

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level IV of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (i), is set out in section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## CODIFICATION

The text of subsec. (i) of section 2307 of this title, which was transferred to this section and amended by Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g), was based on Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VIII, §836(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1615; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §701(j)(2)(A), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 116; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1052(24), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2500; Pub. L. 103-355, title II, §2001(a)(7), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3301; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, §802(1), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1831; Pub. L. 106-391, title III, §306, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1592.

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(1), (2), (11), transferred subsec. (i) of section 2307 of this title to this section, struck out subsec. (i) designation and heading “Action in Case of Fraud” at beginning, and redesignated par. (10) as subsec. (a), pars. (1) to (7) as subsecs. (b) to (h), respectively, and pars. (9) and (8) as subsecs. (i) and (j), respectively.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(3), inserted heading and substituted “this section” for “this subsection”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(4), inserted heading.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(5), inserted heading and substituted “subsection (b)” for “paragraph (1)”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(6), inserted heading and substituted “subsection (c)” for “paragraph (2)”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(7), inserted heading and substituted “subsection (c)” for “paragraph (2)”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(8), inserted heading and substituted “subsection (c)” for “paragraph (2)”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(9), inserted heading, substituted “subsection (c)” for “paragraph (2)” in introductory provisions, and redesignated subpars. (A) and (B) as pars. (1) and (2), respectively.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(10), inserted heading and substituted “subsection (c)” for “paragraph (2)”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(12), inserted heading and substituted “this section” for “this subsection”.

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(g)(13), inserted heading and substituted “section applies” for “subsection applies” and “section 3063” for “section 2303(a)”.

## 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.

**§ 3807. Vesting of title in the United States**

If a contract paid by a method authorized under section 3801(1) of this title provides for title to property to vest in the United States, the title to the property shall vest in accordance with the terms of the contract, regardless of any security interest in the property that is asserted before or after the contract is entered into.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1834(a), (h), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4234, 4239.)

## CODIFICATION

The text of subsec. (h) of section 2307 of this title, which was transferred to this section and amended by Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(h), was based on Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, §802(2), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1831.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 3811 to 3813 were repealed by Pub. L. 90-235, §3(a)(2), (b)(1), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 757, 758.

Section 3811, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 220, provided for discharge of enlisted members of Army and limitations thereon, and for issuance of discharge certificates. See section 1169 of this title.

Section 3812, act Aug. 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 220, provided for the discharge of members of the Army enlisted during war or emergency. See section 1172 of this title.

Section 3813, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 220, provided for dependency discharges for enlisted members of the Army.

A prior section 3814, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 220, authorized Secretary of the Army to discharge a regular commissioned officer who has less than three years of continuous service as a commissioned officer therein, provided that such officer not be dismissed because of his marriage, unless marriage occurred within one year after date of his original appointment, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-513, title II, §214, title VII, §701, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2885, 2955, effective Sept. 15, 1981. See section 630 of this title.

A prior section 3814a, added Pub. L. 93-558, §1, Dec. 30, 1974, 88 Stat. 1793, related to discharge, during a reduction in force, of regular commissioned officers, second lieutenants, first lieutenants, and captains, expired three years after its effective date, Dec. 30, 1974, in accordance with section 2 of Pub. L. 93-558, and was repealed by Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §§1629(a)(2), 1691(b)(1), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2963, 3026, effective Oct. 1, 1996.

Prior sections 3815 and 3816 were repealed by Pub. L. 90-235, §3(a)(2), (b)(1), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 757, 758.

Section 3815, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 220, provided for resignation of regular enlisted members of Army enlisted on a career basis and limitations thereon.

Section 3816, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 221, provided for minority discharges for regular enlisted members of Army. See section 1170 of this title.

A prior section 3818, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 221; Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, §820(g), 92 Stat. 1627, authorized the Secretary of the Army to terminate appointment of a female commissioned officer of Regular Army, other than by dismissal, under regulations prescribed by President, or to terminate the appointment of a female warrant officer or enlistment of a female member of Regular Army by discharge from the Army, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-513, title II, §236, title VII, §701, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2887, 2955, effective Sept. 15, 1981.

