

## 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 \$9 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 [41 U.S.C.3305](#), 3306, and chapter 37, Awarding of Contracts).

(b) When acquiring *commercial products* or *commercial services* 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 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:** [Subpart 13.5 - Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Products and Commercial Services](#)