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To provide for an improved acquisition system.

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (for himself and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for an improved acquisition system.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Acquisition System Improvement Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—ACQUISITION IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 101. Government-industry exchange program.

Sec. 102. Share-in-savings amendments.

- Sec. 103. Agency acquisition protests.
- Sec. 104. Use of commercially available online services for Federal procurement of commercial items.
- Sec. 105. Extension of deadline for report from statutory and regulatory advisory panel.
- Sec. 106. Adjustment of cost accounting standard threshold.
- Sec. 107. Use of Federal supply schedules by State and local governments for goods and services for defense against or recovery from terrorism or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.
- Sec. 108. Uniform payment standards for contract financing.

TITLE II—CONTRACT DISPUTE ENHANCEMENT

Subtitle A—General Provisions

- Sec. 211. Definitions.

Subtitle B—Establishment of Civilian and Defense Boards of Contract Appeals

- Sec. 221. Establishment.
- Sec. 222. Membership.
- Sec. 223. Chairmen.
- Sec. 224. Rulemaking authority.
- Sec. 225. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle C—Functions of Defense and Civilian Boards of Contract Appeals

- Sec. 231. Contract disputes.
- Sec. 232. Enhanced access for small business.
- Sec. 233. Applicability to certain contracts.

Subtitle D—Transfers and Transition, Savings, and Conforming Provisions

- Sec. 241. Transfer and allocation of appropriations and personnel.
- Sec. 242. Terminations and savings provisions.
- Sec. 243. Contract disputes authority of Boards.
- Sec. 244. References to agency Boards of contract appeals.
- Sec. 245. Conforming amendments.

Subtitle E—Effective Date; Regulations and Appointment of Chairmen

- Sec. 251. Effective date.
- Sec. 252. Regulations.
- Sec. 253. Appointment of Chairmen of Defense Board and Civilian Board.

1 **TITLE I—ACQUISITION** 2 **IMPROVEMENTS**

3 **SEC. 101. GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part III of title 5,
- 5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 6 following:

1 **“CHAPTER 38—ACQUISITION**
2 **PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

“Sec.

“3801. Definitions.

“3802. General provisions.

“3803. Assignment of employees to private sector organizations.

“3804. Assignment of employees from private sector organizations.

“3805. Reporting requirement.

“3806. Regulations.

3 **“§ 3801. Definitions**

4 “For purposes of this chapter—

5 ““(1) the term ‘agency’—

6 ““(A) subject to subparagraph (B), means
7 an executive agency; and

8 ““(B) does not include—

9 ““(i) the General Accounting Office;

10 ““(ii) an Office of Inspector General of
11 an establishment or a designated Federal
12 entity established under the Inspector Gen-
13 eral Act of 1978; and

14 ““(iii) the Defense Contract Audit
15 Agency referred to in section 2313(b) of
16 title 10; and

17 ““(2) the term ‘detail’ means—

18 ““(A) the assignment or loan of an em-
19 ployee of an agency to a private sector organi-
20 zation without a change of position from the
21 agency that employs the individual, or

1 “(B) the assignment or loan of an em-
2 ployee of a private sector organization to an
3 agency without a change of position from the
4 private sector organization that employs the in-
5 dividual,

6 whichever is appropriate in the context in which
7 such term is used.

8 **“§ 3802. General provisions**

9 “(a) ASSIGNMENT AUTHORITY.—On request from or
10 with the agreement of a private sector organization, and
11 with the consent of the employee concerned, the head of
12 an agency may arrange for the assignment of an employee
13 of the agency to a private sector organization or an em-
14 ployee of a private sector organization to the agency. An
15 eligible employee is an individual who—

16 “(1) works in the field of Federal acquisition or
17 acquisition management;

18 “(2) is considered an exceptional performer by
19 the individual’s current employer; and

20 “(3) is expected to assume increased acquisition
21 management responsibilities in the future.

22 An employee of an agency shall be eligible to participate
23 in this program only if the employee is employed at the
24 GS–11 level or above (or equivalent) and is serving under

1 a career or career-conditional appointment or an appoint-
2 ment of equivalent tenure in the excepted service.

3 “(b) AGREEMENTS.—Each agency that exercises its
4 authority under this chapter shall provide for a written
5 agreement between the agency and the employee con-
6 cerned regarding the terms and conditions of the employ-
7 ee’s assignment. In the case of an employee of the agency,
8 the agreement shall—

9 “(1) require the employee to serve in the civil
10 service, upon completion of the assignment, for a pe-
11 riod equal to the length of the assignment; and

12 “(2) provide that, in the event the employee
13 fails to carry out the agreement (except for good and
14 sufficient reason, as determined by the head of the
15 agency from which assigned) the employee shall be
16 liable to the United States for payment of all ex-
17 penses of the assignment.

18 An amount under paragraph (2) shall be treated as a debt
19 due the United States.

20 “(c) TERMINATION.—Assignments may be termi-
21 nated by the agency or private sector organization con-
22 cerned for any reason at any time.

23 “(d) DURATION.—Assignments under this chapter
24 shall be for a period of between 6 months and 1 year,
25 and may be extended in 3-month increments for a total

1 of not more than 1 additional year, except that no assign-
2 ment under this chapter may commence after the end of
3 the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment
4 of this chapter.

5 “(e) ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator for Federal
6 Procurement Policy, by agreement with the Office of Per-
7 sonnel Management, may assist in the administration of
8 this chapter, including by maintaining lists of potential
9 candidates for assignment under this chapter, establishing
10 mentoring relationships for the benefit of individuals who
11 are given assignments under this chapter, and publicizing
12 the program.

13 “(f) CONSIDERATIONS.—In exercising any authority
14 under this chapter, an agency shall take into consider-
15 ation—

16 “(1) the need to ensure that small business con-
17 cerns are appropriately represented with respect to
18 the assignments described in sections 3803 and
19 3804, respectively; and

20 “(2) how assignments described in section 3803
21 might best be used to help meet the needs of the
22 agency for the training of employees in acquisition
23 management.

1 **“§ 3803. Assignment of employees to private sector or-**
2 **ganizations**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An employee of an agency as-
4 signed to a private sector organization under this chapter
5 is deemed, during the period of the assignment, to be on
6 detail to a regular work assignment in his agency.

