

SEC. 883. PROHIBITION ON AWARDING OF CONTRACTS TO CONTRACTORS THAT REQUIRE NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO WASTE, FRAUD, OR ABUSE.

(a) In General.--The Secretary of Defense may not award a contract for the procurement of goods or services to a contractor unless the contractor represents that--

(1) it does not require its employees to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements that would prohibit or otherwise restrict such employees from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Department of Defense contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of the Department of Defense authorized to receive such information; and

(2) it will inform its employees of the limitations on confidentiality agreements and other statements described in paragraph (1).

(b) Reliance on Representation.--A contracting officer of the Department of Defense may rely on the representation of a contractor as to the requirements described under subsection (a) in awarding a contract unless the officer has reason to question the accuracy of the representation.