

tractual actions (including undefinitized task orders and delivery orders).

“(b) LIMITATIONS.—The limitations referred to in subsection (a) are any limitations on the reimbursement of costs and the payment of profits or fees with respect to costs incurred before the definitization of an undefinitized contractual action of the Department of Defense, including—

“(1) such limitations as described in part 52.216-26 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and

“(2) any such limitations implementing the requirements of section 809 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 10 U.S.C. 2326 note).”

IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO UNDEFINITIZED CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VIII, §809, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 216, provided that:

“(a) GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 28, 2008], the Secretary of Defense shall issue guidance, with detailed implementation instructions, for the Department of Defense to ensure the implementation and enforcement of requirements applicable to undefinitized contractual actions.

“(b) ELEMENTS.—The guidance and instructions issued pursuant to subsection (a) shall address, at a minimum—

“(1) the circumstances in which it is, and is not, appropriate for Department of Defense officials to use undefinitized contractual actions;

“(2) approval requirements (including thresholds) for the use of undefinitized contractual actions;

“(3) procedures for ensuring that timelines for the definitization of undefinitized contractual actions are met;

“(4) procedures for ensuring compliance with regulatory limitations on the obligation of funds pursuant to undefinitized contractual actions;

“(5) procedures for ensuring compliance with regulatory limitations on profit or fee with respect to costs incurred before the definitization of an undefinitized contractual action; and

“(6) reporting requirements for undefinitized contractual actions that fail to meet required timelines for definitization or fail to comply with regulatory limitations on the obligation of funds or on profit or fee.

“(c) REPORTS.—

“(1) REPORT ON GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS.—Not later than 210 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 28, 2008], the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees [Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives] a report setting forth the guidance and instructions issued pursuant to subsection (a).

“(2) GAO REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the extent to which the guidance and instructions issued pursuant to subsection (a) have resulted in improvements to—

“(A) the level of insight that senior Department of Defense officials have into the use of undefinitized contractual actions;

“(B) the appropriate use of undefinitized contractual actions;

“(C) the timely definitization of undefinitized contractual actions; and

“(D) the negotiation of appropriate profits and fees for undefinitized contractual actions.”

LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR UNDEFINITIZED CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS; OVERSIGHT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL; WAIVER AUTHORITY

Pub. L. 99-500, §101(c) [title X, §908(a)–(c), (e)], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783–82, 1783–139, 1783–140, 1783–142, Pub. L.

99-591, §101(c) [title X, §908(a)–(c), (e)], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341–82, 3341–139, 3341–140, 3341–142, and Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title IX, formerly title IV, §908(a)–(c), (e), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3918, 3919, 3921, renumbered title IX and amended by Pub. L. 100-26, §§3(5), 5(2), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 273, 274; Pub. L. 104-106, div. D, title XLIII, §4322(b)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 677, which related to limitations on funding for undefinitized contractual actions, Inspector General audits and oversight, and waiver authority, were repealed by Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §812(b)(21), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1848.

§ 2327. Contracts: consideration of national security objectives

(a) DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—The head of an agency shall require a firm or a subsidiary of a firm that submits a bid or proposal in response to a solicitation issued by the Department of Defense to disclose in that bid or proposal any significant interest in such firm or subsidiary (or, in the case of a subsidiary, in the firm that owns the subsidiary) that is owned or controlled (whether directly or indirectly) by a foreign government or an agent or instrumentality of a foreign government, if such foreign government is the government of a country that the Secretary of State determines under section 6(j)(1)(A)¹ of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. 4605(j)(1)(A)) has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

(b) PROHIBITION ON ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.—Except as provided in subsection (c), the head of an agency may not enter into a contract with a firm or a subsidiary of a firm if—

(1) a foreign government owns or controls (whether directly or indirectly) a significant interest in such firm or subsidiary (or, in the case of a subsidiary, in the firm that owns the subsidiary); and

(2) such foreign government is the government of a country that the Secretary of State determines under section 6(j)(1)(A)¹ of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. 4605(j)(1)(A)) has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

(c) WAIVER.—(1)(A) If the Secretary of Defense determines under paragraph (2) that entering into a contract with a firm or a subsidiary of a firm described in subsection (b) is not inconsistent with the national security objectives of the United States, the head of an agency may enter into a contract with such firm or subsidiary if in the best interests of the Government.

(B) The Secretary shall maintain records of each contract entered into by reason of subparagraph (A). Such records shall include the following:

(i) The identity of the foreign government concerned.

(ii) The nature of the contract.