7 “(b) COORDINATION WITH CHAPTER 81.—Notwith-
8 standing any other provision of law, an employee of an
9 agency assigned to a private sector organization under this
10 chapter is entitled to retain coverage, rights, and benefits
11 under subchapter I of chapter 81, and employment during
12 the assignment is deemed employment by the United
13 States, except that, if the employee or the employee’s de-
14 pendants receive from the private sector organization any
15 payment under an insurance policy for which the premium
16 is wholly paid by the private sector organization, or other
17 benefit of any kind on account of the same injury or death,
18 then, the amount of such payment or benefit shall be cred-
19 ited against any compensation otherwise payable under
20 subchapter I of chapter 81.

21 “(c) REIMBURSEMENTS.—The assignment of an em-
22 ployee to a private sector organization under this chapter
23 may be made with or without reimbursement by the pri-
24 vate sector organization for the travel and transportation
25 expenses to or from the place of assignment, subject to
26 the same terms and conditions as apply with respect to

1 an employee of a Federal agency or a State or local gov-
2 ernment under section 3375, and for the pay, or a part
3 thereof, of the employee during assignment. Any reim-
4 bursements shall be credited to the appropriation of the
5 agency used for paying the travel and transportation ex-
6 penses or pay.

7 “(d) TORT LIABILITY; SUPERVISION.—The Federal
8 Tort Claims Act and any other Federal tort liability stat-
9 ute apply to an employee of an agency assigned to a pri-
10 vate sector organization under this chapter. The super-
11 vision of the duties of an employee of an agency so as-
12 signed to a private sector organization may be governed
13 by an agreement between the agency and the organization.

14 “(e) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each agency
16 shall take such actions as may be necessary to en-
17 sure that, of the assignments made under this chap-
18 ter from such agency to private sector organizations
19 in each year, at least 20 percent are to small busi-
20 ness concerns.

21 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
22 section—

23 “(A) the term ‘small business concern’
24 means a business concern that satisfies the
25 definitions and standards specified by the Ad-

1 administrator of the Small Business Administra-
2 tion under section 3(a)(2) of the Small Busi-
3 ness Act (as from time to time amended by the
4 Administrator);

5 “(B) the term ‘year’ refers to the 12-
6 month period beginning on the date of the en-
7 actment of this chapter, and each succeeding
8 12-month period in which any assignments
9 under this chapter may be made; and

10 “(C) the assignments ‘made’ in a year are
11 those commencing in such year.

12 “(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—An agency
13 which fails to comply with paragraph (1) in a year
14 shall, within 90 days after the end of such year, sub-
15 mit a report to the Committees on Government Re-
16 form and Small Business of the House of Represent-
17 atives and the Committees on Homeland Security
18 and Governmental Affairs and Small Business of the
19 Senate. The report shall include—

20 “(A) the total number of assignments
21 made under this chapter from such agency to
22 private sector organizations in the year;

23 “(B) of that total number, the number
24 (and percentage) made to small business con-
25 cerns; and

1 “(C) the reasons for the agency’s non-
2 compliance with paragraph (1).

3 “(4) EXCLUSION.—This subsection shall not
4 apply to an agency in any year in which it makes
5 fewer than 5 assignments under this chapter to pri-
6 vate sector organizations.

7 **“§ 3804. Assignment of employees from private sector**
8 **organizations**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An employee of a private sector
10 organization assigned to an agency under this chapter is
11 deemed, during the period of the assignment, to be on de-
12 tail to such agency.

13 “(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—An employee of a
14 private sector organization assigned to an agency under
15 this chapter—

16 “(1) may continue to receive pay and benefits
17 from the private sector organization from which he
18 is assigned;

19 “(2) is deemed, notwithstanding subsection (a),
20 to be an employee of the agency for the purposes
21 of—

22 “(A) chapter 73;

23 “(B) sections 201, 203, 205, 207, 208,
24 209, 603, 606, 607, 643, 654, 1905, and 1913
25 of title 18;

1 “(C) sections 1343, 1344, and 1349(b) of
2 title 31;

3 “(D) the Federal Tort Claims Act and any
4 other Federal tort liability statute;

5 “(E) the Ethics in Government Act of
6 1978;

7 “(F) section 1043 of the Internal Revenue
8 Code of 1986; and

9 “(G) section 27 of the Office of Federal
10 Procurement Policy Act;

11 “(3) may not have access to any trade secrets
12 or to any other nonpublic information which is of
13 commercial value to the private sector organization
14 from which he is assigned; and

15 “(4) is subject to such regulations as the Presi-
16 dent may prescribe.

17 The supervision of an employee of a private sector organi-
18 zation assigned to an agency under this chapter may be
19 governed by agreement between the agency and the private
20 sector organization concerned. Such an assignment may
21 be made with or without reimbursement by the agency for
22 the pay, or a part thereof, of the employee during the pe-
23 riod of assignment, or for any contribution of the private
24 sector organization to employee benefit systems.

1 “(c) COORDINATION WITH CHAPTER 81.—An em-
2 ployee of a private sector organization assigned to an
3 agency under this chapter who suffers disability or dies
4 as a result of personal injury sustained while performing
5 duties during the assignment shall be treated, for the pur-
6 pose of subchapter I of chapter 81, as an employee as de-
7 fined by section 8101 who had sustained the injury in the
8 performance of duty, except that, if the employee or the
9 employee’s dependents receive from the private sector or-
10 ganization any payment under an insurance policy for
11 which the premium is wholly paid by the private sector
12 organization, or other benefit of any kind on account of
13 the same injury or death, then, the amount of such pay-
14 ment or benefit shall be credited against any compensation
15 otherwise payable under subchapter I of chapter 81.

16 “(d) PROHIBITION AGAINST CHARGING CERTAIN
17 COSTS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—A private sec-
18 tor organization may not charge the Federal Government,
19 as direct or indirect costs under a Federal contract, the
20 costs of pay or benefits paid by the organization to an
21 employee assigned to an agency under this chapter for the
22 period of the assignment.

23 **“§ 3805. Reporting requirement**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Personnel Manage-
25 ment shall, not later than April 30 and October 31 of each

1 year, prepare and submit to the Committee on Govern-
2 ment Reform of the House of Representatives and the
3 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
4 fairs of the Senate a semiannual report summarizing the
5 operation of this chapter during the immediately preceding
6 6-month period ending on March 31 and September 30,
7 respectively.

