



PPD ALERT

Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-11

❖ COMMERCIAL ITEM TEST PROGRAM AND SECTION 508 (MICRO-PURCHASE EXCEPTION) EXTENDED THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2004

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 13.5 B Test Program for Certain Commercial Items, authorized the use of Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP's) to acquire commercial items up to a value of \$5 million. The Test Program provides both flexibility and discretion in acquiring commercial items efficiently and economically.

The Program had been scheduled to expire on January 1, 2003; however, Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001-11 amended FAR Subpart 13.5 to extend the Commercial Item Test Program through January 1, 2004. Continue to use SAP's, (i.e., the combined synopsis/solicitation), to acquire commercial items whose value exceeds the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) but is below the \$5 million threshold. Comply with the provisions of FAR Subpart 13.5 and all relevant clauses.

Effective Date: January 1, 2003
New Expiration Date: January 1, 2004

❖ ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SECTION 508 EXCEPTION FOR MICRO-PURCHASES)

FAC 2001-11 also amended FAR 39.2 (implementing Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Electronic and Information Technology [EIT] Accessibility Standards) by authorizing the extension of the Exceptions provisions of FAR 39.204 for micro-purchases through January 1, 2004. The exception for micro-purchases was due to expire on January 1, 2003, but FAC 2001-11 has extended it through January 1, 2004.

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