Prior sections 3819 and 3820 were repealed by Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §§1629(a)(2), 1691(b)(1), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2963, 3026, effective Oct. 1, 1996.

Section 3819, added Pub. L. 85-861, §1(93)(A), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1482; amended Pub. L. 98-525, title V, §528(b), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2526, related to discharge of Army Reserve officers for failure of promotion to first lieutenant. See section 14503 of this title.

Section 3820, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 221; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, §1(93)(B), 72 Stat. 1482, related to discharge and withdrawal of Federal recognition of officers of Army National Guard of United States absent without leave. See section 14907 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, §1834(h), transferred subsec. (h) of section 2307 of this title to this section, struck out subsec. (h) designation and heading “Vesting of Title in the United States” at beginning, and substituted “section 3801(1) of this title” for “subsection (a)(1)”.

## 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.

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 279 "CONTRACTOR AUDITS AND ACCOUNTING", as added by Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §801(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1828, and consisting of reserved section 3841, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1835(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4239.

#### § 3841. Examination of records of contractor

(a) RECORDS DEFINED.—In this section, the term "records" includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data, or in any other form.

(b) AGENCY AUTHORITY.—

(1) The head of an agency, acting through an authorized representative, is authorized to inspect the plant and audit the records of—

(A) a contractor performing a cost-reimbursement, incentive, time-and-materials, labor-hour, or price-redeterminable contract, or any combination of such contracts, made by that agency under a chapter 137 legacy provision; and

(B) a subcontractor performing any cost-reimbursement, incentive, time-and-materials, labor-hour, or price-redeterminable subcontract or any combination of such subcontracts under a contract referred to in subparagraph (A).

(2) The head of an agency, acting through an authorized representative, is authorized, for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy, completeness, and currency of certified cost or pricing data required to be submitted pursuant to chapter 271 of this title with respect to a contract or subcontract, to examine all records of the contractor or subcontractor related to—

(A) the proposal for the contract or subcontract;

(B) the discussions conducted on the proposal;

(C) pricing of the contract or subcontract; or

(D) performance of the contract or subcontract.

(c) DCAA SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—

(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS.—The Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency (or any successor agency) may require by subpoena the production of any records of a contractor that the Secretary of Defense is authorized to audit or examine under subsection (b).

(2) ENFORCEMENT OF SUBPOENA.—Any such subpoena, in the case of contumacy or refusal to obey, shall be enforceable by order of an appropriate United States district court.

(3) AUTHORITY NOT DELEGABLE.—The authority provided by paragraph (1) may not be re-delegated.

(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each contract awarded after using procedures other than sealed bid procedures shall provide that the Comptroller General and his representatives are authorized to examine any records of the contractor, or any of its subcontractors, that directly pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, the contract or subcontract and to interview any current employee regarding such transactions.

(2) EXCEPTION FOR FOREIGN CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR.—Paragraph (1) does not apply to a contract or subcontract with a foreign contractor or foreign subcontractor if the head of the agency concerned determines, with the concurrence of the Comptroller General or his designee, that the application of that paragraph to the contract or subcontract would not be in the public interest. However, the concurrence of the Comptroller General or his designee is not required—

(A) where the contractor or subcontractor is a foreign government or agency thereof or is precluded by the laws of the country involved from making its records available for examination; and

(B) where the head of the agency determines, after taking into account the price and availability of the property and services from United States sources, that the public interest would be best served by not applying paragraph (1).

(3) ADDITIONAL RECORDS NOT REQUIRED.—Paragraph (1) may not be construed to require a contractor or subcontractor to create or maintain any record that the contractor or subcontractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to another provision of law.

(e) LIMITATION ON AUDITS RELATING TO INDIRECT COSTS.—The head of an agency may not perform an audit of indirect costs under a contract, subcontract, or modification before or after entering into the contract, subcontract, or modification in any case in which the contracting officer determines that the objectives of the audit can reasonably be met by accepting the results of an audit that was conducted by any other department or agency of the Federal Government within one year preceding the date of the contracting officer's determination.