8 “(b) CONTENT.—Each report shall include, with re-
9 spect to the 6-month period to which such report relates—

10 “(1) the total number of individuals assigned
11 to, and the total number of individuals assigned
12 from, each agency during such period;

13 “(2) a brief description of each assignment in-
14 cluded under paragraph (1), including—

15 “(A) the name of the assigned individual,
16 as well as the private sector organization and
17 the agency (including the specific bureau or
18 other agency component) to or from which such
19 individual was assigned;

20 “(B) the respective positions to and from
21 which the individual was assigned, including the
22 duties and responsibilities and the pay grade or
23 level associated with each; and

24 “(C) the duration and objectives of the in-
25 dividual’s assignment; and

1 “(3) such other information as the Office con-
2 siders appropriate.

3 “(c) PUBLICATION.—A copy of each report submitted
4 under subsection (a)—

5 “(1) shall be published in the Federal Register;
6 and

7 “(2) shall be made publicly available on the
8 Internet.

9 “(d) AGENCY COOPERATION.—On request of the Of-
10 fice, agencies shall furnish such information and reports
11 as the Office may require in order to carry out this sec-
12 tion.

13 **“§ 3806. Regulations**

14 “The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
15 ment shall prescribe regulations for the administration of
16 this chapter.”.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the General Accounting Of-
19 fice shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Govern-
20 ment Reform of the House of Representatives and the
21 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
22 fairs of the Senate a report on the operation of chapter
23 38 of title 5, United States Code (as added by this sec-
24 tion). Such report shall include—

1 (1) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pro-
2 gram established by such chapter; and

3 (2) a recommendation as to whether such pro-
4 gram should be continued (with or without modifica-
5 tion) or allowed to lapse.

6 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
7 at the beginning of part III of title 5, United States Code,
8 is amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter
9 37 the following:

“38. Acquisition Professional Exchange Program 3801”.

10 (d) COORDINATION WITH ACQUISITION WORKFORCE
11 PROVISIONS OF OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT
12 POLICY ACT.—Section 37 of the Office of Federal Pro-
13 curement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 433) is amended by add-
14 ing at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(i) AUTHORITY TO DETAIL EMPLOYEES TO NON-
16 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS.—(1) In carrying out the provi-
17 sions of this section, the Administrator, by agreement with
18 the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, may
19 provide for a program under which a Federal employee
20 may be detailed to a non-Federal employer. The Adminis-
21 trator, by agreement with the Director of the Office of
22 Personnel Management, shall prescribe regulations for
23 such program, including the conditions for service and du-
24 ties as the Administrator considers necessary.

1 “(2) An assignment described in section 3803 of title
2 5, United States Code, may not be made unless a program
3 under paragraph (1) is established, and the assignment
4 is made in accordance with the requirements of such pro-
5 gram.”.

6 (e) ETHICS PROVISIONS.—

7 (1) ONE-YEAR RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN COM-
8 MUNICATIONS.—Section 207(e)(2)(A)(v) of title 18,
9 United States Code, is amended by inserting “or
10 38” after “chapter 37”.

11 (2) DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMA-
12 TION.—Section 1905 of title 18, United States Code,
13 is amended by inserting “or 38” after “chapter 37”.

14 (3) CONTRACT ADVICE.—Section 207(l) of title
15 18, United States Code, is amended—

16 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
17 “Details.—” and inserting “Detailees.—”; and

18 (B) by inserting “or 38” after “chapter
19 37”.

20 (4) RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE OF PRO-
21 CUREMENT INFORMATION.—Section 27 of the Office
22 of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 423)
23 is amended in the last sentence of subsection (a)(1)
24 by inserting “or 38” after “chapter 37”.

25 (f) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 5, UNITED STATES
2 CODE.—Title 5, United States Code, is amended—

3 (A) in section 3111(d), by inserting “or
4 38” after “chapter 37”; and

5 (B) in section 7353(b)(4), by inserting “or
6 38” after “chapter 37”.

7 (2) AMENDMENT TO TITLE 18, UNITED STATES
8 CODE.—Section 209(g) of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or 38”
11 after “chapter 37”; and

12 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
13 follows:

14 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘agen-
15 cy’—

16 “(A) with respect to assignments under chapter
17 37 of title 5, means an agency (as defined in section
18 3701 of title 5) and the Office of the Chief Tech-
19 nology Officer of the District of Columbia; and

20 “(B) with respect to assignments under chapter
21 38 of title 5, means an agency (as defined by section
22 3801 of title 5).”.

23 (3) ELIGIBILITY FOR THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN.—
24 Section 125(c)(1)(D) of Public Law 100–238 (101

1 Stat. 1757; 5 U.S.C. 8432 note) is amended by in-
2 serting “or 38” after “chapter 37”.

3 **SEC. 102. SHARE-IN-SAVINGS AMENDMENTS.**

4 (a) DEFENSE CONTRACTS.—Section 2332 of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking “in each
7 of fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005” and inserting
8 “in the fiscal year”; and

9 (2) by striking subsection (d).

10 (b) OTHER CONTRACTS.—Section 317 of the Federal
11 Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41
12 U.S.C. 266a) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking “in each
14 of fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005” and inserting
15 “in the fiscal year”; and

16 (2) by striking subsection (d).

17 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION AMENDMENT.—Section
18 317 of such Act (41 U.S.C. 266a) is amended in sub-
19 section (b)(3)(B) by striking “chapter” and inserting
20 “title”.

21 **SEC. 103. AGENCY ACQUISITION PROTESTS.**

22 (a) DEFENSE CONTRACTS.—(1) Chapter 137 of title
23 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-
24 tion 2305a the following new section:

1 **“§ 2305b. Protests**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An interested party may protest
3 an acquisition of supplies or services by an agency based
4 on an alleged violation of an acquisition law or regulation,
5 and a decision regarding such alleged violation shall be
6 made by the agency in accordance with this section.

7 “(b) RESTRICTION ON CONTRACT AWARD PEND-
8 ING.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a contract
9 may not be awarded by an agency after a protest con-
10 cerning the acquisition has been submitted under this sec-
11 tion and while the protest is pending.

12 “(2) The head of the acquisition activity responsible
13 for the award of the contract may authorize the award
14 of a contract, notwithstanding a pending protest under
15 this section, upon making a written finding that urgent
16 and compelling circumstances do not allow for waiting for
17 a decision on the protest.

