**Department of the Interior**

**Acquisition, Assistance, and Asset Policy (DOI-AAAP)**

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| **Title** | Class Deviation - Increasing the Micro-purchase Threshold and the Simplified Acquisition Threshold |
| **Reference Number** | 0148 |
| **Version Number** | 01 |
| **Function(s)** | Acquisition and Charge Card |
| **Point of Contact** | Binita Sharma |
| **Source of this Requirement** | [Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) Letter 2018-02, Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) increasing the micro-purchase threshold and the simplified acquisition threshold.](https://www.acquisition.gov/sites/default/files/page_file_uploads/CAAC%20Letter%202018-02.pdf) |
| **Regulatory and Statutory Reference** | [FAR 1.4](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=9da985b30ca3f2ce6c10fc6dcfa7d9b3&mc=true&node=sp48.1.1.1_14&rgn=div6), FAR Case 2018-004 |

**Version Detail**

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| Version Number | Date | Author | Description of update |
| 01 | 05/02/2018 | Binita Sharma | Implements the CAAC Deviation and communicates the new micro-purchase threshold and Simplified Acquisition Threshold. |

**Purpose:**

This policy issues a class deviation, in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 1.4 and [Attachment A – Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) Letter 2018-02, Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Increasing the Micro-Purchase Threshold and the Simplified Acquisition Threshold](#t4i95wesdisn) (CAAC Letter 2018-02).

**Scope:**

This policy applies to all DOI acquisitions that are impacted by the new thresholds in accordance with [CAAC Letter 2018-02.](#t4i95wesdisn)

**Effective date:**

This policy is effective upon signature and remains in effect until the increased thresholds are incorporated into the FAR or this policy is otherwise rescinded.

**Background:**

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (NDAA FY18) (Public Law 115-91) (Sections 806 and 805 respectively) increased the micro-purchase threshold to $10,000 and the ​simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) to $250,000.

Additionally, Section 217(b) of the NDAA FY 2017 (Public Law 114-328) changed a portion of the micro-purchase threshold definition in FAR 2.101 to increase the micro-purchase threshold for acquisitions from institutions of higher education or related or affiliated nonprofit entities, or from nonprofit research organizations or independent research institutes, to $10,000.

FAR Case 2018-004 has been opened to implement the appropriate statutory changes in the FAR.

**Action:**

Contracting Officers must use the guidance in [Attachment A](#t4i95wesdisn) as the FAR text with highlights of the appropriate FAR citations that implement the increased thresholds.

Use the guidance in [Attachment A](#t4i95wesdisn) under the section labeled “Attachment B” as the rationale for changing or not changing thresholds in the FAR related to the micro-purchase threshold and the SAT.

**Attachments:**

The following attachments apply to this policy:

[Attachment A – Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) Letter 2018-02, Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Increasing the Micro-Purchase Threshold and the Simplified Acquisition Threshold](https://www.acquisition.gov/sites/default/files/page_file_uploads/CAAC%20Letter%202018-02.pdf)

[Attachment B – Class Determinations and Finding: Increasing the Micro-Purchase Threshold and the Simplified Acquisition Threshold](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4aFlF7-M8MpcDhrVElad0h0ZlhzckZJVFd1ZGVPcDE2Slp3/view?usp=sharing)

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