

Controller shall be appointed from among individuals who possess—

- (1) demonstrated ability and practical experience in accounting, financial management, and financial systems; and
- (2) extensive practical experience in financial management in large governmental or business entities.

(c) The Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management shall be the deputy and principal advisor to the Deputy Director for Management in the performance by the Deputy Director for Management of functions described in section 503(a).

(Added Pub. L. 101-576, title II, §203(a), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2841.)

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 504 was renumbered section 506 of this title.

**§ 505. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs**

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, established under section 3503 of title 44, is an office in the Office of Management and Budget.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 886, §503; renumbered §505, Pub. L. 101-576, title II, §202(a), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
503 .....	(no source).	

The section is included to provide in subchapter I of chapter 5 of the revised title a complete list of the organizational units established by law that are in the Office of Management and Budget or are subject to the direction and supervision of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-576 renumbered section 503 of this title as this section.

**§ 506. Office of Federal Procurement Policy**

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy, established under section 1101(a) of title 41, is an office in the Office of Management and Budget.

(Added Pub. L. 97-452, §1(1)(A), Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2467, §504; renumbered §506, Pub. L. 101-576, title II, §202(a), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2839; amended Pub. L. 111-350, §5(h)(1), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3848.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
504 .....	(no source).	

The section is included to provide in subchapter I of chapter 5 of title 31 a complete list of the organizational units established by law that are in the Office of Management and Budget or are subject to the direction

and supervision of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 111-350 substituted “section 1101(a) of title 41” for “section 5(a) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 404(a))”.

1990—Pub. L. 101-576 renumbered section 504 of this title as this section.

**§ 507. Office of Electronic Government**

The Office of Electronic Government, established under section 3602 of title 44, is an office in the Office of Management and Budget.

(Added Pub. L. 107-347, title I, §102(c)(1), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2910.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 120 days after Dec. 17, 2002, see section 402(a)(1) of Pub. L. 107-347, set out as a note under section 3601 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

SUBCHAPTER II—ADMINISTRATIVE

**§ 521. Employees**

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall appoint and fix the pay of employees of the Office under regulations prescribed by the President.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 886.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
521 .....	31:17(a)(related to employees).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, §208(a)(related to employees), 42 Stat. 22; Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1939, eff. July 1, 1939, §1, 53 Stat. 1423; Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1970, eff. July 1, 1970, §102(a), 84 Stat. 2085.

The words “attorneys and other” are omitted as being included in “employees”.

**§ 522. Necessary expenditures**

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget may make necessary expenditures for the Office under regulations prescribed by the President.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 886.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
522 .....	31:17(a)(related to expenses).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, §208(a)(related to expenses), 42 Stat. 22; Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1939, eff. July 1, 1939, §1, 53 Stat. 1423; Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1970, eff. July 1, 1970, §102(a), 84 Stat. 2085.

The words “for rent in the District of Columbia, printing, binding, telegrams, telephone service, law books, books of reference, periodicals, stationery, furniture, office equipment, other supplies, and” are omitted as covered by titles 5, 40, and 44, and as being included in “necessary expenditures”. The words “within the appropriations made therefor” are omitted as unnecessary.

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**AMENDMENTS**

2017—Pub. L. 115-3, §2(d), Jan. 31, 2017, 131 Stat. 8, added item 721.

<sup>1</sup>Section catchline amended by Pub. L. 107-296 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.

2014—Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1401(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2541, added subchapter VII heading and items 791 to 793.

2008—Pub. L. 110-323, §5(c), Sept. 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 3547, added item 705.

2004—Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814, substituted “GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE” for “GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE” in chapter heading and “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office” in item 702.

2000—Pub. L. 106-303, §4(a)(3), Oct. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 1069, added item 732a.

1994—Pub. L. 103-272, §4(f)(1)(C), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1362, struck out “Sec.” immediately above item 781.

1988—Pub. L. 100-545, §2(a), Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2728, added subchapter VI heading and items 781 to 783.

**SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS AND  
GENERAL ORGANIZATION**

**§ 701. Definitions**

In this chapter—

(1) “agency” includes the District of Columbia government but does not include the legislative branch or the Supreme Court.

(2) “appropriations” means appropriated amounts and includes, in appropriate context—

(A) funds;

(B) authority to make obligations by contract before appropriations; and

(C) other authority making amounts available for obligation or expenditure.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 887.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
701(1) .....	31:2(1st-4th pars.).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, §2(1st-5th pars.), 42 Stat. 20; Apr. 3, 1939, ch. 36, §201, 53 Stat. 565; July 31, 1953, ch. 302, §101(1st proviso in par. under heading “Bureau of the Budget”), 67 Stat. 299.
701(2) .....	31:2(last par.).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, 42 Stat. 20, §2(last par.); added Sept. 12, 1950, ch. 946, §101, 64 Stat. 832.

In clause (1), “agency” (which is defined for purposes of this title in section 101 to mean a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States) is coextensive with and substituted for the term “department or establishment” which was defined in 31:2 as in part meaning “any executive department, independent commission, board, bureau, office, agency, or other establishment of the Government, including any independent regulatory commission or board”. This definition merely restates and continues, and does not in any way change or expand, the definition in 31:2. Under that definition, entities such as the Tennessee Valley Authority that have been interpreted to be outside the purview of the definition will continue to be outside the purview in the same manner and to the same extent that they were under 31:2. The words “includes the District of Columbia government” are used because of existing law but the inclusion of these words is not to be interpreted as construing the extent to which the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganizational Act (Pub. L. 93-198, 87 Stat. 774) supersedes the provisions codified in this title. The words “of the United States” are omitted as surplus. The text of 31:2 (2d-4th pars.) is omitted as unnecessary because of the restatement. The text of section 2 (3d par.) of the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921 (ch. 18, 42 Stat. 20), is omitted as obsolete because of section 501 of the revised title.