18 “(c) RESTRICTION ON CONTRACT PERFORMANCE
19 PENDING DECISION.—(1) Except as provided in para-
20 graph (2), performance of a contract may not be author-
21 ized (and performance of the contract shall cease if per-
22 formance has already begun) in any case in which a pro-
23 test of the contract award is submitted under this section
24 before the later of—

25 “(A) the date that is 10 days after the date of
26 contract award; or

1 “(B) the date that is five days after an agency
2 debriefing date offered to an unsuccessful offeror for
3 any debriefing that is requested and, when re-
4 quested, is required, under section 2305(b)(5) of
5 this title.

6 “(2) The head of the acquisition activity responsible
7 for the award of a contract may authorize performance
8 of the contract notwithstanding a pending protest under
9 this section upon making a written finding that urgent
10 and compelling circumstances do not allow for waiting for
11 a decision on the protest.

12 “(d) DEADLINE FOR DECISION.—The head of an
13 agency shall issue a decision on a protest under this sec-
14 tion not later than the date that is 20 working days after
15 the date on which the protest is submitted to such head
16 of an agency.

17 “(e) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—A decision on a protest
18 under this section is not subject to judicial review.

19 “(f) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
20 affect the right of an interested party to file a protest with
21 the Comptroller General under subchapter V of chapter
22 35 of title 31. An interested party who has filed a protest
23 under this section with respect to an acquisition may not
24 file an action with respect to that acquisition in the United

1 States Court of Federal Claims while the protest is pend-
2 ing.

3 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘pro-
4 test’ and ‘interested party’ have the meanings given such
5 terms in section 3551 of title 31.”.

6 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
7 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
8 to section 2305a the following new item:

“2305b. Protests.”.

9 (b) OTHER AGENCIES.—Title III of the Federal
10 Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 is
11 amended by inserting after section 303M (41 U.S.C.
12 253m) the following new section:

13 **“SEC. 303N. PROTESTS.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An interested party may protest
15 an acquisition of supplies or services by an executive agen-
16 cy based on an alleged violation of an acquisition law or
17 regulation, and a decision regarding such alleged violation
18 shall be made by the agency in accordance with this sec-
19 tion.

20 “(b) RESTRICTION ON CONTRACT AWARD PENDING
21 DECISION.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a
22 contract may not be awarded by an agency after a protest
23 concerning the acquisition has been submitted under this
24 section and while the protest is pending.

1 “(2) The head of the acquisition activity responsible
2 for the award of a contract may authorize the award of
3 the contract, notwithstanding a pending protest under this
4 section, upon making a written finding that urgent and
5 compelling circumstances do not allow for waiting for a
6 decision on the protest.

7 “(c) RESTRICTION ON CONTRACT PERFORMANCE
8 PENDING DECISION.—(1) Except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), performance of a contract may not be author-
10 ized (and performance of the contract shall cease if per-
11 formance has already begun) in any case in which a pro-
12 test of the contract award is submitted under this section
13 before the later of—

14 “(A) the date that is 10 days after the date of
15 contract award; or

16 “(B) the date that is five days after an agency
17 debriefing date offered to an unsuccessful offeror for
18 any debriefing that is requested and, when re-
19 quested, is required, under section 303B(e) of this
20 title.

21 “(2) The head of the acquisition activity responsible
22 for the award of a contract may authorize performance
23 of the contract notwithstanding a pending protest under
24 this section upon making a written finding that urgent

1 and compelling circumstances do not allow for waiting for
2 a decision on the protest.

3 “(d) DEADLINE FOR DECISION.—The head of an ex-
4 ecutive agency shall issue a decision on a protest under
5 this section not later than the date that is 20 working
6 days after the date on which the protest is submitted to
7 the executive agency.

8 “(e) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—A decision on a protest
9 under this section shall not be subject to judicial review.

10 “(f) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
11 affect the right of an interested party to file a protest with
12 the Comptroller General under subchapter V of chapter
13 35 of title 31, United States Code. An interested party
14 who has filed a protest under this section with respect to
15 an acquisition may not file an action with respect to that
16 acquisition in the United States Court of Federal Claims
17 while the protest is pending.

18 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘pro-
19 test’ and ‘interested party’ have the meanings given such
20 terms in section 3551 of title 31, United States Code.”.

21 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3553(d)(4)
22 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at
24 the end;

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
2 paragraph (B) and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 paragraph:

5 “(C) in the case of a protest of the same matter
6 regarding such contract that is submitted under sec-
7 tion 2305b of title 10 or section 303N of the Fed-
8 eral Property and Administrative Services Act of
9 1949, the date that is 5 days after the date on
10 which a decision on that protest is issued.”.

11 **SEC. 104. USE OF COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE ONLINE**
12 **SERVICES FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT OF**
13 **COMMERCIAL ITEMS.**

14 (a) **AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION**
15 **REGULATION.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of
16 the enactment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regula-
17 tion shall be revised to include provisions that require the
18 head of an executive agency, to the maximum extent prac-
19 ticable, to use commercially available online procurement
20 services to purchase commercial items, including those
21 procurement services that allow the agency to conduct re-
22 verse auctions.

23 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the revi-
24 sions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation are issued
25 pursuant to subsection (a), the Administrator for Federal

1 Procurement Policy shall submit to the Committees on
2 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and on
3 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committees on Gov-
4 ernment Reform and on Armed Services of the House of
5 Representatives a report on the use of commercially avail-
6 able online procurement services. The report shall in-
7 clude—

8 (1) a list of the executive agencies that have
9 used commercially available online procurement serv-
10 ices, and the number of times each has so used such
11 services;

12 (2) a list of the types of commercially available
13 online procurement services used by each executive
14 agency and the dollar value of the procurements con-
15 ducted through each type of commercially available
16 online procurement service; and

17 (3) the Administrator’s recommendations for
18 further encouraging the use of commercially avail-
19 able online procurement services, particularly those
20 that afford the Federal Government the opportunity
21 to conduct reverse auctions.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “commercially available online
24 procurement services”, with respect to procurement
25 by executive agencies, includes reverse auctions and

1 other services accessible on the Internet that allow
2 executive agencies to purchase commercial items
3 from electronic catalogs and offerors to bid for deliv-
4 ery orders of such items.

5 (2) The term “reverse auction”, with respect to
6 procurement by executive agencies, means a method
7 of soliciting offers on the Internet for commercial
8 items, not including construction-related services, in
9 which—

10 (A) firms compete against each other on
11 the Internet in real time and in an open and
12 interactive environment; and

13 (B) each firm’s identity and pricing are
14 safeguarded.

