SHIMP FOR PRESIDENT 2028

ACCOUNTABILITY • INTEGRITY • RULE OF LAW

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4

FEDERAL CONTRACT AND PROCUREMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ORDER

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including applicable Federal procurement statutes, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy.

Federal contracting shall obtain necessary goods and services at reasonable cost, promote competition, protect taxpayer funds, and hold contractors and Federal officials accountable for performance. Executive agencies shall identify wasteful, duplicative, chronically underperforming, unnecessarily expensive, and inadequately competed contracts and take lawful corrective action.

Sec. 2. Government-Wide Contract Review.

Within 90 days, each executive department and agency shall review its significant active contracts, task orders, blanket purchase agreements, and other procurement obligations. The review shall prioritize high-dollar awards, cost growth, repeated schedule delays, duplicative requirements, low-use services, consulting arrangements, information-technology contracts, sole-source awards, and contracts with material performance deficiencies.

Sec. 3. Contract Inventory and Justification.

Agency heads shall identify the purpose, obligated amount, remaining potential value, period of performance, procurement method, competition status, responsible contracting office, material performance concerns, and continuing mission need for contracts selected for review. Agencies shall document whether continuation, modification, recompete, consolidation, termination, or completion represents the most responsible lawful course.

Sec. 4. Competition and Sole-Source Review.

Agencies shall maximize full and open competition to the extent required and permitted by law. Noncompetitive awards and extensions shall receive appropriate written justification and approval. Agencies shall identify recurring requirements that have become unnecessarily dependent on a single contractor and evaluate lawful opportunities to increase competition and reduce vendor lock-in.

Sec. 5. Cost Growth and Schedule Delay.

Contracting officers and program managers shall promptly address material cost overruns, unjustified price increases, missed milestones, defective performance, and repeated delays. Agencies shall use contractual remedies available under law and the contract, including corrective-action requirements, withholding where authorized, recompetition, non-exercise of options, or termination when justified.

Sec. 6. Contractor Performance and Responsibility.

Agencies shall make appropriate use of past-performance information, responsibility determinations, suspension and debarment procedures, and other lawful acquisition-integrity mechanisms. No contractor shall be excluded or penalized

without the procedures required by applicable law and regulation.

Sec. 7. Consulting and Professional Services.

Agencies shall review consulting, advisory, management-support, and professional-services contracts to determine whether requirements remain necessary, whether deliverables provide measurable value, whether inherently governmental functions are properly protected, and whether functions can be performed more efficiently through another lawful arrangement.

Sec. 8. Information Technology Procurement.

The Federal Chief Information Officer and agency Chief Information Officers shall identify duplicative software licenses, unused subscriptions, redundant cloud or data services, obsolete systems, overlapping cybersecurity products, and avoidable vendor lock-in. Consolidation shall occur only where it improves value, resilience, security, or mission performance.

Sec. 9. Fraud, Conflicts, and Criminal Referrals.

Credible evidence of procurement fraud, bribery, kickbacks, false claims, bid rigging, conflicts of interest, theft, conspiracy, obstruction, or other criminal conduct shall be promptly referred to the appropriate Inspector General, law-enforcement authority, or Department of Justice. Investigative and charging decisions shall be based on applicable law and evidence.

Sec. 10. Contracting Officer Independence and Accountability.

No political appointee, agency official, contractor, or other person may improperly direct a contracting officer to disregard procurement law, conceal material performance problems, manipulate competition, or approve unsupported payments. Contracting personnel shall document significant determinations as required by law and regulation.

Sec. 11. Verified Savings.

Within 180 days, the Office of Management and Budget shall report verified and projected savings resulting from contract cancellations, renegotiations, avoided renewals, recompetitions, consolidation, price reductions, and other corrective actions. One-time savings, recurring savings, and merely projected savings shall be reported separately.

Sec. 12. Relationship to Deficit Reduction.

Verified recurring procurement savings shall be identified for consideration under the Federal Deficit Reduction and Government Efficiency Initiative. No savings shall be double-counted across agencies or initiatives.

Sec. 13. Protection of Mission-Critical Procurement.

Nothing in this order shall require cancellation or delay of a contract necessary to national defense, intelligence, public safety, law enforcement, disaster response, veterans' care, cybersecurity, public health, or another statutory mission solely to satisfy a numerical savings target. Such contracts remain subject to lawful cost and performance oversight.

Sec. 14. Implementation.

Within 120 days, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, in coordination with OMB and the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council as appropriate, shall issue implementation guidance and identify any regulatory or legislative changes necessary to strengthen procurement accountability.

Sec. 15. General Provisions.

(a) Nothing in this order shall impair authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, contracting officer, Inspector General, or OMB.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable procurement statutes, the Federal Acquisition Regulation, existing contractual rights, due process, and available appropriations.

(c) Nothing in this order authorizes breach of a Federal contract or expenditure, rescission, or withholding of funds contrary to law.

(d) This order creates no right or benefit enforceable at law or in equity against the United States or any other person.

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Date: _____

Signature: _____