

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

## **Operation ALLIES WELCOME**

1. On August 29, 2021, the President ordered the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to lead Operation ALLIES WELCOME (OAW) ([Operation Allies Welcome | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)), a continuation and renaming of Operation ALLIES REFUGE (OAR), with the task of managing the resettlement of refugees and providing "temporary housing, sustainment, and support inside the United States" for evacuees.
2. OAW meets the definition of "contingency operation" at FAR 2.101 pursuant to SecDef approved Execute Order (EXORD) (Revision 1) dated October 4, 2021 (available on SIPR). The emergency acquisition flexibilities outlined in the [Defense Pricing and Contracting \(DPC\) information release dated August 18, 2021](#), and included in the EXORD (Revision 1), continue to apply to OAW pursuant to Heads of the Contracting Activity (HCAs) determination to exercise such flexibilities when contracting in support of OAW. Additional information about HCA authority is available in [DPC Memorandum, "Emergency Acquisition Flexibilities – Special Emergency Procurement Authority and Head of the Contracting Activity Delegated Authority," dated October 10, 2020](#).
3. The National Interest Action (NIA) Code "O21R" (Oscar-21-Romeo) shall still be used as a means of tracking acquisition costs for OAR and OAW. FPDS-NG system details for this NIA follow:  
  
NIA Code: O21R  
NIA Description: "Operation ALLIES REFUGE/Operation ALLIES WELCOME"  
Start Date: 07/22/2021  
End Date: 06/30/2023
4. In an effort to streamline the communication of FAR Part 18 and DFARS Part 218 emergency acquisition flexibilities in support of future contingency operations, Defense Pricing and Contracting is coordinating with the Joint Staff J4 (JSJ4) to ensure these flexibilities are included directly in EXORDs for fastest dissemination to HCAs and Senior Contracting Officials (SCOs). Contracting Activities should routinely check EXORDs and subsequent modifications for contracting-related equities and authorities that may be available. DPC may continue to issue information releases (as necessary) to reach Contracting Activities that may not have direct access to EXORDS on SIPR, however such information releases will be on a case-by-case basis.
5. Please contact Lt Col Karen Landale, Defense Pricing and Contracting (Contract 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](mailto:karen.a.landale.mil@mail.mil).