15 (3) The term “Federal Acquisition Regulation”
16 means the single Government-wide procurement reg-
17 ulation issued in accordance with sections 6 and 25
18 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
19 U.S.C. 405 and 421).

20 (4) The terms “executive agency”, “commercial
21 item”, and “procurement” have the meanings pro-
22 vided those terms in section 4 of the Office of Fed-
23 eral Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403 et
24 seq.).

1 **SEC. 105. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR REPORT FROM**
2 **STATUTORY AND REGULATORY ADVISORY**
3 **PANEL.**

4 Subsection (d) of section 1423 of the Services Acqui-
5 sition Reform Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–136; 41
6 U.S.C. 405 note) is amended by striking “one year” and
7 inserting “two years”.

8 **SEC. 106. ADJUSTMENT OF COST ACCOUNTING STANDARD**
9 **THRESHOLD.**

10 Section 26(f)(2)(A) of the Office of Federal Procure-
11 ment Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 422(f)(A)) is amended by
12 striking “\$500,000” and inserting “\$550,000”.

13 **SEC. 107. USE OF FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULES BY STATE**
14 **AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR GOODS AND**
15 **SERVICES FOR DEFENSE AGAINST OR RECOV-**
16 **ERY FROM TERRORISM OR NUCLEAR, BIO-**
17 **LOGICAL, CHEMICAL, OR RADIOLOGICAL AT-**
18 **TACK.**

19 (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE SUPPLY SCHEDULES FOR**
20 **CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES.**—Section 502 of title 40,
21 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
22 following new subsection:

23 “(d) **USE OF SUPPLY SCHEDULES FOR CERTAIN**
24 **GOODS AND SERVICES.**—

25 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator may
26 provide for the use by State or local governments of

1 Federal supply schedules of the General Services Ad-
2 ministration for goods and services that are used to
3 facilitate defense against or recovery from terrorism
4 or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological at-
5 tack.

6 “(2) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY OF
7 HOMELAND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland
8 Security shall determine which goods and services
9 qualify as goods and services described in paragraph
10 (1) before the Administrator provides for the use of
11 the Federal supply schedule relating to such goods
12 and services.

13 “(3) VOLUNTARY USE.—In the case of the use
14 by a State or local government of a Federal supply
15 schedule pursuant to paragraph (1), participation by
16 a firm that sells to the Federal Government through
17 the supply schedule shall be voluntary with respect
18 to a sale to the State or local government through
19 such supply schedule.

20 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—The definitions in sub-
21 section (c)(3) shall apply for purposes of this sec-
22 tion.”.

23 (b) PROCEDURES.—Not later than 30 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
25 General Services shall establish procedures to implement

1 section 502(d) of title 40, United States Code (as added
2 by subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 108. UNIFORM PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR CONTRACT**
4 **FINANCING.**

5 (a) REVISION OF FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULA-
6 TION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
7 actment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulation
8 shall be revised to establish payment terms for contract
9 financing payments that are not otherwise subject to other
10 laws governing payment terms. The revisions shall provide
11 that—

12 (1) all contract financing payments be made by
13 the agency concerned as quickly as practicable;

14 (2) to the maximum extent practicable, contract
15 financing payments be made within 14 days after re-
16 ceipt and approval of an invoice by a government of-
17 ficial; and

18 (3) in determining the appropriate payment
19 terms for a contract, an agency should consider—

20 (A) geographical separation;

21 (B) workload;

22 (C) contractor ability to submit a proper
23 request for payment; and

24 (D) other factors that could affect timing
25 of payment.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION.—The
3 term “Federal Acquisition Regulation” means the
4 single Government-wide procurement regulation
5 issued in accordance with sections 6 and 25 of the
6 Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C.
7 405 and 421).

8 (2) CONTRACT FINANCING PAYMENT.—The
9 term “contract financing payment”—

10 (A) means an authorized Government dis-
11 bursement of monies to a contractor before ac-
12 ceptance of supplies or services by the Govern-
13 ment;

14 (B) includes—

15 (i) advance payments;

16 (ii) performance-based payments;

17 (iii) commercial advance and interim
18 payments;

19 (iv) progress payments based on cost;

20 (v) progress payments based on a per-
21 centage or state of completion; and

22 (vi) interim payments under a cost re-
23 imbursement contract; and

24 (C) does not include—

25 (i) invoice payments;

- 1 (ii) payments for partial deliveries; or
 2 (iii) lease and rental payments.

3 **TITLE II—CONTRACT DISPUTE**
 4 **ENHANCEMENT**

5 **Subtitle A—General Provisions**

6 **SEC. 211. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Federal Procure-
 8 ment Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) is amended by
 9 adding at the end the following:

10 **“TITLE II—DISPUTE**
 11 **RESOLUTION**

12 **“Subtitle A—General Provisions**

13 **“SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

14 “In this title:

15 “(1) The term ‘Defense Board’ means the De-
 16 partment of Defense Board of Contract Appeals es-
 17 tablished pursuant to section 8(a)(1) of the Contract
 18 Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 607).

19 “(2) The term ‘Civilian Board’ means the Civil-
 20 ian Board of Contract Appeals established pursuant
 21 to section 8(b)(1) of the Contract Disputes Act of
 22 1978 (41 U.S.C. 607).

23 “(3) The term ‘Board judge’ means a member
 24 of the Defense Board or the Civilian Board, as the
 25 case may be.

1 “(4) The term ‘Chairman’ means the Chairman
2 of the Defense Board or the Civilian Board, as the
3 case may be.

4 “(5) The term ‘Board concerned’ means—

5 “(A) the Defense Board with respect to
6 matters within its jurisdiction; and

7 “(B) the Civilian Board with respect to
8 matters within its jurisdiction.

9 “(6) The term ‘executive agency’—

10 “(A) with respect to contract disputes
11 under the jurisdiction of the Defense Board,
12 means the Department of Defense, the Depart-
13 ment of the Army, the Department of the Navy,
14 the Department of the Air Force, or the Na-
15 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration;
16 and

17 “(B) with respect to contract disputes
18 under the jurisdiction of the Civilian Board, has
19 the meaning given by section 4(1) of this Act
20 except that the term does not include the De-
21 partment of Defense, the Department of the
22 Army, the Department of the Navy, the Depart-
23 ment of the Air Force, the National Aero-
24 nautics and Space Administration, and the Ten-
25 nessee Valley Authority.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Office of
2 Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)
3 is further amended—

4 (1) by inserting the following before section 1:
5 **“TITLE I—FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY GENERALLY”;**
6

7 and

8 (2) in section 4, by striking out “As used in
9 this Act:” and inserting in lieu thereof “Except as
10 otherwise specifically provided, as used in this Act.”.

