

APPENDIX 13

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET CIRCULAR A-76 REVISED WITH ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D.C., August 30, 1967.

CIRCULAR NO. A-II, REVISED—TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM NO. I

To: The heads of executive departments and establishments.
Subject: Policies for acquiring commercial or industrial products and services for Government use.

Transmitted herewith is a revision of Bureau of the Budget Circular A-76 dated March 3, 1966. It is issued to clarify some provisions of the earlier circular and to lessen the burden of work by the agencies in implementing its provisions. A brief summary of the changes is attached.

There is no change in the Government's general policy of relying upon the private enterprise system to supply its needs, except where it is in the national interest for the Government to provide directly the products and services it uses.

We intend to keep the provisions of the circular under continuing review. We anticipate that further changes will be desirable in light of experience gained from implementing the circular's provisions, including the required reviews of existing Government commercial or industrial activities to be completed by June 30, 1968. We intend to give special attention to the adequacy of the guidelines contained in the circular for such matters as comparative cost analyses; the circumstances under which cost differentials in favor of private enterprise are appropriate; and the use of contracts involving support services that require minimal capital investment.

We welcome your suggestions.

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1. Purpose

This circular replaces Bureau of the Budget Circular A-76 issued March 3, 1966. It is issued to clarify some provisions of the earlier circular and to lessen the burden of work by the agencies in implementing its provisions. The basic policies to be applied by executive agencies in determining whether commercial and industrial products and services used by the Government are to be provided by private suppliers or by the Government itself are the same as those contained in Circular A-76 dated March 3, 1966.

2. Policy

The guidelines in this circular are in furtherance of the Government's general policy of relying on the private enterprise system to supply its needs.

In some instances, however, it is in the national interest for the Government to provide directly the products and services it uses. These circumstances are set forth in paragraph 5 of this circular.

No executive agency will initiate a "new start" or continue the operation of an existing "Government commercial or industrial activity" except as specifically required by law or as provided in this circular.