

performance is not available, the offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on the factor of past contract performance.

(Pub. L. 111–350, § 3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3689.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
1126(a)	41:405(j)(1).	Pub. L. 93–400, § 6(j), as added Pub. L. 103–355, title I, § 1091(b)(2), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3272.
1126(b)	41:405(j)(2).	

INCLUSION OF DATA ON CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE IN PAST PERFORMANCE DATABASES FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCY SOURCE SELECTION DECISIONS

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title VIII, § 853, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1856, provided that:

“(a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 2, 2013], the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall develop a strategy for ensuring that timely, accurate, and complete information on contractor performance is included in past performance databases used by executive agencies for making source selection decisions.

“(2) CONSULTATION WITH USDATL.—In developing the strategy required by this subsection, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall consult with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics to ensure that the strategy is, to the extent practicable, consistent with the strategy developed by the Under Secretary pursuant to section 806 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 125 Stat. 1487; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note).

“(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

“(1) establish standards for the timeliness and completeness of past performance submissions for purposes of databases described in subsection (a);

“(2) assign responsibility and management accountability for the completeness of past performance submissions for such purposes; and

“(3) ensure that past performance submissions for such purposes are consistent with award fee evaluations in cases where such evaluations have been conducted.

“(c) CONTRACTOR COMMENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 2, 2013], the Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be revised to require the following:

“(1) That affected contractors are provided, in a timely manner, information on contractor performance to be included in past performance databases in accordance with subsection (a).

“(2) That such contractors are afforded up to 14 calendar days, from the date of delivery of the information provided in accordance with paragraph (1), to submit comments, rebuttals, or additional information pertaining to past performance for inclusion in such databases.

“(3) That agency evaluations of contractor past performance, including any comments, rebuttals, or additional information submitted under paragraph (2), are included in the relevant past performance database not later than the date that is 14 days after the date of delivery of the information provided in accordance with paragraph (1).

“(d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a contractor from submitting comments, rebuttals, or additional information pertaining to past performance after the period described in subsection (c)(2) has elapsed or to prohibit a contractor from challenging a past performance evaluation in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, or procedures.

“(e) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 2, 2013], the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the actions taken by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council pursuant to this section, including an assessment of the following:

“(1) The extent to which the strategy required by subsection (a) is consistent with the strategy developed by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics as described in subsection (a)(2).

“(2) The extent to which the actions of the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council pursuant to this section have otherwise achieved the objectives of this section.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

“(2) The term ‘executive agency’ has the meaning given that term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code, except that the term excludes the Department of Defense and the military departments.

“(3) The term ‘Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council’ means the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council under section 1302(a) of title 41, United States Code.”

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF PAST CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

Pub. L. 103–355, title I, § 1091(b)(1), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3272, provided that: “Congress makes the following findings:

“(A) Past contract performance of an offeror is one of the relevant factors that a contracting official of an executive agency should consider in awarding a contract.

“(B) It is appropriate for a contracting official to consider past contract performance of an offeror as an indicator of the likelihood that the offeror will successfully perform a contract to be awarded by that official.”

§ 1127. Determining benchmark compensation amount

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BENCHMARK COMPENSATION AMOUNT.—The term “benchmark compensation amount”, for a fiscal year, is the median amount of the compensation provided for all senior executives of all benchmark corporations for the most recent year for which data is available at the time the determination under subsection (b) is made.

(2) BENCHMARK CORPORATION.—The term “benchmark corporation”, with respect to a fiscal year, means a publicly-owned United States corporation that has annual sales in excess of \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year.

(3) COMPENSATION.—The term “compensation”, for a fiscal year, means the total amount of wages, salary, bonuses, and deferred compensation for the fiscal year, whether paid, earned, or otherwise accruing, as recorded in an employer’s cost accounting records for the fiscal year.

(4) FISCAL YEAR.—The term “fiscal year” means a fiscal year a contractor establishes for accounting purposes.

