## 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 products* or *commercial services*. *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 *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. 3205-3208 and chapter 241 and <u>41 U.S.C.3305</u>, 3306, and chapter 37, Awarding of Contracts).

(b) When acquiring *commercial products* or *commercial services* using the procedures in this part, the requirements of <u>part 12</u> apply subject to the order of precedence provided at 12.102(c). This includes use of the provisions and clauses in <u>subpart 12.3</u>.

(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 products* or *commercial services* 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 products* or *commercial services* in accordance with 12.102(f)(1).

**Parent topic:** <u>Subpart 13.5 - Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Products and</u> <u>Commercial Services</u>