11 **Subtitle B—Establishment of Civil-**
12 **ian and Defense Boards of Con-**
13 **tract Appeals**

14 **SEC. 221. ESTABLISHMENT.**

15 (a) DEFENSE BOARD.—Subsection (a)(1) of section
16 8 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 607)
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 “(a)(1) There is established in the Department of De-
19 fense a board of contract appeals to be known as the De-
20 partment of Defense Board of Contract Appeals.”.

21 (b) CIVILIAN BOARD.—Subsection (b)(1) of section
22 8 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 607)
23 is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b)(1) There is established in the General Services
2 Administration a board of contract appeals to be known
3 as the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals.”.

4 **SEC. 222. MEMBERSHIP.**

5 The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
6 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 211, is further
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 202. MEMBERSHIP.**

9 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—(1)(A) The Defense Board
10 shall consist of judges appointed by the Secretary of De-
11 fense from a register of applicants maintained by the De-
12 fense Board, in accordance with rules issued by the De-
13 fense Board for establishing and maintaining a register
14 of eligible applicants and selecting Defense Board judges.
15 The Secretary shall appoint a judge without regard to po-
16 litical affiliation and solely on the basis of the professional
17 qualifications required to perform the duties and respon-
18 sibilities of a Defense Board judge.

19 “(B) The Civilian Board shall consist of judges ap-
20 pointed by the Administrator for Federal Procurement
21 Policy from a register of applicants maintained by the Ad-
22 ministrator, in accordance with rules issued by the Admin-
23 istrator for establishing and maintaining a register of eli-
24 gible applicants and selecting Civilian Board judges. The
25 Administrator shall appoint a judge without regard to po-

1 litical affiliation and solely on the basis of the professional
2 qualifications required to perform the duties and respon-
3 sibilities of a Civilian Board judge.

4 “(2) The members of the Defense Board and the Ci-
5 vilian Board shall be selected and appointed to serve in
6 the same manner as administrative law judges appointed
7 pursuant to section 3105 of title 5, United States Code,
8 with an additional requirement that such members shall
9 have had not fewer than five years of experience in public
10 contract law.

11 “(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) and subject to
12 subsection (b), the following persons shall serve as Board
13 judges:

14 “(A) For the Defense Board, any full-time
15 member of the Armed Services Board of Contract
16 Appeals serving as such on the day before the effec-
17 tive date of this title.

18 “(B) For the Civilian Board, any full-time
19 member of any agency board of contract appeals
20 other than the Armed Services Board of Contract
21 Appeals, the Postal Service Board of Contract Ap-
22 peals, and the board of contract appeals of the Ten-
23 nessee Valley Authority serving as such on the day
24 before the effective date of this title.

1 “(b) REMOVAL.—Members of the Defense Board and
2 the Civilian Board shall be subject to removal in the same
3 manner as administrative law judges, as provided in sec-
4 tion 7521 of title 5, United States Code.

5 “(c) COMPENSATION.—Compensation for the Chair-
6 man of the Defense Board and the Chairman of the Civil-
7 ian Board and all other members of each Board shall be
8 determined under section 5372a of title 5, United States
9 Code.”.

10 **SEC. 223. CHAIRMEN.**

11 The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
12 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 222, is further
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 **“SEC. 203. CHAIRMEN.**

15 “(a) DESIGNATION.—(1)(A) The Chairman of the
16 Defense Board shall be designated by the Secretary of De-
17 fense to serve for a term of five years. The Secretary shall
18 select the Chairman from among sitting judges each of
19 whom has had at least five years of service as a member
20 of the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.

21 “(B) The Chairman of the Civilian Board shall be
22 designated by the Administrator for Federal Procurement
23 Policy to serve for a term of five years. The Administrator
24 shall select the Chairman from among sitting judges each
25 of whom has had at least five years of service as a member

1 of an agency board of contract appeals other than the
2 Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.

3 “(2) A Chairman of a Board may continue to serve
4 after the expiration of the Chairman’s term until a suc-
5 cessor has taken office. A Chairman may be reappointed
6 any number of times.

7 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Chairman of the De-
8 fense Board or the Civilian Board, as the case may be,
9 shall be responsible on behalf of the Board for the execu-
10 tive and administrative operation of the Board, including
11 functions of the Board with respect to the following:

12 “(1) The selection, appointment, and fixing of
13 the compensation of such personnel, pursuant to
14 part III of title 5, United States Code, as the Chair-
15 man considers necessary or appropriate, including a
16 Clerk of the Board, a General Counsel, and clerical
17 and legal assistance for Board judges.

18 “(2) The supervision of personnel employed by
19 or assigned to the Board, and the distribution of
20 work among such personnel.

21 “(3) The operation of an Office of the Clerk of
22 the Board, including the receipt of all filings made
23 with the Board, the assignment of cases, and the
24 maintenance of all records of the Board.

1 “(4) The prescription of such rules and regula-
2 tions as the Chairman considers necessary or appro-
3 priate for the administration and management of the
4 Board.

5 “(c) VICE CHAIRMEN.—The Chairman of the De-
6 fense Board or the Civilian Board, as the case may be,
7 may designate up to two other Board judges as Vice
8 Chairmen. The Vice Chairmen, in the order designated by
9 the Chairman, shall act in the place and stead of the
10 Chairman during the absence of the Chairman.”.

11 **SEC. 224. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

12 The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
13 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 223, is further
14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15 **“SEC. 204. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

16 “Except as provided by section 252 of the Acquisition
17 System Improvement Act, the Chairman of the Defense
18 Board and the Chairman of the Civilian Board, in con-
19 sultation with the Administrator for Federal Procurement
20 Policy, shall jointly issue and maintain—

21 “(1) such procedural rules and regulations as
22 are necessary to the exercise of the functions of the
23 Boards under section 211; and

24 “(2) statements of policy of general applica-
25 bility with respect to such functions.”.

1 **SEC. 225. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
3 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 224, is further
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 “There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
7 year 2005 and each succeeding fiscal year such sums as
8 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.
9 Funds for the activities of each Board shall be separately
10 appropriated for such purpose. Funds appropriate pursu-
11 ant to this section shall remain available until expended.”.

