

List of Federal Acts

1. [Administrative Procedure Act](#), 5 USC §§551 et seq. Sets out procedures governing the administrative operations of federal agencies in an attempt to provide uniformity and standardization of administrative practices.
2. [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#), 42 USC §§12,101, 12,111, 12,112, 12,209, 12,161 and 12,186, Mandates strict rules to ensure employment of people with disabilities.
3. [Buy American Act](#), 41 USC §§10a et seq. Requires contractors in various circumstances to use domestically manufactured products.
4. [Competition In Contracting Act of 1984](#), 41 USC §251. Sets out guidelines designed to promote competition for federal procurements.
5. [Contract Disputes Act of 1978](#), 41 USCA §§601-613, and [10 USC §2324](#). Sets out procedures for adjudicating federal contract claims.
6. [Court of Federal Claims Technical and Procedural Improvements Act of 1992](#), 28 USC, §§171, et seq. Among other things, this act changed the name of the U.S. Claims Court to the Court of Federal Claims.
7. [Davis-Bacon Act](#), 40 USC §§3141 et seq. Among other things, requires contractors to pay mechanics and laborers prevailing wages, including basic hourly rates and fringe benefits, on all government projects.
8. [Drug-Free Workplace Act](#), 41 USC §§701 and 702 (1988 Act), and [15 USC §654](#) (1998 Act). Requires contractors to establish and maintain a drug-free workplace and to certify that they have taken various steps to ensure a drug-free workplace.
9. [False Claims Act of 1863](#), 31 USC §§ 3729 et seq., and False Claims Amendments Act of 1986, [31 USC §3701](#). Originally enacted in 1863 to discourage false claims from being asserted in connection with Civil War defense contracts, the FCA was substantially amended in 1986.
10. [Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996](#), 41 USC §251. Seeks to promote economy and efficiency in federal procurements by expanding the pool of potential contractors and thereby increasing competition.
11. [Federal Acquisition Regulations](#), 48 CFR Part 1 (48 CFR §1.101) (Construction contracts are governed by [48 CFR Part 36](#))
12. [Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994](#), 41 USC §251. Reformed federal procurement procedures by, among other things, establishing a “simplified acquisition threshold” of \$100,000 for small purchases, establishing a preference for the acquisition of commercial items, and promoting the use of electronic procedures.

13. [Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1982](#), 28, USC §§171 et seq. Replaced the United States Court of Claims with two other courts – (i) the United States Court of Claims and (ii) the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit – as the courts principally responsible for resolving contract disputes.
14. [Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949](#), generally 41 USC §§251 et seq. and [40 USC §§ 101 et seq.](#) Governs contracting by the federal government’s civilian agencies.
15. [Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#), 29 USC §793, requires all contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000 to contain an affirmative-action clause stating that the contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant on the basis of physical or mental handicap.
16. [Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act](#), generally 41 USC §§ 401 et seq. Governs the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, which is a branch of the Office of Management and Budget and is responsible for supervising the federal procurement policies and procedures.
17. [Prompt Payment Act of 1982](#), 31 USC §§3901 et seq. (1982 Act), [15 USC §644](#), and [39 USC §410](#) (1988 Amendments). Requires prompt payment to contractors on federal projects and subjects the government to interest penalties for failure to make prompt payments.
18. [Small Business Act](#), 15 USC §§631 et seq. Provides incentives to promote the growth of small and minority-owned businesses.
19. [Truth In Negotiations Act](#), 10 USC §§ 2304(a), (a)(14), (g) 2306(a), (f), 2310(b) and 2311. Requires disclosure and assurances by contractors in the course of negotiations to ensure that the government does not pay excessive amounts.
20. [Tucker Act](#), [28 USC §§ 507, 1346, 1402, 1491, 1496, 1497, 1501, 1503, 2071, 2072, 2411, 2501](#) and [2512](#). Creates jurisdiction in various courts to hear claims against the United States.
21. [Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974](#), 38 USC §4212. Requires affirmative-action programs designed to promote employment of disabled and Vietnam-era veterans.
22. [Walsh-Healey Act](#), 41 USC §35, et seq. Requires contractors on contracts exceeding \$10,000 to submit certified payrolls to ensure that all employees on government projects are being paid prevailing minimum wages.