ecutive agency determines that a purpose of the system is to disseminate information to the public, then the head of that executive agency shall reasonably ensure that an index of information disseminated by the system is included in the directory created pursuant to section 4101 of title 44. This section does not authorize the dissemination of information to the public unless otherwise authorized.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1252, \$11703; renumbered \$11702, Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title VIII, \$825(c)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2616.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)	
11703	40:1503.	Pub. L. 104–106, div. E, title LIV, §5403, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 698.	

The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter" are omitted as unnecessary.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11702 was renumbered section 11701 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

 $2002\mathrm{-Pub}.$ L. $107\mathrm{-}314$ renumbered section 11703 of this title as this section.

§ 11703. Procurement procedures

To the maximum extent practicable, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall ensure that the process for acquisition of information technology is a simplified, clear, and understandable process that specifically addresses the management of risk, incremental acquisitions, and the need to incorporate commercial information technology in a timely manner.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1252, \$11704; renumbered \$11703, Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title VIII, \$825(c)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2616.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
11704	40:1461.	Pub. L. 104–106, div. E, title LII, §5201, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 689.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11703 was renumbered section 11702 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

 $2002\mathrm{-Pub}.$ L. $107\mathrm{-}314$ renumbered section 11704 of this title as this section.

[§ 11704. Renumbered § 11703]

SUBTITLE IV—APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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CHAPTER 141—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§ 14101. Findings and purposes

(a) 1965 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds and declares that the Appalachian region of the United States, while abundant in natural resources and rich in potential, lags behind the rest of the Nation in its economic growth and that its people have not shared properly in the Nation's prosperity. The region's uneven past development, with its historical reliance on a few basic industries and a marginal agriculture, has failed to provide the economic base that is a vital prerequisite for vigorous, self-sustaining growth. State and local governments and the people of the region understand their problems and have been working, and will continue to work, purposefully toward their solution. Congress recognizes the comprehensive report of the President's Appalachian Regional Commission documenting these findings and concludes that regionwide development is feasible, desirable, and urgently needed.

(2) Purpose.—It is the purpose of this subtitle to assist the region in meeting its special problems, to promote its economic development, and to establish a framework for joint federal and state efforts toward providing the basic facilities essential to its growth and attacking its common problems and meeting its common needs on a coordinated and concerted regional basis. The public investments made in the region under this subtitle shall be concentrated in areas where there is a significant potential for future growth and where the expected return on public dollars invested will be the greatest. States will be responsible for recommending local and state projects within their borders that will receive assistance under this subtitle. As the region obtains the needed physical and transportation facilities and develops its human resources, Congress expects that the region will generate a diversified industry and that the region will then be able to support itself through the workings of a strengthened free enterprise economy.

(b) 1975 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress further finds and declares that while substantial progress has been made toward achieving the purposes set out in subsection (a), especially with respect to the provision of essential public facilities, much remains to be accomplished, especially with respect to the provision of essential health, education, and other public services. Congress recognizes that changes and evolving national purposes in the decade since 1965 affect not only the Appalachian region but also its relationship to a nation that on December 31, 1975, is assigning higher priority to conservation and the quality of life, values long cherished within the region. Appalachia as of December 31, 1975, has the opportunity, in accommodating future growth and development, to demonstrate local leadership and coordinated