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CODIFICATION

See Codification note set out under section 3501 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—MULTIYEAR CONTRACTS FOR ACQUISITION OF SERVICES

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AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVIII, §1701(k)(3)(A)(i), (B), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2143, amended Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title XVIII, §1822(c), formerly §1822(m), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4203, which added this analysis, by making the redesignation of section 1822(m) as 1822(c) and by adding item 3531 and striking out what would have been items 3531 to 3535.

§ 3531. Multiyear contracts: acquisition of services

(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (d) and (e), the head of an agency may enter into contracts for periods of not more than five years for services described in subsection (b), and for items of supply related to such services, for which funds would otherwise be available for obligation only within the fiscal year for which appropriated whenever the head of the agency finds that—

(1) there will be a continuing requirement for the services consonant with current plans for the proposed contract period;

(2) the furnishing of such services will require a substantial initial investment in plant or equipment, or the incurrence of substantial contingent liabilities for the assembly, training, or transportation of a specialized work force; and

(3) the use of such a contract will promote the best interests of the United States by encouraging effective competition and promoting economies in operation.

(b) COVERED SERVICES.—The authority under subsection (a) applies to the following types of services:

(1) Operation, maintenance, and support of facilities and installations.

(2) Maintenance or modification of aircraft, ships, vehicles, and other highly complex military equipment.

(3) Specialized training necessitating high quality instructor skills (for example, pilot and air crew members; foreign language training).

(4) Base services (for example, ground maintenance; in-plane refueling; bus transportation; refuse collection and disposal).

(5) Environmental remediation services for—

(A) an active military installation;

(B) a military installation being closed or realigned under a base closure law; or

(C) a site formerly used by the Department of Defense.

(c) APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES.—In entering into multiyear contracts for services under the authority of this section, the head of the agency shall be guided by the following principles:

(1) The portion of the cost of any plant or equipment amortized as a cost of contract performance should not exceed the ratio between the period of contract performance and the anticipated useful commercial life of such plant or equipment. Useful commercial life, for this purpose, means the commercial utility of the facilities rather than the physical life thereof, with due consideration given to such factors as location of facilities, specialized nature thereof, and obsolescence.

(2) Consideration shall be given to the desirability of obtaining an option to renew the contract for a reasonable period not to exceed three years, at prices not to include charges for plant, equipment and other nonrecurring costs, already amortized.

(3) Consideration shall be given to the desirability of reserving in the agency the right, upon payment of the unamortized portion of the cost of the plant or equipment, to take title thereto under appropriate circumstances.

(d) RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE GENERALLY.—(1) The head of an agency may not initiate under this section a contract for services that includes an unfunded contingent liability in excess of $20,000,000 unless the congressional defense committees are notified of the proposed contract at least 30 days in advance of the award of the proposed contract.

(2) The head of an agency may not initiate a multiyear contract for services under this section if the value of the multiyear contract would exceed $500,000,000 unless authority for the contract is specifically provided by law.

(3) The head of an agency may not terminate a multiyear procurement contract for services until 10 days after the date on which notice of the proposed termination is provided to the congressional defense committees.

(4) Before any contract described in subsection (a) that contains a clause setting forth a cancellation ceiling in excess of $100,000,000 may be awarded, the head of the agency concerned shall give written notice to the congressional defense committees.
tract and of the proposed cancellation ceiling for that contract to the congressional defense committees, and such contract may not then be awarded until the end of a period of 30 days beginning on the date of such notification.

(5) In the case of a contract described in subsection (a) with a cancellation ceiling described in paragraph (4), if the budget for the contract does not include proposed funding for the costs of contract cancellation up to the cancellation ceiling established in the contract, the head of the agency concerned shall give written notification to the congressional defense committees of—

(A) the cancellation ceiling amounts planned for each program year in the proposed multiyear procurement contract, together with the reasons for the amounts planned;

(B) the extent to which costs of contract cancellation are not included in the budget for the contract;

(C) a financial risk assessment of not including budgeting for costs of contract cancellation.

(e) CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDING AFTER FIRST YEAR.—In the event that funds are not made available for the continuation of a multiyear contract for services into a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be canceled or terminated, and the costs of cancellation or termination may be paid from—

(1) appropriations originally available for the performance of the contract concerned;

(2) appropriations currently available for procurement of the type of services concerned, and not otherwise obligated; or

(3) funds appropriated for those payments.

(f) MULTIYEAR CONTRACT DEFINED.—For the purposes of this section, a multiyear contract is a contract for the purchase of services for more than one, but not more than five, program years. Such a contract may provide that performance under the contract during the second and subsequent years of the contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds and (if it does so provide) may provide for a cancellation payment to be made to the contractor if such appropriations are not made.


(h) MILITARY INSTALLATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term "military installation" has the meaning given such term in section 2001(c)(4) of this title.

(A) (Added Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title XVII, §1071(c)(3)(C), formerly §1822(d), as added by Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(k)(3)(D), directed the transfer of section 2306c of this title in its entirety to this section, thereby omitting what would have been sections 3532 to 3535 of this title. The transfer of section 2306c to this section was executed by transferring the text only of section 2306c, as the section designation and catchline had already been enacted by Pub. L. 116–283, §1822(c), formerly §1822(m), as renumbered and amended by Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(k)(3)(A)(ii), (B).


PRIOR PROVISIONS


Section 3531, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 201, related to appointment of a general officer of the Army as the Chief of Staff to the President.

Section 3532, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 201, provided that a colonel on the active list of the Regular Army who is detailed as special assistant to the Comptroller of the Department of Defense, has the grade of brigadier general while so serving, unless he is entitled to a higher grade.

Prior sections 3533 and 3534 were renumbered sections 7213 and 7214 of this title, respectively.

A prior section 3535, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 201, provided that an officer assigned as Assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of civil works, including river and harbor and flood control improvements, be entitled to the rank, pay, and allowances of a brigadier general while so serving, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96–513, title II, §235, title VII, §701, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2897, 2955, effective Sept. 15, 1981.

A prior section 3536 was renumbered section 7216 of this title.


Section 3539, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 202, provided for detail of officers of Army Medical Service for duty with the Service to Armed Forces Division of American National Red Cross and for detail of an officer of Medical Corps of the Army to be in charge of first-aid department of American National Red Cross. See section 711a of this title.


Section 3543, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 202, authorized President to assign regular and reserve Army officers to National Guard Bureau. See section 10907 of this title.

Section 3544, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 202, related to number of authorized aides, prior

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Pub. L. 116–283, §1822(n)–(s), which had initially directed the transfers of various subsections of section 2306c of this title to sections 3531 to 3535, was struck out by Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(k)(3)(C). Instead, Pub. L. 116–283, §1822(d), as added by Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(k)(3)(D), directed the transfer of section 2306c of this title in its entirety to this section, thereby omitting what would have been sections 3532 to 3535 of this title. The transfer of section 2306c to this section was executed by transferring the text only of section 2306c, as the section designation and catchline had already been enacted by Pub. L. 116–283, §1822(c), formerly §1822(m), as renumbered and amended by Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(k)(3)(A)(ii), (B).