

# LinkedIn Article: FY2026 NDAA - What Government Contractors Need to Know

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## The FY2026 NDAA Just Changed Everything for Government Contractors

- \*Here's what you need to know to stay ahead of the competition.\*\*

The FY2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was signed into law, and it's bringing **major changes** that will impact how you do business with the federal government.

I've analyzed the full 900+ page bill and identified **8 critical provisions** that every government contractor should understand. Here's what matters most:

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## 1. BIOSECURE Act: New Restrictions on Biotechnology

- \*What it means: **Federal agencies and contractors are now prohibited\*\*** from using biotechnology equipment or services from companies owned or controlled by foreign adversary governments.
  - \*Who's affected:\*\*
    - Department of Health and Human Services (NIH, CDC, FDA)
    - Defense Health Agency
    - Any agency using biotech equipment
  - \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
    - Replacement contracts for prohibited equipment
    - Supplier vetting and compliance services
    - Alternative supplier identification
    - Risk assessment consulting
  - \*Action item: **If you're in biotech, medical equipment, or laboratory services, this is a massive opportunity\*\***. Agencies need help identifying compliant suppliers and replacing prohibited systems.
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## 2. AI/ML Security Policy: 180-Day Deadline (URGENT)

- \*What it means: **The DoD must implement a department-wide AI and machine learning security policy within 180 days\*\*.** This covers model tampering, prompt injection, lifecycle security, governance, and testing standards.
- \*Who's affected:\*\*
  - **ALL DoD components** (mandatory)
  - Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)
  - U.S. Cyber Command
  - DARPA
  - All military services
- \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
  - AI security consulting and implementation
  - AI testing and validation tools
  - AI governance frameworks
  - AI workforce training programs
  - Secure AI development platforms
- \*Action item: **If you offer AI/ML services, cybersecurity, or training, agencies are desperately\*\* looking for help.** The 180-day deadline creates urgency.

## 3. Progressive Design-Build: New Procurement Method

- \*What it means:\*\* The NDAA codifies progressive design-build contracts, allowing earlier contractor involvement in complex projects. This is perfect for shipyard work, industrial facilities, and infrastructure projects.
- \*Who's affected:\*\*
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
  - NAVFAC
  - Air Force Civil Engineer Center
  - All DoD construction programs
- \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
  - Design-build team formation
  - Progressive design-build consulting
  - Project management tools for phased projects
  - Training for acquisition professionals
- \*Action item:\*\* If you're in construction, engineering, or architecture, this opens new contracting opportunities. Agencies can now use a more collaborative approach for complex projects.

## 4. SkyFoundry Program: Small UAS Industrial Base Expansion

- \*What it means: **The Defense Production Act extension includes the SkyFoundry Program, which enhances U.S. industrial base capacity for small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)\*\* and associated technologies.**
- \*Who's affected:\*\*
  - All DoD components
  - Army, Navy, Air Force UAS programs
  - Special Operations Command
  - DARPA
- \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
  - UAS manufacturing and production
  - UAS technology development (R&D)
  - Counter-UAS (C-UAS) systems
  - UAS training and simulation
  - UAS supply chain and logistics
- \*Action item:\*\* The UAS market is exploding. If you have capabilities in drones, autonomous systems, or related technologies, agencies are actively seeking domestic suppliers.

## 5. ⚡ Energy Resilience: Microgrids and Smart Water Grids

- \*What it means:\*\* Increased funding for the Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program (ERCIP), focusing on renewable energy, microgrids, and water resilience infrastructure.
- \*Who's affected:\*\*
  - NAVFAC
  - USACE
  - Air Force Civil Engineer Center
  - All military installations
- \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
  - Microgrid design and installation
  - Renewable energy systems (solar, wind, battery storage)
  - Smart water grid systems
  - Energy management and control systems
  - Energy storage systems
- \*Action item:\*\* Military installations are investing heavily in energy resilience. If you're in renewable energy, microgrids, or water infrastructure, this is a growing market.

## 6. Outbound Investment Controls: Expanded Restrictions

- \*What it means:\*\* The NDAA expands restrictions on outbound investments, adding hypersonic missiles to restricted technologies and expanding "countries of concern" to include Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela.
- \*Who's affected:\*\*
  - All DoD components
  - Department of Commerce
  - Missile Defense Agency
  - DARPA
  - Agencies with international collaborations
- \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
  - Compliance consulting and monitoring
  - Risk assessment and due diligence
  - Technology transfer control systems
  - International partnership management tools
- \*Action item:\*\* If you work with international partners or export-controlled technologies, agencies need help navigating these new restrictions.

## 7. Procurement Security Framework: NIST/CMMC Alignment

- \*What it means:\*\* Mandates a procurement security framework aligned with NIST SP 800 series and Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC). DFARS updates will require contractors to implement tailored best practices.
- \*Who's affected:\*\*
  - **ALL DoD components** (mandatory)
  - Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)
  - Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA)
  - All DoD contractors
- \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
  - CMMC assessment and certification services
  - Cybersecurity compliance consulting
  - Security posture monitoring tools
  - Compliance validation and audit services
- \*Action item:\*\* CMMC is becoming mandatory. If you offer cybersecurity services, compliance consulting, or assessment tools, agencies and their contractors need your help.

## 8. 💰 Cost Accounting Standards: Threshold Changes

- \*What it means:\*\* CAS applicability threshold raised from \$2M to \$35M, and full CAS compliance threshold raised from \$50M to \$100M. Cost or pricing data threshold raised from \$2M to \$10M.
- \*Who's affected:\*\*
  - All contracting agencies
  - DCMA
  - DCAA
  - Army Contracting Command
  - All service contracting commands
- \*Opportunity for contractors:\*\*
  - Training programs for new thresholds
  - Contract administration system updates
  - Compliance consulting for threshold changes
- \*Action item:\*\* This reduces compliance burden for smaller contracts, but agencies need help updating their systems and training their workforce.



The FY2026 NDAA creates **massive opportunities** for government contractors who understand these changes:

1. **BIOSECURE Act** = Replacement contracts and compliance services
  2. **AI/ML Security** = Urgent 180-day deadline = immediate need
  3. **Progressive Design-Build** = New construction opportunities
  4. **SkyFoundry Program** = UAS market expansion
  5. **Energy Resilience** = Growing microgrid and renewable energy market
  6. **Outbound Investment Controls** = Compliance consulting demand
  7. **Procurement Security Framework** = CMMC services needed
  8. **CAS Threshold Changes** = Training and system updates
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## **What You Should Do Next**

1. **Identify which provisions affect your capabilities**
  2. **Update your marketing materials** to highlight relevant solutions
  3. **Reach out to agencies** proactively with solutions
  4. **Monitor SAM.gov** for new opportunities related to these provisions
  5. **Position yourself as a subject matter expert** on these changes
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 **Pro Tip**

The agencies that need help implementing these changes **right now** are:

- DISA (AI/ML security policy)
  - NIH, CDC, FDA (BIOSECURE Act compliance)
  - USACE, NAVFAC (Progressive Design-Build, Energy Resilience)
  - All DoD components (UAS, CMMC, AI security)
  - \*Start reaching out to these agencies today.\*\*
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 **Want More Details?**

I've created a comprehensive analysis document covering all FY2026 NDAA provisions, affected agencies, and specific pain points. This is the kind of intelligence that helps contractors win more deals.

- \*Comment "NDAA" below and I'll share the full analysis.\*\*
  - \*What's your take on the FY2026 NDAA? Which provision creates the biggest opportunity for your business?\*\*
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Let me know in the comments! 

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