

## 26.202-1 Local area set-aside.

The *contracting officer* may set aside *solicitations* to allow only *local firms* within a specific geographic area to compete (see [6.208](#)).

(a) The *contracting officer*, in consultation with the requirements office, *shall* define the specific geographic area for the local set-aside.

(b) A *major disaster or emergency area* may span counties in several contiguous States. The set-aside area need not include all the counties in the declared disaster/*emergency* area(s), but cannot go outside it.

(c) The *contracting officer shall* also determine whether a local area set-aside *should* be further restricted to small business concerns in the set-aside area (see [part 19](#)).

**Parent topic:** [26.202 Local area preference](#).