

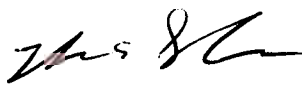


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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS

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SUBJECT:

**Laws and Other Requirements Applicable to Micro-Purchases
Conducted Under Section 101 of Public Law 109-62**

Purpose: This AB incorporates into Treasury procurement policy the guidance contained in Civilian Agency Acquisition Council Letter 2005-05 on Hurricane Katrina rescue and relief efforts.

Effective Date: This AB is effective immediately.

Expiration Date: This AB will expire when cancelled or superseded.

Background: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council has provided guidance on use of the emergency procurement authorities under Section 101 of Public Law 109-62. The Letter addresses the need for exceptional circumstances when using the expanded micro-purchase authority above \$15,000, suspension of the Davis-Bacon Act, waiver from some Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program requirements, criteria for determining whether an acquisition should be considered to have a direct relationship to hurricane rescue and relief operations, and applicability of certain contract clauses to contracts for rescue and relief operations.

Action: In addition to the requirements contained in AB 05-10, comply with the requirements contained in CAAC Letter 2005-05 for Hurricane Katrina rescue and relief efforts. The AB 05-10 requirement for submission to OPE of all proposed transactions using the expanded micro-purchase authority remains in effect. Determination by the Assistant Secretary for Management that the transaction is in support of rescue and relief operations is required prior to the procurement action.

In addition to the above requirements, use of the emergency procurement authorities for actions exceeding \$15,000 requires the approval of the Office of Management and Budget.

Questions about this AB may be directed to Jean Carter at jean.carter@do.treas.gov or (202) 622-6760.

Attachments:

CAAC Letter 2005-05, Laws and other requirements applicable to micro-purchases conducted under section 101 of Public Law 109-62

OMB Memorandum, Limitation on Use of Special Micro-purchase Threshold Authority for Hurricane Katrina Rescue and Relief Operations