(5) PUBLICLY-OWNED UNITED STATES CORPORATION.—The term “publicly-owned United States corporation” means a corporation—

(A) organized under the laws of a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or a possession of the United States; and

(B) whose voting stock is publicly traded.

(6) SENIOR EXECUTIVES.—The term “senior executives”, with respect to a contractor, means the 5 most highly compensated employees in management positions at each home office and each segment of the contractor.

(b) DETERMINING BENCHMARK COMPENSATION AMOUNT.—For purposes of section 4304(a)(16) of this title and section 2324(e)(1)(P) of title 10, the Administrator shall review commercially available surveys of executive compensation and, on the basis of the results of the review, determine a benchmark compensation amount to apply for each fiscal year. In making determinations under this subsection, the Administrator shall consult with the Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency and other officials of executive agencies as the Administrator considers appropriate.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3689.)

REPEAL OF SECTION

Pub. L. 113-67, div. A, title VII, §702(b)(1), (c), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 1189, repealed this section applicable only with respect to costs of compensation incurred under contracts entered into on or after the date that is 180 days after Dec. 26, 2013.

Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VIII, §811(c)(1), (d), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 806, repealed this section applicable with respect to costs of compensation incurred under contracts entered into on or after the date that is 180 days after Dec. 26, 2013.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1127(a)(1)	41:435(b).	Pub. L. 93-400, §39, as added Pub. L. 105-85, title VIII, §808(c)(1), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1837; Pub. L. 105-261, title VIII, §804(c)(1), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2083.
1127(a)(2)	41:435(c)(3).	
1127(a)(3)	41:435(c)(1).	
1127(a)(4)	41:435(c)(5).	
1127(a)(5)	41:435(c)(4).	
1127(a)(6)	41:435(c)(2).	
1127(b)	41:435(a).	

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal by Pub. L. 113-67 applicable only with respect to costs of compensation incurred under contracts entered into on or after the date that is 180 days after Dec. 26, 2013, see section 702(c) of Pub. L. 113-67, set out as an Effective Date of 2013 Amendment note under section 2324 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

Repeal by Pub. L. 113-66 applicable with respect to costs of compensation incurred under contracts entered into on or after the date that is 180 days after Dec. 26, 2013, see section 811(d) of Pub. L. 113-66, set out as an

Effective Date of 2013 Amendment note under section 2324 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS LIMITING ALLOWABILITY OF COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, §808(f), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1838, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no other limitation in law on the allowability of costs of compensation of senior executives under covered contracts shall apply to such costs of compensation incurred after January 1, 1998.”

DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 808 OF PUB. L. 105-85

Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, §808(g), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1838, as amended by Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VIII, §804(c)(2), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2083, provided that: “In this section [see Tables for classification]:

“(1) The term ‘covered contract’ has the meaning given such term in section 2324(l) of title 10, United States Code, and section 306(l) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 [(former] 41 U.S.C. 256(l)] [see 41 U.S.C. 4301].

“(2) The terms ‘compensation’ and ‘senior executives’ have the meanings given such terms in section 2324(l) of title 10, United States Code, and section 306(m) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 [see 41 U.S.C. 4301].”

§ 1128. Maintaining necessary capability with respect to acquisition of architectural and engineering services

The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, shall develop and implement a plan to ensure that the Federal Government maintains the necessary capability with respect to the acquisition of architectural and engineering services to—

- (1) ensure that Federal Government employees have the expertise to determine agency requirements for those services;
- (2) establish priorities and programs, including acquisition plans;
- (3) establish professional standards;
- (4) develop scopes of work; and
- (5) award and administer contracts for those services.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3690.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1128	41:433 note.	Pub. L. 108-136, title XIV, §1414, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1666.

§ 1129. Center of excellence in contracting for services

The Administrator shall maintain a center of excellence in contracting for services. The center shall assist the acquisition community by identifying, and serving as a clearinghouse for, best practices in contracting for services in the public and private sectors.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3690.)