

specifications after a requirements document is approved by the appropriate validation authority for the requirements document.

(2) The term “requirements document” means a document produced in the requirements process that is provided for an acquisition program to guide the subsequent development, production, and testing of the program and that—

(A) justifies the need for a materiel approach, or an approach that is a combination of materiel and non-materiel, to satisfy one or more specific capability gaps;

(B) details the information necessary to develop an increment of militarily useful, logistically supportable, and technically mature capability, including key performance parameters; or

(C) identifies production attributes required for a single increment of a program.

(3) The term “program capability document” has the meaning provided in section 2446a(b)(5) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VIII, §861(a), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4289; amended Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title IX, §951(c), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1891; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VIII, §802(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 879; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VIII, §807(c), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2261; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VIII, §833, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1468; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1840; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVII, §1731(a)(52), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1815; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §924(b)(32), title XVIII, §1847(e)(4)(B), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3825, 4257.)

TRANSFER AND AMENDMENT OF SECTION

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §§1801(d), 1808(a)(2), 1847(e)(4)(B), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4151, 4159, 4257, provided that, effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, this section is transferred and amended as follows:

(1) this section, as part of chapter 205 of this title as transferred and redesignated by section 1808(a)(1) of Pub. L. 116-283, is redesignated as section 3104 of this title; and

(2) subsection (b) of this section is transferred to section 4274(a) and (b) of this title.

See 2021 Amendment note and Effective Date of 2021 Amendment note below.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2547 was renumbered section 2557 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, §924(b)(32), substituted “the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Space Operations” for “and the Commandant of the Marine Corps”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, §1847(e)(4)(B), transferred subsec. (b) to section 4274(a) and (b) of this title.

2019—Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 116-92 substituted “materiel” for “material” and “Materiel” for “Material” in two places.

2018—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “section 7014(c)(1)(A), section 8014(c)(1)(A), or section 9014(c)(1)(A)” for “section 3014(c)(1)(A), section 5014(c)(1)(A), or section 8014(c)(1)(A)”.

2017—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-91 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

2016—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 114-328, §807(c)(1), (2), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 114-328, §807(c)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 114-328, §807(c)(3), added par. (3).

2015—Subsec. (a)(2) to (5). Pub. L. 114-92, §802(b)(1), (2), added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) to (4) as (3) to (5), respectively. Former par. (5) redesignated (6).

Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 114-92, §802(b)(1), (3), redesignated par. (5) as (6) and substituted “The development and management” for “The development”. Former par. (6) redesignated (7).

Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 114-92, §802(b)(1), redesignated par. (6) as (7).

2013—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 112-239, §951(c)(1), substituted “of requirements for equipping the armed force concerned” for “of requirements relating to the defense acquisition system”.

Subsec. (a)(3) to (6). Pub. L. 112-239, §951(c)(2), (3), added pars. (3) and (4) and redesignated former pars. (3) and (4) as (5) and (6), respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by sections 1808(a)(2) and 1847(e)(4)(B) of Pub. L. 116-283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 2548. Performance assessments of the defense acquisition system

(a) PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the Director of Procurement and Acquisition Policy, and the Director of the Office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis, shall issue guidance, with detailed implementation instructions, for the Department of Defense to provide for periodic independent performance assessments of elements of the defense acquisition system for the purpose of—

(1) determining the extent to which such elements of the defense acquisition system deliver value to the Department of Defense, taking into consideration the performance elements identified in subsection (b);

(2) assisting senior officials of the Department of Defense in identifying and developing lessons learned from best practices and shortcomings in the performance of such elements of the defense acquisition system; and

(3) assisting senior officials of the Department of Defense in developing acquisition workforce excellence under section 1701a of this title.

