

Defense Spending Bill Calls for Insourcing Review

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Some did not believe it would happen before the end of this lame duck session (myself included), but Congress passed a \$725 billion Defense authorization bill -- which now moves on to the White House for President Barack Obama's signature.

As noted by Sen. John McCain of Arizona, "the controversial aspects of this legislation have been removed," including the measure to overturn the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which passed in a separate bill that was signed by Obama on Wednesday.

Noteworthy for contractors: The bill supports the administration's efforts to bring critical (a.k.a. "inherently government) jobs in house, but prohibits the establishment of any arbitrary goals or targets to insource jobs currently performed by contractors and requires reports from both DOD and GAO to examine the department's insourcing initiative.

You can read a summary of the bill [here](#).

Congress on Wednesday also passed (another) continuing resolution that kept funding for the federal government at 2010 levels through early March. In February, Obama is expected to submit the administration's budget request for fiscal year 2012, which kicks off October 1.