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).

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