

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

## **Operation ALLIES REFUGE**

1. The Secretary of Defense has designated Operation ALLIES REFUGE (OAR) a contingency operation, effective August 15, 2021, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13) and FAR 2.101.
2. The emergency acquisition flexibilities at FAR 18.201 and DFARS 218.201 are authorized and available when supporting OAR. Agencies should exercise the flexibilities in accordance with internal procedures and controls to ensure they are managed effectively, tracked accordingly, and are consistent with the intended purpose.
3. The following threshold increases apply to acquisitions of supplies and services that are to be used in direct support of OAR as determined by the Head of the Contracting Activity, or designee pursuant to agency procedures:
  - a. 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 (see respective definitions at 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 (see respective definitions at FAR 2.101);
  - c. For purchases made with the Standard Form (SF) 44, "Purchase Order-Invoice-Voucher," agencies may establish higher dollar limitations as authorized by FAR 13.306.
  - d. For the acquisition of commercial items in support of OAR, the threshold for use of simplified acquisition procedures is \$15M (FAR 13.500(c)).
4. For purposes of acquisition threshold increases, the term "United States" includes the 50 States and the District of Columbia (FAR 2.101).
5. Guidance for the use of the purchase card may be found in the DoD Charge Card Guidebook found at [http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/pc/policy\\_documents.html](http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/pc/policy_documents.html). Specific guidance for recording purchase card transactions involving National Interest Action (NIA) codes and emergency acquisition authorities is available at <https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA002375-20-DPC.pdf>.
6. A new NIA Code "O21R" (Oscar-21-Romeo) has been established for the NIA field in the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG) as a means of tracking acquisition costs for OAR. FPDS-NG system details for this NIA follow:

NIA Code: O21R  
NIA Description: Operation ALLIES REFUGE  
Start Date: 07/22/2021  
End Date: 06/30/2023

7. 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).