12 **Subtitle C—Functions of Defense**
13 **and Civilian Boards of Contract**
14 **Appeals**

15 **SEC. 231. CONTRACT DISPUTES.**

16 The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
17 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 225, is further
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 **“Subtitle B—Functions of the De-**
20 **fense and Civilian Boards of**
21 **Contract Appeals**

22 **“SEC. 211. CONTRACT DISPUTES.**

23 “The Defense Board shall have jurisdiction as pro-
24 vided by section 8(a)(1) of the Contract Disputes Act of
25 1978 (41 U.S.C. 607(a)). The Civilian Board shall have

1 jurisdiction as provided by section 8(b)(1) of such Act (41
2 U.S.C. 607(b)).”.

3 **SEC. 232. ENHANCED ACCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS.**

4 Section 9(a) of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978
5 (41 U.S.C. 608) is amended by striking out the period
6 at the end of the first sentence and inserting the following:
7 “or, in the case of a small business concern (as defined
8 in the Small Business Act and regulations under that
9 Act), \$150,000 or less.”.

10 **SEC. 233. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN CONTRACTS.**

11 The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
12 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 231, is further
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 **“SEC. 212. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN CONTRACTS.**

15 “(a) **CONTRACTS AT OR BELOW THE SIMPLIFIED AC-**
16 **QUISITION THRESHOLD.**—Notwithstanding section 33 of
17 this Act, the authority conferred on the Defense Board
18 and the Civilian Board by this title is applicable to con-
19 tracts in amounts not greater than the simplified acquisi-
20 tion threshold.

21 “(b) **CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS.**—Not-
22 withstanding section 34 of this Act, the authority con-
23 ferred on the Defense Board and the Civilian Board by
24 this title is applicable to contracts for the procurement of
25 commercial items.”.

1 **Subtitle D—Transfers and Transi-**
2 **tion, Savings, and Conforming**
3 **Provisions**

4 **SEC. 241. TRANSFER AND ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIA-**
5 **TIONS AND PERSONNEL.**

6 (a) TRANSFERS.—

7 (1) ARMED SERVICES BOARD OF CONTRACT AP-
8 PEALS.—The personnel employed in connection with,
9 and the assets, liabilities, contracts, property,
10 records, and unexpended balance of appropriations,
11 authorizations, allocations, and other funds em-
12 ployed, held, used, arising from, available to, or to
13 be made available in connection with the functions
14 vested by law in the Armed Services Board of Con-
15 tract Appeals established pursuant to section 8 of
16 the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 607)
17 (as in effect on the day before the effective date de-
18 scribed in section 251), shall be transferred to the
19 Department of Defense Board of Contract Appeals
20 for appropriate allocation by the Chairman of that
21 Board.

22 (2) OTHER BOARDS OF CONTRACTS APPEALS.—

23 The personnel employed in connection with, and the
24 assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, and
25 unexpended balance of appropriations, authoriza-

1 tions, allocations, and other funds employed, held,
2 used, arising from, available to, or to be made avail-
3 able in connection with the functions vested by law
4 in the boards of contract appeals established pursu-
5 ant to section 8 of the Contract Disputes Act of
6 1978 (41 U.S.C. 607) (as in effect on the day before
7 the effective date described in section 251) other
8 than the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals,
9 the board of contract appeals of the Tennessee Val-
10 ley Authority, and the Postal Service Board of Con-
11 tract Appeals shall be transferred to the Civilian
12 Board of Contract Appeals for appropriate allocation
13 by the Chairman of that Board.

14 (b) EFFECT ON PERSONNEL.—Personnel transferred
15 pursuant to this subtitle shall not be separated or reduced
16 in compensation for one year after such transfer, except
17 for cause.

18 (c) REGULATIONS.—(1) The Department of Defense
19 Board of Contract Appeals and the Civilian Board of Con-
20 tract Appeals shall each prescribe regulations for the re-
21 lease of competing employees in a reduction in force that
22 gives due effect to—

- 23 (A) efficiency or performance ratings;
- 24 (B) military preference; and
- 25 (C) tenure of employment.

1 (2) In prescribing the regulations, the Board con-
2 cerned shall provide for military preference in the same
3 manner as set forth in subchapter I of chapter 35 of title
4 5, United States Code.

5 **SEC. 242. TERMINATIONS AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

6 (a) TERMINATION OF BOARDS OF CONTRACT AP-
7 PEALS.—Effective on the effective date described in sec-
8 tion 251, the boards of contract appeals established pursu-
9 ant to section 8 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41
10 U.S.C. 607) (as in effect on the day before such effective
11 date), other than the board of contract appeals of the Ten-
12 nessee Valley Authority and the Postal Service Board of
13 Contract Appeals, shall terminate.

14 (b) SAVINGS PROVISION FOR CONTRACT DISPUTE
15 MATTERS PENDING BEFORE BOARDS.—(1) This title and
16 the amendments made by this title shall not affect any
17 proceedings pending on the effective date described in sec-
18 tion 251 before any board of contract appeals terminated
19 by subsection (a).

20 (2) In the case of any such proceedings pending be-
21 fore the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, the
22 proceedings shall be continued by the Department of De-
23 fense Board of Contract Appeals, and orders which were
24 issued in any such proceeding by the Armed Services
25 Board of Contract Appeals shall continue in effect until

1 modified, terminated, superseded, or revoked by the De-
2 partment of Defense Board of Contract Appeals, by a
3 court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

4 (3) In the case of any such proceedings pending be-
5 fore an agency board of contract appeals other than the
6 Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals or the board
7 of contract appeals of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the
8 proceedings shall be continued by the Civilian Board of
9 Contract Appeals, and orders which were issued in any
10 such proceeding by the agency board shall continue in ef-
11 fect until modified, terminated, superseded, or revoked by
12 the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, by a court of com-
13 petent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

14 **SEC. 243. CONTRACT DISPUTES AUTHORITY OF BOARDS.**

15 (a) Section 2 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978
16 (41 U.S.C. 601) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking out “, the
18 United States Postal Service, and the Postal Rate
19 Commission”;

20 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
21 graph (9);

22 (3) by amending paragraph (6) to read as fol-
23 lows:

24 “(6) the terms ‘agency board’ or ‘agency board
25 of contract appeals’ mean—

1 “(1) the Department of Defense Board of
2 Contract Appeals established under section
3 8(a)(1) of this Act;

4 “(2) the Civilian Board of Contract Ap-
5 peals established under section 8(b)(1) of this
6 Act;

7 “(3) the board of contract appeals of the
8 Tennessee Valley Authority; or

9 “(4) the Postal Service Board of Contract
10 Appeals established under section 8(h) of this
11 Act;” and

12 (4) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
13 lowing new paragraphs:

14 “(7) the term ‘Defense Board’ means the De-
15 partment of Defense Board of Contract Appeals es-
16 tablished under section 8(a)(1) of this Act;

17 “(8) the term ‘Civilian Board’ means the Civil-
18 ian Board of Contract Appeals established under
19 section 8(b)(1) of this Act; and”.