(b) AREAS CONSIDERED IN PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS.—(1) Each performance assessment conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall consider, at a minimum—

(A) the extent to which acquisitions conducted by the element of the defense acquisi-

tion system under review meet applicable cost, schedule, and performance objectives; and

(B) the staffing and quality of the acquisition workforce and the effectiveness of the management of the acquisition workforce, including workforce incentives and career paths.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the performance assessments required by this section are appropriately tailored to reflect the diverse nature of the work performed by each element of the defense acquisition system. In addition to the mandatory areas under paragraph (1), a performance assessment may consider, as appropriate, specific areas of acquisition concern, such as—

(A) the selection of contractors, including—

(i) the extent of competition and the use of exceptions to competition requirements;

(ii) compliance with Department of Defense policies regarding the participation of small business concerns and various categories of small business concerns, including the use of contract bundling and the availability of non-bundled contract vehicles;

(iii) the quality of market research;

(iv) the effective consideration of contractor past performance; and

(v) the number of bid protests, the extent to which such bid protests have been successful, and the reasons for such success;

(B) the negotiation of contracts, including—

(i) the appropriate application of section 2306a of this title (relating to truth in negotiations);

(ii) the appropriate use of contract types appropriate to specific procurements;

(iii) the appropriate use of performance requirements;

(iv) the appropriate acquisition of technical data and other rights and assets necessary to support long-term sustainment and follow-on procurement; and

(v) the timely definitization of any undefinitized contract actions; and

(C) the management of contractor performance, including—

(i) the assignment of appropriately qualified contracting officer representatives and other contract management personnel;

(ii) the extent of contract disputes, the reasons for such disputes, and the extent to which they have been successfully addressed;

(iii) the appropriate consideration of long-term sustainment and energy efficiency objectives; and

(iv) the appropriate use of integrated testing.

(c) CONTENTS OF GUIDANCE.—The guidance issued pursuant to subsection (a) shall ensure that each element of the defense acquisition system is subject to a performance assessment under this section not less often than once every four years, and shall address, at a minimum—

(1) the designation of elements of the defense acquisition system that are subject to performance assessment at an organizational level that ensures such assessments can be performed in an efficient and integrated manner;

(2) the frequency with which such performance assessments should be conducted;

(3) goals, standards, tools, and metrics for use in conducting performance assessments;

(4) the composition of the teams designated to perform performance assessments;

(5) any phase-in requirements needed to ensure that qualified staff are available to perform performance assessments;

(6) procedures for tracking the implementation of recommendations made pursuant to performance assessments;

(7) procedures for developing and disseminating lessons learned from performance assessments; and

(8) procedures for ensuring that information from performance assessments are retained electronically and are provided in a timely manner to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Director of the Office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis as needed to assist them in performing their responsibilities under this section.

(d) PERFORMANCE GOALS UNDER GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT OF 1993.—The annual performance plan prepared by the Department of Defense pursuant to section 1115 of title 31 shall include appropriate performance goals for elements of the defense acquisition system.

(e) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The annual report prepared by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to section 1116 of title 31 shall address the Department's success in achieving performance goals established pursuant to such section for elements of the defense acquisition system.

(Added Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VIII, §861(a), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4289; amended Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(d)(5), (f)(30), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1951, 1953; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1081(a)(41), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1596; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §902(79), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1553.)

TRANSFER OF SECTION

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §§1801(d), 1808(a)(2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4151, 4159, provided that, effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, this section, as part of chapter 205 of this title as transferred and redesignated by section 1808(a)(1) of Pub. L. 116-283, is redesignated as section 3105 of this title. See Effective Date of 2021 Amendment note below.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 103-62, Aug. 3, 1993, 107 Stat. 285, which enacted section 306 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, sections 1115 to 1119, 9703, and 9704 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and sections 2801 to 2805 of Title 39, Postal Service, amended section 1105 of Title 31, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 1101 and 1115 of Title 31. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1993 Amendment note set out under section 1101 of Title 31 and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2548 was renumbered section 2558 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsecs. (a), (c)(8). Pub. L. 116-92 substituted “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment” for “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics”.

2017—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “Requirement” for “Requirements” in heading, struck out introductory provisions “Beginning with fiscal year 2012—”, substituted “The annual report prepared by the Secretary” for “(1) the annual report prepared by the Secretary”, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “the annual report prepared by the Director of the Office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis pursuant to section 2438(f) of this title shall include information on the activities undertaken by the Department pursuant to such section, including a summary of significant findings or recommendations arising out of performance assessments.”

