possess.

“(5) A method for ensuring appropriate collaboration with the contractor throughout the review process.

“(6) Establishment of review process requirements that provide for sufficient analysis and minimize any impact on program schedule.”

§ 2338. Micro-purchase threshold

The micro-purchase threshold for the Department of Defense is \$10,000.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VIII, § 821(a), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2276; amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 821(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1853.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “The micro-purchase threshold for the Department of Defense is \$10,000” for “Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 1902 of title 41, the micro-purchase threshold for the Department of Defense for purposes of such section is \$5,000”.

[§ 2339. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 821(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1853]

Section, added Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title II, § 217(a)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2051, set the micro-purchase threshold for basic research programs and activities of the Department of Defense science and technology reinvention laboratories.

§ 2339a. Requirements for information relating to supply chain risk

(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (b), the head of a covered agency may—

(1) carry out a covered procurement action; and

(2) limit, notwithstanding any other provision of law, in whole or in part, the disclosure of information relating to the basis for carrying out a covered procurement action.

(b) DETERMINATION AND NOTIFICATION.—The head of a covered agency may exercise the authority provided in subsection (a) only after—

(1) obtaining a joint recommendation by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, on the basis of a risk assessment by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, that there is a significant supply chain risk to a covered system;

(2) making a determination in writing, in unclassified or classified form, with the concurrence of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, that—

(A) use of the authority in subsection (a)(1) is necessary to protect national security by reducing supply chain risk;

(B) less intrusive measures are not reasonably available to reduce such supply chain risk; and

(C) in a case where the head of the covered agency plans to limit disclosure of information under subsection (a)(2), the risk to national security due to the disclosure of such information outweighs the risk due to not disclosing such information; and

(3) providing a classified or unclassified notice of the determination made under paragraph (2) to the appropriate congressional committees, which notice shall include—

(A) the information required by section 2304(f)(3) of this title;

(B) the joint recommendation by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense as specified in paragraph (1);

(C) a summary of the risk assessment by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence that serves as the basis for the joint recommendation specified in paragraph (1); and

(D) a summary of the basis for the determination, including a discussion of less intrusive measures that were considered and why they were not reasonably available to reduce supply chain risk.

(c) DELEGATION.—The head of a covered agency may not delegate the authority provided in subsection (a) or the responsibility to make a determination under subsection (b) to an official below the level of the service acquisition executive for the agency concerned.

(d) LIMITATION ON DISCLOSURE.—If the head of a covered agency has exercised the authority provided in subsection (a)(2) to limit disclosure of information—

(1) no action undertaken by the agency head under such authority shall be subject to review in a bid protest before the Government Accountability Office or in any Federal court; and

(2) the agency head shall—

(A) notify appropriate parties of a covered procurement action and the basis for such