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112	41:259(c)(2).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, §309(c)(2), as added Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, §2711(a)(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1180; Pub. L. 98-577, title V, §504(a)(4), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3086; Pub. L. 103-355, title I, §1551, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3299.
	41:403(3).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(3), Aug. 30, 1974, 88 Stat. 797; Pub. L. 96-83, §3, Oct. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 649; Pub. L. 98-191, §4, Dec. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 1326; Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8001(b)(1)-(3), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3386.

§ 113. Responsible source

In this subtitle, the term “responsible source” means a prospective contractor that—

- (1) has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain those resources;
- (2) is able to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and Government business commitments;
- (3) has a satisfactory performance record;
- (4) has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (5) has the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills, or the ability to obtain the organization, experience, controls, and skills;
- (6) has the necessary production, construction, and technical equipment and facilities, or the ability to obtain the equipment and facilities; and
- (7) is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

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	41:403(7).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(7), formerly §4(8), as added Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, §2731(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1195; Pub. L. 98-577, title I, §102(2), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3067; redesignated as §4(7), Pub. L. 100-679, §3(c), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4056; Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8001(b)(1)-(3), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3386.

§ 114. Standards

In this subtitle, the term “standards” means the criteria for determining the effectiveness of the procurement system by measuring the performance of the various elements of the system.

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	41:403(4).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(4), formerly §4(5), Aug. 30, 1974, 88 Stat. 797; Pub. L. 96-83, §3, Oct. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 649; Pub. L. 98-191, §4, Dec. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 1326; Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, §2731(2), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1195; redesignated as §4(4), Pub. L. 100-679, §3(c), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4056; Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8001(b)(1), (2), (4), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3386.

§ 115. Supplies

In this subtitle, the term “supplies” has the same meaning as the terms “item” and “item of supply”.

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115	41:259(c)(10).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, §309(c)(10) (“supplies”), as added Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, §2711(a)(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1180; Pub. L. 98-577, title V, §504(a)(4), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3086; Pub. L. 103-355, title I, §1551, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3299.
	41:403(10) (“supplies”).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(10) (“supplies”), formerly §4(11), as added Pub. L. 98-577, title I, §102(3), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3067; redesignated as §4(10), Pub. L. 100-679, §3(c), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4056; Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8001(b)(1), (2), (4), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3386.

§ 116. Technical data

In this subtitle, the term “technical data”—

- (1) means recorded information (regardless of the form or method of the recording) of a scientific or technical nature (including computer software documentation) relating to supplies procured by an agency; but
- (2) does not include computer software or financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management data or other information incidental to contract administration.

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116	41:259(c)(6).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, §309(c)(6), as added Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, §2711(a)(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1180; Pub. L. 98-577, title V, §504(a)(4), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3086; Pub. L. 103-355, title I, §1551, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3299.

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	41:403(8).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(8), formerly §4(9), as added Pub. L. 98-577, title I, §102(3), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3067; redesignated as §4(8), Pub. L. 100-679, §3(c), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4056; Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8001(b)(1)-(3), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3386.

SUBCHAPTER II—DIVISION B DEFINITIONS

§ 131. Acquisition

In division B, the term “acquisition”—

(1) means the process of acquiring, with appropriated amounts, by contract for purchase or lease, property or services (including construction) that support the missions and goals of an executive agency, from the point at which the requirements of the executive agency are established in consultation with the chief acquisition officer of the executive agency; and

(2) includes—

(A) the process of acquiring property or services that are already in existence, or that must be created, developed, demonstrated, and evaluated;

(B) the description of requirements to satisfy agency needs;

(C) solicitation and selection of sources;

(D) award of contracts;

(E) contract performance;

(F) contract financing;

(G) management and measurement of contract performance through final delivery and payment; and

(H) technical and management functions directly related to the process of fulfilling agency requirements by contract.

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131	41:403(16).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(16), as added Pub. L. 108-136, title XIV, §1411, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1663.

§ 132. Competitive procedures

In division B, the term “competitive procedures” means procedures under which an agency enters into a contract pursuant to full and open competition.

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132	41:403(5).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(5), formerly §4(6), as added Pub. L. 98-369, title VII, §2731(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1195; redesignated as §4(5), Pub. L. 100-679, §3(c), Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4056; Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8001(b)(1)-(3), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3386.

§ 133. Executive agency

In division B, the term “executive agency” means—

(1) an executive department specified in section 101 of title 5;

(2) a military department specified in section 102 of title 5;

(3) an independent establishment as defined in section 104(1) of title 5; and

(4) a wholly owned Government corporation fully subject to chapter 91 of title 31.

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133	41:403(1).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(1), Aug. 30, 1974, 88 Stat. 797; Pub. L. 96-83, §3, Oct. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 649; Pub. L. 98-191, §4, Dec. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 1326; Pub. L. 103-355, title VIII, §8001(b)(1)-(3), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3386.

§ 134. Simplified acquisition threshold

In division B, the term “simplified acquisition threshold” means \$250,000.

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Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VIII, §805, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1456.)

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134	41:403(11).	Pub. L. 93-400, §4(11), as added Pub. L. 101-510, title VIII, §806(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1592; Pub. L. 103-355, title IV, §4001, title VIII, §8001(b)(1), (2), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3338, 3386.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2017—Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “\$250,000” for “\$100,000”.

SUBCHAPTER III—DIVISION C DEFINITIONS

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITIONS

For additional definitions of terms used in division C of this subtitle, with certain exceptions, see section 102 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

§ 151. Agency head

In division C, the term “agency head” means the head or any assistant head of an executive agency, and may at the option of the Administrator of General Services include the chief official of any principal organizational unit of the General Services Administration.

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