

Procurement Advisory No. 122A

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.

Micro purchase limits may be exceeded when using the purchase card and related alternative payment methods only if (1) purchase is made by a Contracting Officer with appropriate warrant authority; and (2) purchase is reported in the Integrated Acquisition System (IAS) by a Contracting Officer.

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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