

Procurement Advisory No. 122

Purchase Authority for Single Purchase Limit

1. SUMMARY

This Advisory provides guidance for revisions to Departmental Regulation (DR) 5013-6, Use of the Purchase Card and Related Alternative Payment Methods. The Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 127 dated July 2, 2015, item I, Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition-Related Thresholds increases the micro-purchase base threshold of \$3,000 to \$3,500 effective October 1, 2015.

2. BACKGROUND

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101 stated that the micro-purchase threshold is \$3,000 or as otherwise provided by law to comply DR 5013-6 states that the single purchase limit for micro-purchases is \$3,000 or less.

The FAR has been amended to implement the inflation adjustment of acquisition-related dollar thresholds. A statute requires an adjustment every five years of acquisition-related thresholds for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, except for the Construction Wage Rate Requirements statute (formerly Davis-Bacon Act), Service Contract Labor Standards statute, and trade agreements thresholds. DoD, GSA, and NASA have also used the same methodology to adjust non-statutory FAR acquisition related thresholds.

This Advisory updates DR 5013.6 to reflect the inflation adjustment allowed by the FAR.

3. REFERENCES

Department Regulation (DR) 5013-6, Use of the Purchase Card and Related Alternative Payment Methods.

Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101

Federal Acquisition Circular 2005–83

Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 127 dated July 2, 2015, item I, Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition-Related Threshold.

4. ACTIONS

The micro-purchase threshold will increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500, effective October 1, 2015.

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