



The President has [declared a national emergency](#) concerning the novel coronavirus disease under the Stafford Act. As a result of this emergency declaration, the flexibilities identified in FAR§ 18.202, "Defense or recovery from certain events," are available for use in supporting response efforts to COVID-19. These flexibilities include increases to the micro-purchase threshold, the simplified acquisition threshold, and the threshold for using simplified procedures for certain commercial items. Specifically

1. The micro-purchase threshold is raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for domestic purchases and to \$30,000 for purchases outside the U.S.;
2. The simplified acquisition threshold is raised from \$250,000 to \$750,000 for domestic purchases and \$1.5 million for purchases outside the U.S.; and
3. Agencies may use simplified acquisition procedures up to \$13 million for purchases of commercial item buys.