

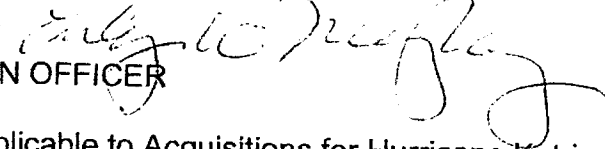


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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GSA ACQUISITION ASSOCIATES

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SUBJECT: Class Deviations Applicable to Acquisitions for Hurricane Katrina
Rescue and Relief Efforts

1. Purpose. This supplement provides new guidance on limitations on use of special micro-purchase threshold authority for Hurricane Katrina Rescue and Relief Operations as provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (see attached).

Procurements conducted under this authority previous to this date are not affected.

2. Background.

After OMB's consultation with many of the departments and agencies, OMB concluded the need for the increased micro-purchase threshold authorized by section 101(2) diminished. Thus, OMB requested that agencies no longer utilize the \$250,000 authority unless there are exceptional circumstances.

3. Effective date: October 3, 2005

4. Instructions:

Should acquisition associates need to utilize these thresholds (see paragraph 6d and f of Acquisition Letter V- 05 - 17) for immediate Katrina requirements, a written request shall be forwarded through the Assistant Regional Administrator or Commissioner, as appropriate, to the Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) for approval prior to the SPE contacting the Deputy Director of Management at OMB. The written request must include a description of the requirement and the justification to utilize Section 101(2) of the Second Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising from the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina (Public Law 109-62).

In accordance with the attached OMB Memorandum, the pre-hurricane micro-purchase (see FAR 2.101 for micro-purchase definition) limits are restored to \$2,500 for normal purchases and \$15,000 for Katrina related contingency operations, except in "exceptional circumstances" approved by the SPE and OMB.