

Subject: OUA Operational Status - Contingency Operation

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This message provides an update to the DPAP's September 22, 2014 notice of a National Interest Action (NIA) Code for Operation United Assistance (OUA) and guidance on applying the raised procurement authority at DFARS 218.270 for "humanitarian or peacekeeping operation" (see Hot Topics on the DPAP Contingency Contracting webpage at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pacc/cc/index.html>).

On November 25, 2014, the Secretary of the Army approved a Mobilization Order calling up Military Reservists under 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13)(B) to support OUA. OUA now meets the definition of a "contingency operation" under 10 USC 101(a)(13) and FAR 2.101. Effective November 25, 2014, the following threshold increases apply to acquisitions of supplies or services that, as determined by the head of the agency, are to be used to support OUA:

- For any contract to be awarded and performed or purchase to be made outside the United States, the "micro-purchase threshold" is \$30,000 and the "simplified acquisition threshold" is \$1,000,000 (see definitions at FAR 2.101).
- For any contract to be awarded and performed or purchase to be made inside the United States, the "micro-purchase threshold" is \$15,000 and the "simplified acquisition threshold" is \$300,000 (see definitions at FAR 2.101).
- For the acquisition of commercial items, the threshold for use of simplified acquisition procedures under the "Test Program for Certain Commercial Items" is \$12,000,000 (see FAR 13.500(e)(1)).

Contracting officers shall use the NIA code O14E in their FPDS contract action reports for all contracts in support of OUA efforts.

Additional guidance for use of the purchase card during Contingency, Emergency, and Humanitarian Aid Operations may be found in Appendix B of the DoD charge Card Guide book found at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/pc/policy_documents.html.

For further updates on Operation United Assistance, please monitor OSD DPAP Contingency Contracting's HOT TOPICS link at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pacc/cc/index.html>. Contact details for DPAP Contingency Contracting: 571-256-2945 (DSN 499), osd.pentagon.ousd-atl.mbx.contingency-contracting@mail.mil