

16.500 Scope of subpart.

(a) This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for making awards of indefinite-delivery contracts and establishes a preference for making multiple awards of indefinite-quantity contracts.

(b) This subpart does not limit the use of other than competitive procedures authorized by [part 6](#).

(c) Nothing in this subpart restricts the authority of the General Services Administration (GSA) to enter into schedule, multiple award, or task or *delivery order* contracts under any other provision of law. Therefore, GSA regulations and the coverage for the Federal Supply Schedule program in [subpart 8.4](#) and [part 38](#) take precedence over this subpart.

(d) The statutory multiple award preference implemented by this subpart does not apply to architect-engineer contracts subject to the procedures in [subpart 36.6](#). However, agencies are not precluded from making multiple awards for *architect-engineer services* using the procedures in this subpart, provided the selection of contractors and placement of orders are consistent with [subpart 36.6](#).

(e) See [subpart 19.5](#) for procedures to set aside part or parts of *multiple-award contracts* for small businesses; to reserve one or more awards for small business on *multiple-award contracts*; and to set aside orders for small businesses under *multiple-award contracts*.

Parent topic: [Subpart 16.5 - Indefinite-Delivery Contracts](#)