

## 19.502-1 Requirements for setting aside acquisitions.

(a) The *contracting officer shall* set aside an individual *acquisition* or class of *acquisitions* for competition among small businesses when-

(1) It is determined to be in the interest of maintaining or mobilizing the Nation's full productive capacity, war or *national defense* programs; or

(2) Assuring that a fair proportion of Government contracts in each *industry* is placed with small business *concerns*; and the circumstances described in [19.502-2](#) or [19.502-3\(a\)](#) exist.

(b) The requirement in paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold*, or purchases from required sources under [part 8](#) (e.g., Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled).

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