

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

Increase of micro-purchase threshold and simplified acquisition threshold in support of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma recovery efforts

Based upon the following findings and determination, the FAR micro-purchase threshold and simplified acquisition threshold are increased in support of the Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma recovery operations as described below, effective September 14, 2017 and continuing.

Findings

1. The DOE may be required to provide contracting support in response to Hurricanes Harvey and/or Irma.
2. Increases in the micro-purchase threshold and simplified acquisition threshold will facilitate DOE contracting offices' support of the disaster response efforts in the effected areas declared by the President to be major disaster and/or emergency assistance areas.
3. Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma have both been declared major disasters by the President (see DR-4332 and DR-4335, DR-4336 and DR-4337 on the [FEMA Disaster Declarations webpage](#)), and therefore, meet the legal definition of "emergency" in accordance with DOE's FAR Class Deviation – Exercise of Special Emergency Procurement Authorities issued on September 14, 2017 (see Policy Flash 2017-37). As a result, the emergency acquisition flexibilities listed in FAR Subpart 18.2 are available for use

Determination

Based upon the above findings, and in accordance with DOE Delegation No. 00-002.17A, I have determined that supplies and/or services procured in support of the disaster relief efforts for the areas declared to be major disaster areas will facilitate recovery from the Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma major disasters. Accordingly, for direct purposes of this response the micro-purchase threshold is increased to \$20,000 and the simplified acquisition threshold is increased to \$750,000 (or \$13,000,000 for commercial items). This determination shall remain in effect as long as the associated major disaster/emergency declarations identified herein are in effect.



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