(iii) The extent of ownership or control of the firm or subsidiary concerned (or, if appropriate in the case of a subsidiary, of the firm that owns the subsidiary) by the foreign government concerned or the agency or instrumentality of such foreign government.

¹ See References in Text note below.

(iv) The reasons for entering into the contract.

(2) Upon the request of the head of an agency, the Secretary of Defense shall determine whether entering into a contract with a firm or subsidiary described in subsection (b) is inconsistent with the national security objectives of the United States. In making such a determination, the Secretary of Defense shall consider the following:

(A) The relationship of the United States with the foreign government concerned.

(B) The obligations of the United States under international agreements.

(C) The extent of the ownership or control of the firm or subsidiary (or, if appropriate in the case of a subsidiary, of the firm that owns the subsidiary) by the foreign government or an agent or instrumentality of the foreign government.

(D) Whether payments made, or information made available, to the firm or subsidiary under the contract could be used for purposes hostile to the interests of the United States.

(d) LIST OF FIRMS SUBJECT TO PROHIBITION.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall develop and maintain a list of all firms and subsidiaries of firms that the Secretary has identified as being subject to the prohibition in subsection (b).

(2)(A) A person may request the Secretary to include on the list maintained under paragraph (1) any firm or subsidiary of a firm that the person believes to be owned or controlled by a foreign government described in subsection (b)(2). Upon receipt of such a request, the Secretary shall determine whether the conditions in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) exist in the case of that firm or subsidiary. If the Secretary determines that such conditions do exist, the Secretary shall include the firm or subsidiary on the list.

(B) A firm or subsidiary of a firm included on the list may request the Secretary to remove such firm or subsidiary from the list on the basis that it has been erroneously included on the list or its ownership circumstances have significantly changed. Upon receipt of such a request, the Secretary shall determine whether the conditions in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) exist in the case of that firm or subsidiary. If the Secretary determines that such conditions do not exist, the Secretary shall remove the firm or subsidiary from the list.

(C) The Secretary shall establish procedures to carry out this paragraph.

(3) The head of an agency shall prohibit each firm or subsidiary of a firm awarded a contract by the agency from entering into a subcontract under that contract in an amount in excess of \$25,000 with a firm or subsidiary included on the list maintained under paragraph (1) unless there is a compelling reason to do so. In the case of any subcontract requiring consent by the head of an agency, the head of the agency shall not consent to the award of the subcontract to a firm or subsidiary included on such list unless there is a compelling reason for such approval.

(e) DISTRIBUTION OF LIST.—The Administrator of General Services shall ensure that the list developed and maintained under subsection (d) is

made available to Federal agencies and the public in the same manner and to the same extent as the list of suspended and debarred contractors compiled pursuant to subpart 9.4 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(f) APPLICABILITY.—(1) This section does not apply to a contract for an amount less than \$100,000.

(2) This section does not apply to the Coast Guard or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Secretary of State, shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Such regulations shall include a definition of the term “significant interest”.

(Added Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(c) [title X, § 951(a)(1)], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-82, 1783-164, and Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(c) [title X, § 951(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-82, 3341-164; Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title IX, formerly title IV, § 951(a)(1), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3944, renumbered title IX, Pub. L. 100-26, § 3(5), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 273; amended Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XII, § 1231(8), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1160; Pub. L. 100-224, § 5(b)(2), Dec. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 1538; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, § 843, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1844; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, § 1031(a)(16), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1597; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title X, § 1081(b)(3)(C), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2418.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 6(j)(1)(A) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. 4605(j)(1)(A)), referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b)(2), was repealed by Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XVII, § 1766(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2232. For similar provisions, see section 4813(c)(1)(A)(i) of Title 50, War and National Defense, as enacted by Pub. L. 115-232.

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2327 was renumbered section 2347 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsecs. (a), (b)(2). Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “(50 U.S.C. 4605(j)(1)(A))” for “(50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)(1)(A))”.

2003—Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 108-136, § 1031(a)(16)(A), substituted “if in the best interests of the Government” for “after the date on which such head of an agency submits to Congress a report on the contract”.

Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 108-136, § 1031(a)(16)(B), substituted “The Secretary shall maintain records of each contract entered into by reason of subparagraph (A). Such records” for “A report under subparagraph (A)”.

Subsec. (c)(1)(C). Pub. L. 108-136, § 1031(a)(16)(C), struck out subpar. (C) which read as follows: “After the head of an agency submits a report to Congress under subparagraph (A) with respect to a firm or a subsidiary, such head of an agency is not required to submit a report before entering into any subsequent contract with such firm or subsidiary unless the information required to be included in such report under subparagraph (B) has materially changed since the submission of the previous report.”