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(f)(30)(A)(i), substituted “The Secretary” for “Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, the Secretary” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(f)(30)(A)(ii), inserted period at end.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(f)(30)(B), inserted “and” after “Government Performance” in heading and substituted “The” for “Beginning with fiscal year 2012, the” in text.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(f)(30)(C), struck out “, United States Code,” after “title 31”.

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(d)(5), substituted “section 2438(f) of this title” for “section 103(f) of the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 (10 U.S.C. 2430 note)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

CHAPTER 152—ISSUE OF SUPPLIES, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES

Sec.
2551. Equipment and barracks: national veterans' organizations.
2552. Equipment for instruction and practice: American National Red Cross.
2553. Equipment and services: Presidential inaugural ceremonies.
2554. Equipment and other services: Boy Scout Jamborees.
2555. Transportation services: international Girl Scout events.
2556. Shelter for homeless; incidental services.
2557. Excess nonlethal supplies: availability for humanitarian relief, domestic emergency assistance, and homeless veterans assistance.
2558. National military associations: assistance at national conventions.
2559. Provision of medical care to foreign military and diplomatic personnel: reimbursement required; waiver for provision of reciprocal services.
2560. Aircraft and vehicles: limitation on leasing to non-Federal agencies.
2561. Humanitarian assistance.
[2562. Repealed.]
2563. Articles and services of industrial facilities: sale to persons outside the Department of Defense.
2564. Provision of support for certain sporting events.
2564a. Provision of assistance for adaptive sports programs: members of the armed forces; certain veterans.

Sec.
2565. Nuclear test monitoring equipment: furnishing to foreign governments.
2566. Space and services: provision to military welfare societies.
2567. Space and services: provision to WIC offices.
2568. Retention of combat uniforms by members deployed in support of contingency operations.
2568a. Damaged personal protective equipment: award to members separating from the Armed Forces and veterans.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Chapter was comprised of subchapter I, former section 2540, and subchapter II, sections 2541 to 2553, prior to amendment by Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §1503(a)(29), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 512, which struck out headings for subchapters I and II.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title X, §1081(a)(39), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3873, substituted “Damaged personal protective equipment: award to members separating from the Armed Forces and veterans” for “Damaged personal protective equipment: award to members separating from the armed forces and veterans” in item 2568a.

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, §592(c)(2), title XVII, §1731(a)(63), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1415, 1816, substituted “Provision of assistance for adaptive sports programs: members of the armed forces; certain veterans” for “Provision of assistance for adaptive sports programs for members of the armed forces” in item 2564a and amended item 2568a without change.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VI, §623(b), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1801, added item 2568a.

2017—Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1081(a)(42), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1596, inserted period at end of item 2567.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, §1253(a)(2)(C), div. B, title XXVIII, §2812(b), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2532, 2717, struck out item 2562 “Limitation on use of excess construction or fire equipment from Department of Defense stocks in foreign assistance or military sales programs” and added item 2567.

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(4), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112-81, §589(b). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §589(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1438, as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(4), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, added item 2564a.

Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title X, §1074(b)(2), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4368, substituted “Excess nonlethal supplies: availability for humanitarian relief, domestic emergency assistance, and homeless veterans assistance” for “Excess nonlethal supplies: availability for homeless veteran initiatives and humanitarian relief” in item 2557.

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, §376(b), title X, §§1063(a)(12), 1068(b)(2), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 84, 322, 326, inserted period at end of item 2567 and then struck out item 2567 “Supplies, services, and equipment: provision in major public emergencies” and added item 2568.

2006—Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §1076(b)(2), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2406, added item 2567.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, §1066(b), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2656, added item 2566.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title III, §361(b)(2), title XII, §1201(a)(2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1065, 1245, substituted “Excess nonlethal supplies: availability for homeless veteran initiatives and humanitarian relief” for “Excess nonlethal supplies: humanitarian relief” in item 2557 and substituted “2565.” for “2555.” in item 2565.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(b)(2), title XII, §1203(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654,