

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

**Extension Authorization of Humanitarian Support
to Ukraine through 31 May 2022**

1. On April 8, 2022, the Department of Defense (DoD) extended the authorization for Commander, United States European Command (USEUCOM) to provide humanitarian support to Ukraine pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2561 as a result of Russian military action. Commander, USEUCOM is authorized to expend up to \$12 million in Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid (OHDACA) funds to procure humanitarian commodities, contract support, transportation, logistics support as part of the overall U.S. Government response effort related to Ukraine on a nonreimbursable basis. The Department's provision of humanitarian support for this purpose is contingent upon the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and/or the Department of State (DoS) and in coordination with the host nation and appropriate U.S. Embassy identifying requirements and submitting a request to DoD for humanitarian support. This authorization for humanitarian assistance meets the definition of "humanitarian or peacekeeping operation" at FAR 2.101.
2. For any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made outside the United States in direct support of USAID- and DOS-validated humanitarian requirements, as determined by the Head of the Contracting Activity, the "simplified acquisition threshold" is \$500,000, as defined at FAR 2.101. There is no authorization for increase in the "micro-purchase threshold." Please note the additional flexibilities identified at DFARS 218.204 Humanitarian or peacekeeping operation.
3. Additionally, contracting officers supporting the humanitarian operation are authorized to use the Government-wide commercial purchase card to make a purchase that exceeds the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold as long as the criterion at DFARS 213.301(3) are met. Additional guidance for use of the purchase card may be found in Appendix B of the DoD Charge Card Guidebook found at <https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/ce/pc/docs-guides.html>.
4. The National Interest Action (NIA) Code "O22U" shall be used as a means of tracking acquisitions associated with this event. FPDS-NG system details for this NIA follow:

NIA Code: O22U (Oscar-22-Uniform)
NIA Description: "Ukraine Mission Support"
Start Date: 03/04/2022
End Date: 09/30/2022
5. Humanitarian requirements must be validated by USAID or the DoS Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration before they are carried out by the Commander, USEUCOM.
6. This authorization is valid through May 31, 2022, or until there are no validated humanitarian requirements for the Department, whichever is sooner.
7. Please contact Col Karen Landale, Defense Pricing and Contracting (Contingency Contracting Policy), with any questions pertaining to this notification. She can be reached by phone at (571) 992-4414 and by email at karen.a.landale.mil@mail.mil.

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