

retary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, see section 1621(a) of Pub. L. 116-92, set out as a note under section 137 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1813(g) 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.

### CHAPTER 225—PLANNING AND SOLICITATION RELATING TO PARTICULAR ITEMS OR SERVICES

Sec.  
3271. [Reserved].

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1813(h), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4181, added chapter heading and item 3271.

### Subpart C—Contracting Methods and Contract Types

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §801(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1827, added subpart heading.

### CHAPTER 241—AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

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#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 241 “AWARDING OF CONTRACTS”, as added by Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §801(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1827, and consisting of reserved section 3301, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1816(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4182.

#### § 3301. Basis of award and rejection

(a) AWARD.—The head of an agency shall evaluate sealed bids and competitive proposals and make an award based solely on the factors specified in the solicitation.

(b) REJECTION.—All sealed bids or competitive proposals received in response to a solicitation may be rejected if the head of the agency determines that such action is in the public interest.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1816(c)(2)(A), (3), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4182.)

#### CODIFICATION

The text of subsec. (b)(1), (2) of section 2305 of this title, which was transferred to this section and amended by Pub. L. 116-283, §1816(c)(1), (2)(A), (3), was based on Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VII, §2723(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1191, 1192; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VIII, §802(d)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1589.

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, §1816(c)(3), redesignated subsec. (b)(1) and (2) of section 2305 of this title as subsecs. (a)

and (b), respectively, of this section and inserted headings.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section and 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 an Effective Date of 2021 Amendment note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### § 3302. Sealed bids

(a) OPENING OF BIDS.—Sealed bids shall be opened publicly at the time and place stated in the solicitation.

(b) CRITERIA FOR AWARDING CONTRACT.—The head of the agency shall evaluate the bids in accordance with section 3301(a) of this title without discussions with the bidders and, except as provided in section 3301(b) of this title, shall award a contract with reasonable promptness to the responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the solicitation and is most advantageous to the United States, considering only price and the other price-related factors included in the solicitation.

(c) NOTICE OF AWARD.—The award of a contract shall be made by transmitting, in writing or by electronic means, notice of the award to the successful bidder. Within three days after the date of contract award, the head of the agency shall notify, in writing or by electronic means, each bidder not awarded the contract that the contract has been awarded.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1816(c)(2)(B), (4), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4182.)

#### CODIFICATION

The text of subsec. (b)(3) of section 2305 of this title, which was transferred to this section and amended by Pub. L. 116-283, §1816(c)(1), (2)(B), (4) was based on Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VII, §2723(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1192; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VIII, §802(d)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1589; Pub. L. 103-355, title I, §1013(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3255.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3302, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 187, related to promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel of commissioned officers of Medical Corps, Dental Corps, and Veterinary Corps upon examination of professional fitness and effect upon failure of promotion, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-513, title II, §204, title VII, §701, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2880, 2955, effective Sept. 15, 1981. See sections 631 and 632 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, §1816(c)(4)(A), (C), redesignated subsec. (b)(3) of section 2305 of this title as subsec. (a) of this section and inserted heading. Former second and third sentences of subsec. (a) designated subsecs. (b) and (c), respectively.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, §1816(c)(4)(B), (D), designated second sentence of subsec. (a) as subsec. (b) of this section, inserted heading, and substituted “section 3301(a) of this title” for “paragraph (1)” and “section 3301(b) of this title” for “paragraph (2)”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283, §1816(c)(4)(B), (E), designated third sentence of subsec. (a) as subsec. (c) of this section and inserted heading.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section and amendment by Pub. L. 116-283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed im-