20 (b) Section 8 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978
21 (41 U.S.C. 607), as amended by section 221, is further
22 amended—

23 (1) by striking out subsection (c);

24 (2) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) by striking out the first sentence and
2 inserting in lieu thereof the following: “The De-
3 fense Board shall have jurisdiction to decide
4 any appeal from a decision of a contracting offi-
5 cer of the Department of Defense, the Depart-
6 ment of the Army, the Department of the Navy,
7 the Department of the Air Force, or the Na-
8 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration
9 relative to a contract made by that department
10 or agency. The Civilian Board shall have juris-
11 diction to decide any appeal from a decision of
12 a contracting officer of any executive agency
13 (other than the Department of Defense, the De-
14 partment of the Army, the Department of the
15 Navy, the Department of the Air Force, the
16 National Aeronautics and Space Administra-
17 tion, the United States Postal Service, the Post-
18 al Rate Commission, or the Tennessee Valley
19 Authority) relative to a contract made by that
20 agency. Each other agency board shall have ju-
21 risdiction to decide any appeal from a decision
22 of a contracting officer relative to a contract
23 made by its agency.”; and

1 (B) in the second sentence, by striking out
2 “Claims Court” and inserting in lieu thereof
3 “Court of Federal Claims”;

4 (3) by striking out subsection (h) and inserting
5 in lieu thereof the following:

6 “(h) There is established an agency board of contract
7 appeals to be known as the ‘Postal Service Board of Con-
8 tract Appeals’. Such board shall have jurisdiction to decide
9 any appeal from a decision of a contracting officer of the
10 United States Postal Service or the Postal Rate Commis-
11 sion relative to a contract made by either agency. Such
12 board shall consist of judges appointed by the Postmaster
13 General who shall meet the qualifications of and serve in
14 the same manner as judges of the Civilian Board of Con-
15 tract Appeals. This Act and title II of the Office of Fed-
16 eral Procurement Policy Act shall apply to contract dis-
17 putes before the Postal Service Board of Contract Appeals
18 in the same manner as they apply to contract disputes
19 before the Civilian Board.”; and

20 (4) by striking out subsection (i).

21 **SEC. 244. REFERENCES TO AGENCY BOARDS OF CONTRACT**
22 **APPEALS.**

23 (a) DEFENSE BOARD.—Any reference to the Armed
24 Services Board of Contract Appeals in any provision of
25 law or in any rule, regulation, or other paper of the United

1 States shall be treated as referring to the Department of
2 Defense Board of Contract Appeals.

3 (b) CIVILIAN BOARD.—Any reference to an agency
4 board of contract appeals other than the Armed Services
5 Board of Contract Appeals, the board of contract appeals
6 of the Tennessee Valley Authority, or the Postal Service
7 Board of Contract Appeals in any provision of law or in
8 any rule, regulation, or other paper of the United States
9 shall be treated as referring to the Civilian Board of Con-
10 tract Appeals.

11 **SEC. 245. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

12 (a) TITLE 5.—Section 5372a(a)(1) of title 5, United
13 States Code, is amended by inserting after “of 1978” the
14 following: “or a member of the Department of Defense
15 Board of Contract Appeals or the Civilian Board of Con-
16 tract Appeals appointed under section 202 of the Office
17 of Federal Procurement Policy Act”.

18 (b) OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY
19 ACT.—The table of contents for the Office of Federal Pro-
20 curement Policy Act (contained in section 1(b)) is amend-
21 ed—

22 (1) by inserting the following before the item
23 relating to section 1:

“TITLE I—FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY GENERALLY”;

24 and

25 (2) by adding at the end the following:

“TITLE II—DISPUTE RESOLUTION

“Subtitle A—General Provisions

“201. Definitions.

“202. Membership.

“203. Chairmen.

“204. Rulemaking authority.

“205. Authorization of appropriations.

“Subtitle B—Functions of the Defense and Civilian Boards of Contract Appeals

“211. Contract disputes.

“212. Applicability to certain contracts.”.

1 **Subtitle E—Effective Date; Regula-**
2 **tions and Appointment of Chair-**
3 **men**

4 **SEC. 251. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 Title II of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy
6 Act, as added by this title, and the amendments and re-
7 peals made by this title shall take effect 1 year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 252. REGULATIONS.**

10 (a) REGULATIONS REGARDING CLAIMS.—Not later
11 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
12 the Chairman of the Armed Services Board of Contract
13 Appeals and the Chairman of the General Services Board
14 of Contract Appeals, in consultation with the Adminis-
15 trator for Federal Procurement Policy, shall jointly
16 issue—

17 (1) such procedural rules and regulations as are
18 necessary to the exercise of the functions of the De-
19 partment of Defense Board of Contract Appeals and

1 the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals under sec-
2 tions 211 of the Office of Federal Procurement Pol-
3 icy Act (as added by this title); and

4 (2) statements of policy of general applicability
5 with respect to such functions.

6 (b) REGULATIONS REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF
7 JUDGES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the en-
8 actment of this Act—

9 (1) the Chairman of the Armed Services Board
10 of Contract Appeals shall issue rules governing the
11 establishment and maintenance of a register of eligi-
12 ble applicants and the selection of judges for the De-
13 partment of Defense Board of Contract Appeals;
14 and

15 (2) the Administrator for Federal Procurement
16 Policy shall issue rules governing the establishment
17 and maintenance of a register of eligible applicants
18 and the selection of judges for the Civilian Board of
19 Contract Appeals.

20 **SEC. 253. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF DEFENSE**
21 **BOARD AND CIVILIAN BOARD.**

22 Notwithstanding section 251, not later than 1 year
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act—

1 (1) the Secretary of Defense shall appoint the
2 Chairman of the Department of Defense Board of
3 Contract Appeals; and

4 (2) the Administrator for Federal Procurement
5 Policy shall appoint the Chairman of the Civilian
6 Board of Contract Appeals.

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