

Department of the Interior Acquisition, Assistance, and Asset Policy (DOI-AAAP)

Title	Hurricane Irma Acquisition Flexibilities Guidance
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Regulatory and Statutory Reference	FAR 18.201 ; FAR 2.101 ; 41 U.S.C. 1903

Version Detail

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01	09/12/2017	Binita Sharma	Implements and exercises the use of the acquisition flexibilities within 41 U.S. Code §1903 for Hurricane Irma

Purpose:

To exercise the authority under [FAR 18.201](#) and [41 U.S. Code §1903](#), to increase certain acquisition thresholds for Department of the Interior (DOI) procurements in support of major disaster response for Hurricane Irma.

Scope:

In using the increased thresholds, this authority applies only to procurements supporting Hurricane Irma in the major disaster area, as defined in and as may be subsequently amended in the Presidential declaration. Any purchases using this authority must have a clear and direct relationship to the support of this major disaster. The contracting officer shall document the connection to Hurricane Irma response/recovery in the disaster area when using these increased thresholds.

The major disaster area is subject to be revision as the storm moves along the Gulf Coast. As the geographic area of the Presidential declaration is revised (to be shown at the FEMA disaster [webpage](#) listed under FEMA DR-4332), the geographic area applicable to the threshold increases in this memorandum is simultaneously revised without a revision to this memorandum

Effective date:

This policy is effective upon signature and will remain in effect until December 31, 2017, unless otherwise rescinded or modified.

Background:

Beginning September 05, 2017, President Trump issued Emergency and Major Disaster declaration in the areas of U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and in the states of Florida, Georgia,

and South Carolina as a result of Hurricane Irma. These declarations invoke Emergency Acquisition Flexibilities authorized in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 18 and 41 USC 1903 in support of the Federal response to the disasters and emergencies in the affected areas.

Action:

Bureaus and offices must follow the procedures set forth in attached Class Determination and Findings (D&F) for acquisitions that support Hurricane Irma response and recovery efforts.

Attachments:

The following attachments apply to this policy:

- [DOI Class Determination and Findings \(D&F\)—Acquisitions that Support Hurricane Irma Response and Recovery Efforts](#)
- [Class Deviation - Exercise of Certain Emergency Procurement Authorities](#)

Approval Signature:

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