

## 13.201 General.

- (a) *Agency heads* are encouraged to delegate *micro-purchase* authority (see [1.603-3](#)).
- (b) The *Governmentwide commercial purchase card* shall be the preferred method to purchase and to pay for *micro-purchases* (see [2.101](#)).
- (c) Purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold* may be conducted using any of the methods described in subpart [13.3](#), provided the purchaser is authorized and trained, pursuant to agency procedures, to use those methods.
- (d) *Micro-purchases* do not require provisions or clauses, except as provided at [13.202](#) and [32.1110](#). This paragraph takes precedence over any other FAR requirement to the contrary, but does not prohibit the use of any clause.
- (e) The requirements in part 8 apply to purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold*.
- (f) The *procurement* requirements in [23.1](#) apply to purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold*.
- (g)
- (1) For *acquisitions* of *supplies* or services that, as determined by the *head of the agency*, are to be used to support a *contingency operation*; to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to support a request from the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the *United States Agency for International Development* to facilitate provision of international disaster assistance pursuant to [22 U.S.C. 2292](#) et seq; or to support response to an *emergency* or *major disaster* ([42 U.S.C. 5122](#)), the *micro-purchase threshold* is—
- (i) \$20,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, inside the *United States*; and
- (ii) \$35,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the *United States*.
- (2) Purchases using this authority *must* have a clear and direct relationship to the support of a *contingency operation*; or the defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; international disaster assistance; or an *emergency* or *major disaster*.
- (h) When using the *Governmentwide commercial purchase card* as a method of payment, purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold* are exempt from verification in the *System for Award Management* as to whether the contractor has a delinquent debt subject to collection under the Treasury Offset Program (TOP).
- (i) Do not purchase any hardware, software, or services developed or provided by Kaspersky Lab that the Government will use on or after October 1, 2018. (See [4.2002](#)).
- (j)
- (1) On or after August 13, 2019, do not procure or obtain, or extend or renew a contract to procure

or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential *component* of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception applies or a waiver is granted. (See subpart [4.21](#).)

(2) On or after August 13, 2020, agencies are prohibited from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential *component* of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception applies or a waiver is granted (see subpart [4.21](#)). This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

(k) The prohibition in [subpart 4.22](#) on use of a covered application (“TikTok”) applies to purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold* where the performance of the contract *may* require the presence or use of a covered application, (*e.g.*, where social media advertising services might be part of the *procurement*), unless an exception is granted in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-23-13 (see [4.2202](#)).

(l) Do not procure or obtain, or extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, any covered article, or any *products* or services produced or provided by a source, including contractor use of covered articles or sources, if prohibited from doing so by an applicable Federal *Acquisition* Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA) order issued by the Director of National Intelligence, Secretary of Defense, or Secretary of Homeland Security (see [4.2303](#)).

(m) The prohibitions on unmanned aircraft systems (*e.g.*, drones) in [40.202](#) apply to purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold*.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 13.2 - Actions At or Below the Micro-Purchase Threshold](#)