such work in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, negotiate with the bidders and with other shipbuilders concerning the terms and conditions of any contract for such work, and is authorized to enter into such contract at a price deemed by the Board or Secretary to be fair and reasonable. Any contract entered into by the Board or Secretary under the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this chapter, excepting those pertaining to the awarding of contracts to the lowest bidder which are inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection. In the event that a contract is made providing for a price in excess of the lowest responsible bid which otherwise would be accepted, such excess shall be paid by the Board or Secretary as a part of the cost of national defense, and shall not be considered as a part of the construction. differential subsidy. In the event that a contract is made providing for a price lower than the lowest responsible bid which otherwise would be accepted, the construction-differential subsidy shall be computed on the contract price in lieu of such bid.

Defense Procurement Act of 1947, 10 U.S.C. 2304. Source (Statutes at Large) Feb. 19, 1948, chapter 65, §§ 2(b) (less first sentence), (c), (e), 7(d), 8, 62 Stat. 21, 22, 24, amended

## § 2304. Purchases and contracts: formal advertising; exceptions

(a) Purchases of and contracts for property or services covered by this chapter shall be made by formal advertising. However, the head of an agency may negotiate such a purchase or contract, if—

(1) it is determined that such action is necessary in the public interest

during a national emergency declared by Congress or the President; \* \*

(5) the purchase or contract is for any service by a university, college, or other educational institution:

(11) the purchase or contract is for property or services that he determines to be for experimental, developmental, or research work, or for making or furnishing property for experiment, test, development, or research;

(13) the purchase or contract is for equipment that he determines to be technical equipment whose standardization and the interchangeability of whose parts are necessary in the public interest and whose procurement by negotiation is necessary to assure that standardization and interchangeability;

(14) the purchase or contract is for technical or special property that he determines to require a substantial initial investment or an extended period of preparation for manufacture, and for which he determines that formal advertising and competitive bidding might require duplication of investment or preparation already made or would unduly delay the procurement of that property; or

(16) he determines that (A) it is in the interest of national defense to have a plant, mine, or other facility, or a producer, manufacturer, or other supplier, available for furnishing property or services in case of a national emergency; or (B) the interest of industrial mobilization in case of such an emergency, or the interest of national defense in maintaining active engineering, research, and development, would otherwise be subserved; or

(17) negotiation of the purchase or contract is otherwise authorized by law.

(g) In all negotiated procurements in excess of \$2,500 in which rates or prices are not fixed by law or regulation and in which time of delivery will permit, proposals shall be solicited from the maximum number of qualified sources