

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM  
DEFENSE PRICING AND CONTRACTING,  
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ACQUISITION & SUSTAINMENT)**

## **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief for Turkey**

1. On February 8, 2023, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) requested disaster assistance support from the Department of Defense (DoD) to facilitate the provision of international disaster in response to the recent earthquake in Turkey. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101 and Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) 218.270, Heads of Contracting Activity (HCAs) have been delegated the authority to determine if the emergency flexibilities in subparagraph 2 (below) are warranted. On February 10, 2023, the Secretary of Defense authorized Commander, U.S. European Command to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief transportation and logistics support to USAID's disaster response efforts in Turkey and approved the expenditure of up to \$26 million of Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid (OHDACA) funds to support that effort.
2. The following emergency acquisition flexibilities are available if the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) determines that the contracts awarded are in direct support of DoD international disaster assistance in response to the earthquake in Turkey.
  - a. The "micro-purchase threshold" and the "simplified acquisition threshold" are increased as follows (FAR 2.101(b)):
    - For any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, inside the United States, the "micro-purchase threshold" is \$20,000 and the "simplified acquisition threshold" is \$800,000;
    - For any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States, the "micro-purchase threshold" is \$35,000 and the "simplified acquisition threshold" is \$1,500,000; and
    - For the acquisition of commercial items, the threshold for use of simplified acquisition procedures for certain commercial items is \$15M (FAR 13.500(c)(1)).NOTE: For purposes of acquisition threshold increases the term "United States" includes the 50 States and the District of Columbia (FAR 2.101(b)).
  - b. Per, DoD Financial Management Regulation Vol 10 Chapter 23, the limitation for convenience checks may not be in an amount in excess of one-half of the applicable micro-purchase threshold.
3. Additionally, FAR Subpart 18.1 and DFARS Subpart 218.1 provide contracting officers other available acquisition flexibilities when certain conditions are met.
4. Additional guidance for use of the purchase card may be found in the DoD Charge Card Guidebook found at <https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/ce/pc/docs-guides.html>.
5. A National Interest Action (NIA) Code will not be established for the NIA field in the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation. Agencies should exercise flexibilities in accordance with internal controls to ensure they are managed effectively, tracked accordingly, and are consistent with the intended purpose. Specific funding allocation, reporting, and duration of support are included in the Secretary of Defense memo dated February 10, 2023.
6. Please contact Lt Col Adam Coyne, Defense Pricing and Contracting (Contingency Contract Policy), with any questions pertaining to this notification. He can be reached by email at [adam.v.coyne.mil@mail.mil](mailto:adam.v.coyne.mil@mail.mil).