

# Subpart 518.1 - Available Acquisition Flexibilities

**Parent topic:** [Part 518 - Emergency Acquisitions](#)

## 518.101 General.

[FAR subpart 18.1](#) and the GSAM include many acquisition flexibilities that are available to contracting officers and other acquisition personnel when certain conditions are met. These acquisition flexibilities do not require an emergency declaration or designation of contingency operation.

## 518.170 Additional acquisition flexibilities.

(a) *Waiver of contracting officer certification.* The Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) may waive the requirement for obtaining contracting officer certification (see [501.603-1\(b\)\(2\)](#)).

(b) *Deviations, waivers, and exemptions from Contracting Officer Warrant Program (COWP) requirements.* The SPE may approve deviations, waivers, and exemptions from any of the COWP requirements (see [501.603-1\(d\)\(3\)\(i\)\(B\)](#)).

(c) *Changes in warrant level thresholds.* The SPE may authorize changes in warrant level thresholds (see [501.603-1\(d\)\(3\)\(i\)\(D\)](#)).

(d) *Waiver of Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) certification.* The SPE may waive the requirements for FAC-COR certifications (see [501.604\(d\)](#)).

(e) *Waiver of Program and Project Managers (P/PM) certification.* The SPE may waive the requirements for FAC-P/PM and FAC-P/PM-IT certification (see [501.671\(d\)](#)).

(f) *Procurement authority delegation waivers.* The SPE may waive the requirement for a delegation of procurement authority to be able to place orders under a GSA multi-agency contract or GSA Governmentwide acquisition contract.

(g) *Temporary appointments.* HCAs may request temporary appointments in accordance with [501.603-3\(b\)\(1\)](#). For additional information about temporary appointments refer to the Acquisition Career Management page on the GSA Acquisition Portal at <https://insite.gsa.gov/acquisitionportal>.

## 518.171 Additional sources.

In addition to the contracts identified in [FAR 18.105](#), the following sources should also be considered:

(a) GSA's Disaster Relief & Pandemic Products Program aisle available on GSA Advantage at <https://www.gsaadvantage.gov>.

(b) GSA's Emergency Acquisition Basic Ordering Agreements available at <https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/emergency-response>.