In accordance with Pub. L. 98-577, the Small Business and Federal Procurement Competition Enhancement Act of 1984, an executive agency may establish a dollar threshold for the designation of a major system. Accordingly, dollar thresholds for a major system under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-109 are designated in this section.

(a) **Major automated information system.** Within the Department of Justice, a major automated information system is one whose life-cycle cost is in excess of $100 million.

(b) **Major real property system.**

   (1) By purchase, when the assessed value of the property exceeds $60 million.

   (2) By lease, when the annual rental charges, including basic services (e.g., cleaning, guards, maintenance), exceed $1.8 million.

   (3) By transfer from another agency at no cost when the assessed value of the property exceeds $12 million.

(c) **Research and Development (R&D) System.** Any R&D activity expected to exceed $0.5 million, for the R&D phase is subject to OMB Circular A-109, unless exempted by the HCA.

(d) **Any other system or activity.** The HCA responsible for the system may designate any system or activity as a Major System under OMB Circular A-109 as a result of Departmental review, e.g., selected systems designed to support more than one principal organizational unit.

(e) **Exemption.** The AAG/A, upon recommendation by the HCA responsible for the system, may determine that because of the routine nature of the acquisition, the system (e.g., an information system utilizing only off-the-shelf hardware or software) will be exempt from the OMB Circular A-109 process, although by virtue of the life cycle costs, it would otherwise be identified as “major” in response to OMB Circular A-109.