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(a) The FPDS provides a comprehensive web-based tool for agencies to report *contract actions*. The resulting data provides-

(1) A basis for recurring and special reports to the President, the Congress, the Government Accountability Office, Federal *executive agencies*, and the general public;

(2) A means of measuring and assessing the effect of Federal *contracting* on the Nation's economy and the extent to which small, veteran-owned small, service-disabled veteran-owned small, *HUBZone* small, small disadvantaged, *women-owned small business concerns*, and AbilityOne nonprofit agencies operating under 41 U.S.C. chapter 85, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, are sharing in Federal contracts;

(3) A means of measuring and assessing the effect of Federal *contracting* for promoting sustainable technologies, materials, *products*, services, and high-performance sustainable buildings. This is accomplished by collecting and reporting agency data on *sustainable acquisition*, including types of *products* purchased, the purchase costs, and the exceptions used for other than *sustainable acquisition*; and

(4) A means of measuring and assessing the effect of other policy and management initiatives (*e.g.*, performance based *acquisitions* and competition).

(b) FPDS does not provide reports for certain *acquisition* information used in the award of a *contract action* (*e.g.*, subcontracting data, funding data, or accounting data).

(c) The FPDS Web site, https://www.fpds.gov, provides instructions for submitting data. It also provides-

(1) A complete list of departments, agencies, and other entities that submit data to the FPDS;

(2) Technical and end-user guidance;

(3) A computer-based tutorial; and

(4) Information concerning reports not generated in FPDS.

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