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**Important Links:**

- Inspector General Act of 1978
- Competition in Contracting Act of 1984
- Privacy Act of 1974
- Freedom of Information Act
- Federal Acquisition Regulation