

**§ 152. Competitive procedures**

In division C, the term “competitive procedures” means procedures under which an executive agency enters into a contract pursuant to full and open competition. The term also includes—

(1) procurement of architectural or engineering services conducted in accordance with chapter 11 of title 40;

(2) the competitive selection of basic research proposals resulting from a general solicitation and the peer review or scientific review (as appropriate) of those proposals;

(3) the procedures established by the Administrator of General Services for the multiple awards schedule program of the General Services Administration if—

(A) participation in the program has been open to all responsible sources; and

(B) orders and contracts under those procedures result in the lowest overall cost alternative to meet the needs of the Federal Government;

(4) procurements conducted in furtherance of section 15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644) as long as all responsible business concerns that are entitled to submit offers for those procurements are permitted to compete; and

(5) a competitive selection of research proposals resulting from a general solicitation and peer review or scientific review (as appropriate) solicited pursuant to section 9 of that Act (15 U.S.C. 638).

(Pub. L. 111–350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3683.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
152 .....	41:259(b).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, §309(b), as added Pub. L. 98–369, title VII, §2711(a)(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1180; Pub. L. 98–577, §504(a)(3), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3086; Pub. L. 105–85, title X, §1073(g)(1), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1906.

**§ 153. Simplified acquisition threshold for contract in support of humanitarian or peacekeeping operation**

(1) IN GENERAL.—In division C, the term “simplified acquisition threshold” has the meaning provided that term in section 134 of this title, except that, in the case of a contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States in support of a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation, the term means an amount equal to two times the amount specified for that term in section 134 of this title.

(2) DEFINITION.—In paragraph (1), the term “humanitarian or peacekeeping operation” means a military operation in support of the provision of humanitarian or foreign disaster assistance or in support of a peacekeeping operation under chapter VI or VII of the Charter of the United Nations. The term does not include routine training, force rotation, or stationing.

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## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
153(1) .....	41:259(d)(1).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, §309(d)(1), as added Pub. L. 103–355, title I, §1551, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3299; Pub. L. 104–201, title VIII, §807(b)(1), (2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2606.
153(2) .....	41:259(d)(2).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title III, §309(d)(2), as added Pub. L. 104–201, title VIII, §807(b)(3), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2606.

In paragraph (1), the words “a contingency operation or”, and the text of 41 U.S.C. 259(d)(2)(A), are omitted because the increased simplified acquisition threshold established under section 32A of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (Public Law 93–400) in the case of a contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States in support of a contingency operation supersedes the threshold established under this section. Section 32A is restated as section 1903 of the revised title.

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*Pub. L. 113–67, div. A, title VII, §702(b)(2), (c), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 1189, provided that, applicable only with respect to costs of compensation incurred under contracts entered into on or after the date that is 180 days after Dec. 26, 2013, this analysis is amended by striking out item 1127. See 2013 Amendment note below.*

*Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title VIII, §811(c)(2), (d), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 806, provided that, applicable with respect to costs of compensation incurred under contracts entered into on or after the date that is 180 days after Dec. 26, 2013, this analysis is amended by striking out item 1127. See 2013 Amendment note below.*

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title VIII, §811(c)(2), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 806, and Pub. L. 113–67, div. A, title