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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Public Law 104-106
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An Act

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National Defense
Authorization
Act for Fiscal
Year 1996.

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, to reform acquisition laws and information technology management of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996".

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **DIVISIONS.**—This Act is organized into five divisions as follows:

- (1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.
- (2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.
- (3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.
- (4) Division D—Federal Acquisition Reform.
- (5) Division E—Information Technology Management Reform.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title.
Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.
Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees defined.
Sec. 4. Extension of time for submission of reports.

**DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATIONS**

TITLE I—PROCUREMENT

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

- Sec. 101. Army.
Sec. 102. Navy and Marine Corps.
Sec. 103. Air Force.
Sec. 104. Defense-wide activities.
Sec. 105. Reserve components.
Sec. 106. Defense Inspector General.
Sec. 107. Chemical demilitarization program.
Sec. 108. Defense health programs.

Subtitle B—Army Programs

- Sec. 111. Procurement of OH-58D Armed Kiowa Warrior helicopters.
Sec. 112. Repeal of requirements for armored vehicle upgrades.
Sec. 113. Multiyear procurement of helicopters.

(4) The table of contents for the Department of Energy Organization Act is amended by striking out the items relating to part A of title VI including sections 601 through 603.

(5) The table of contents for the Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended by striking out the item relating to section 522.

SEC. 4305. FURTHER ACQUISITION STREAMLINING PROVISIONS.

(a) **PURPOSE OF OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY.**—

(1) **REVISED STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**—Section 5(a) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 404) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) There is in the Office of Management and Budget an Office of Federal Procurement Policy (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Office’) to provide overall direction of Government-wide procurement policies, regulations, procedures, and forms for executive agencies and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the procurement of property and services by the executive branch of the Federal Government.”

(2) **REPEAL OF FINDINGS, POLICIES, AND PURPOSES.**—Sections 2 and 3 of such Act (41 U.S.C. 401 and 402) are repealed.

(b) **REPEAL OF REPORT REQUIREMENT.**—Section 8 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 407) is repealed.

(c) **OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.**—

(1) **RELATIONSHIP TO FORMER REGULATIONS.**—Section 10 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 409) is repealed.

(2) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section 11 of such Act (41 U.S.C. 410) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There is authorized to be appropriated for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary for carrying out the responsibilities of that office for such fiscal year.”

(d) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—The table of contents for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (contained in section 1(b)) is amended by striking out the items relating to sections 2, 3, 8, and 10.

SEC. 4306. VALUE ENGINEERING FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES.

(a) **USE OF VALUE ENGINEERING.**—The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 4203, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 36. VALUE ENGINEERING.

41 USC 432.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Each executive agency shall establish and maintain cost-effective value engineering procedures and processes.

“(b) **DEFINITION.**—As used in this section, the term ‘value engineering’ means an analysis of the functions of a program, project, system, product, item of equipment, building, facility, service, or supply of an executive agency, performed by qualified agency or contractor personnel, directed at improving performance, reliability, quality, safety, and life cycle costs.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for such Act, contained in section 1(b), is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec. 36. Value engineering."

SEC. 4307. ACQUISITION WORKFORCE.

(a) ACQUISITION WORKFORCE.—(1) The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), as amended by section 4306, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

41 USC 433.

"SEC. 37. ACQUISITION WORKFORCE.

"(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section does not apply to an executive agency that is subject to chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code.

"(b) MANAGEMENT POLICIES.—

"(1) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—The head of each executive agency, after consultation with the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, shall establish policies and procedures for the effective management (including accession, education, training, career development, and performance incentives) of the acquisition workforce of the agency. The development of acquisition workforce policies under this section shall be carried out consistent with the merit system principles set forth in section 2301(b) of title 5, United States Code.

"(2) UNIFORM IMPLEMENTATION.—The head of each executive agency shall ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, acquisition workforce policies and procedures established are uniform in their implementation throughout the agency.

"(3) GOVERNMENT-WIDE POLICIES AND EVALUATION.—The Administrator shall issue policies to promote uniform implementation of this section by executive agencies, with due regard for differences in program requirements among agencies that may be appropriate and warranted in view of the agency mission. The Administrator shall coordinate with the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that such policies are consistent with the policies and procedures established and enhanced system of incentives provided pursuant to section 5051(c) of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (41 U.S.C. 263 note). The Administrator shall evaluate the implementation of the provisions of this section by executive agencies.

"(c) SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the head of an executive agency, the senior procurement executive of the agency shall carry out all powers, functions, and duties of the head of the agency with respect to implementation of this section. The senior procurement executive shall ensure that the policies of the head of the executive agency established in accordance with this section are implemented throughout the agency.

"(d) MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS.—The Administrator shall ensure that the heads of executive agencies collect and maintain standardized information on the acquisition workforce related to implementation of this section. To the maximum extent practicable, such data requirements shall conform to standards estab-

TITLE 31 - MONEY AND FINANCE**SUBTITLE II - THE BUDGET PROCESS****CHAPTER 11 - THE BUDGET AND FISCAL, BUDGET, AND PROGRAM INFORMATION****§ 1111. Improving economy and efficiency**

To improve economy and efficiency in the United States Government, the President shall—

- (1) make a study of each agency to decide, and may send Congress recommendations, on changes that should be made in—
 - (A) the organization, activities, and business methods of agencies;
 - (B) agency appropriations;
 - (C) the assignment of particular activities to particular services; and
 - (D) regrouping of services; and
- (2) evaluate and develop improved plans for the organization, coordination, and management of the executive branch of the Government.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 913.)

Historical and Revision Notes

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1111	31:18.	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, § 209, 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.
	31:18a.	Sept. 12, 1950, ch. 946, § 104, 64 Stat. 834; Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1970, eff. July 1, 1970, § 102(a), 84 Stat. 2085.

In the section, before clause (1), the words “To improve economy and efficiency in the United States Government” are substituted for “(with a view of securing greater economy and efficiency in the conduct of the public service)” in 31:18 and “with a view to efficient and economical service” in 31:18a to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “President” is substituted for “Office of Management and Budget, when directed by the President” in 31:18 and “President, through the Director of the Office of Management and Budget” in 31:18a because sections 101 and 102(a) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1970 (eff. July 1, 1970, 84 Stat. 2085) designated the Bureau of the Budget as the Office of Management and Budget and transferred all functions of the Bureau to the President. In clause (1), the words “existing” and “detailed” are omitted as surplus.

Regulatory Reductions

For provisions requiring executive departments and agencies to undertake to eliminate not less than 50 percent of its civilian internal management regulations not required by law, see Ex. Ord. No. 12861, Sept. 11, 1993, 58 F.R. 48255, set out as a note under section 601 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.