1997—Subsecs. (d) to (g). Pub. L. 105-85 added subsecs. (d) and (e) and redesignated former subsecs. (d) and (e) as (f) and (g), respectively.

1987—Subsecs. (a), (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-224 substituted “50 U.S.C. App.” for “50 U.S.C.” in parenthetical after “Export Administration Act of 1979”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 100-180 inserted par. (1) designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 99-500, §101(c) [title X, §951(c)], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-82, 1783-165, Pub. L. 99-591, §101(c) [title X, §951(c)], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-82, 3341-165, and Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title IX, formerly title IV, §951(c), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3945, renumbered title IX, Pub. L. 100-26, §3(5), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 273, provided that: "Section 2327 of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)(1)), shall apply to contracts entered into by the Secretary of Defense after the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 18, 1986]."

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.

REPORTS BY DEFENSE CONTRACTORS OF DEALINGS WITH TERRORIST COUNTRIES

Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, §843, Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1720, as amended by Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8105(j), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3393, directed the Secretary of Defense to require any person with whom the Secretary proposed to enter into a contract for the provision of goods or services in an amount in excess of \$5,000,000, to report to the Secretary each commercial transaction which that person had conducted with the government of any terrorist country during the preceding three years and during the course of the contract, required the Secretary to prescribe regulations and to submit an annual report to Congress setting forth those commercial transactions with terrorist countries that had been included in the reports made during the preceding fiscal year, and provided that section 843 of Pub. L. 103-160 would expire on Sept. 30, 1996.

§ 2328. Release of technical data under Freedom of Information Act: recovery of costs

(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall, if required to release technical data under section 552 of title 5 (relating to the Freedom of Information Act), release such technical data to the person requesting the release if the person pays all reasonable costs attributable to search, duplication, and review.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations, pursuant to notice and receipt of public comment, specifying a uniform schedule of fees under this section.

(b) CREDITING OF RECEIPTS.—An amount received under this section—

(1) shall be retained by the Department of Defense or the element of the Department of Defense receiving the amount; and

(2) shall be merged with and available for the same purpose and the same time period as the appropriation from which the costs incurred in complying with requests for technical data were paid.

(c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense shall waive the payment of costs required by subsection (a) which are in an amount greater than the costs that would be required for such a release of information under section 552 of title 5 if—

(1) the request is made by a citizen of the United States or a United States corporation, and such citizen or corporation certifies that the technical data requested is required to enable such citizen or corporation to submit an offer or determine whether it is capable of submitting an offer to provide the product to which the technical data relates to the United States or a contractor with the United States (except that the Secretary may require the citizen or corporation to pay a deposit in an amount equal to not more than the cost of complying with the request, to be refunded upon submission of an offer by the citizen or corporation);

(2) the release of technical data is requested in order to comply with the terms of an international agreement; or

(3) the Secretary determines, in accordance with section 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) of title 5, that such a waiver is in the interests of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 99-500, §101(c) [title X, §954(a)(1)], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-82, 1783-172, and Pub. L. 99-591, §101(c) [title X, §954(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-82, 3341-172; Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title IX, formerly title IV, §954(a)(1), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3952, renumbered title IX, Pub. L. 100-26, §3(5), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 273; amended Pub. L. 100-26, §7(a)(7)(A), (B)(i), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 278.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2328 was renumbered section 2348 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-26, §7(a)(7)(B)(i), substituted "Release of technical data under Freedom of Information Act: recovery of costs" for "Release of technical data" in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 100-26, §7(a)(7)(A)(i)(I), substituted "such technical data to the person requesting the" for "technical data to a person requesting such a".

Pub. L. 100-26, §7(a)(7)(A)(i)(II), substituted "search, duplication, and review" for "search and duplication".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-26, §7(a)(7)(A)(ii), substituted "Crediting of receipts" for "Disposition of costs" in heading.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 100-26, §7(a)(7)(A)(iii), substituted "section 552(a)(4)(A)(iii)" for "section 552(a)(4)(A)".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-26, §12(d)(2), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 289, provided that: "The amendment to section 2328 of such title made by section 7(a)(7)(A)(i)(II) shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as provided in section 1804(b) of Public Law 99-570 [set out as an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment note under section 552 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees] for the amendment made by section 1803 of that Public Law to section 552a of title 5, United States Code [probably means amendment by section 1803 of Pub. L. 99-570 to section 552(a) of Title 5]."

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 99-500, §101(c) [title X, §954(b)], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-82, 1783-173, Pub. L. 99-591, §101(c) [title X,