

## 13.500 General.

(a) This subpart authorizes the use of simplified procedures for the acquisition of supplies and services in amounts greater than the simplified acquisition threshold but not exceeding \$7.5 million (\$15 million for acquisitions as described in [13.500\(c\)](#)), including options, if the contracting officer reasonably expects, based on the nature of the supplies or services sought, and on market research, that offers will include only commercial items. Contracting officers may use any simplified acquisition procedure in this part, subject to any specific dollar limitation applicable to the particular procedure. The purpose of these simplified procedures is to vest contracting officers with additional procedural discretion and flexibility, so that commercial item acquisitions in this dollar range may be solicited, offered, evaluated, and awarded in a simplified manner that maximizes efficiency and economy and minimizes burden and administrative costs for both the Government and industry ([10 U.S.C.2304\(g\)](#) and [2305](#) and [41 U.S.C.3305](#), [3306](#), and chapter 37, Awarding of Contracts.

(b) When acquiring commercial items using the procedures in this part, the requirements of [part 12](#) apply subject to the order of precedence provided at [12.102\(c\)](#). This includes use of the provisions and clauses in [subpart 12.3](#).

(c) Under [41 U.S.C. 1903](#), the simplified acquisition procedures authorized in this subpart may be used for acquisitions that do not exceed \$15 million when-

(1) The acquisition is for commercial items that, as determined by the head of the agency, are to be used in support of a contingency operation; to facilitate the defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to support a request from the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to facilitate provision of international disaster assistance; or to support response to an emergency or major disaster, or

(2) The acquisition will be treated as an acquisition of commercial items in accordance with [12.102\(f\)\(1\)](#).

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 13.5 - Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items](#)