

Federal Acquisition Regulation

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Council, and the Administrator approves in writing the inclusion of such certification requirement.

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1.108 FAR conventions.

The following conventions provide guidance for interpreting the FAR:

(a) *Words and terms.* Definitions in Part 2 apply to the entire regulation unless specifically defined in another part, subpart, section, provision, or clause. Words or terms defined in a specific part, subpart, section, provision, or clause have that meaning when used in that part, subpart, section, provision, or clause. Undefined words retain their common dictionary meaning.

(b) *Delegation of authority.* Each authority is delegable unless specifically stated otherwise (see 1.102-5(b)).

(c) *Dollar thresholds.* Unless otherwise specified, a specific dollar threshold for the purpose of applicability is the final anticipated dollar value of the action, including the dollar value of all options. If the action establishes a maximum quantity of supplies or services to be acquired or establishes a ceiling price or establishes the final price to be based on future events, the final anticipated dollar value must be the highest final priced alternative to the Government, including the dollar value of all options.

(d) *Application of FAR changes to solicitations and contracts.* Unless otherwise specified—

(1) FAR changes apply to solicitations issued on or after the effective date of the change;

(2) Contracting officers may, at their discretion, include the FAR changes in solicitations issued before the effective date, provided award of the resulting contract(s) occurs on or after the effective date; and

(3) Contracting officers may, at their discretion, include the changes in any existing contract with appropriate consideration.

(e) *Citations.* When the FAR cites a statute, Executive order, Office of Management and Budget circular, Office of Federal Procurement Policy policy letter, or relevant portion of the Code of Federal Regulations, the cita-

tion includes all applicable amendments, unless otherwise stated.

(f) *Imperative sentences.* When an imperative sentence directs action, the contracting officer is responsible for the action, unless another party is expressly cited.

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1.109 Statutory acquisition-related dollar thresholds—adjustment for inflation.

(a) 41 U.S.C. 1908 requires that the FAR Council periodically adjust all statutory acquisition-related dollar thresholds in the FAR for inflation, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. This adjustment is calculated every 5 years, starting in October 2005, using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), and supersedes the applicability of any other provision of law that provides for the adjustment of such acquisition-related dollar thresholds.

(b) The statute defines an acquisition-related dollar threshold as a dollar threshold that is specified in law as a factor in defining the scope of the applicability of a policy, procedure, requirement, or restriction provided in that law to the procurement of supplies or services by an executive agency, as determined by the FAR Council.

(c) The statute does not permit escalation of acquisition-related dollar thresholds established by:

(1) 40 U.S.C. chapter 31—

(i) Subchapter III, Bonds; and

(ii) Subchapter IV, Wage Rate Requirements (Construction);

(2) 41 U.S.C. chapter 67, Service Contract Labor Standards; or

(3) The United States Trade Representative pursuant to the authority of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2511 *et seq.*).

(d) The statute, as amended by section 821 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91), requires the adjustment described in paragraph (a) of this section be applied to contracts and subcontracts without regard to the date of award of the contract or subcontract. Therefore, if a threshold is adjusted for inflation as set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, then the changed

threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment.

(e) A matrix showing calculation of the most recent escalation adjustments of statutory acquisition-related dollar thresholds is available via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> (search FAR case 2019–013, open the docket folder, and go to the supporting documents file).

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1.110 Positive law codification.

(a) Public Law 107–217 revised, codified, and enacted as title 40, United States Code, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, certain general and permanent laws of the United States.

(b) Public Law 111–350 revised, codified, and enacted as title 41, United States Code, Public Contracts, certain general and permanent laws of the United States.

(c) The following table provides cross references between the historical titles of the acts, and the current reference in title 40 or title 41.

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (c)

Historical title of act	Division/chapter/subchapter	Title
Anti-Kickback Act	41 U.S.C. chapter 87	Kickbacks.
Brooks Architect-Engineer Act	40 U.S.C. chapter 11	Selection of Architects and Engineers.
Buy American Act	41 U.S.C. chapter 83	Buy American.
Contract Disputes Act of 1978	41 U.S.C. chapter 71	Contract Disputes.
Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.	40 U.S.C. chapter 37	Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards.
Davis-Bacon Act	40 U.S.C. chapter 31, Subchapter IV.	Wage Rate Requirements (Construction).
Drug-Free Workplace Act	41 U.S.C. chapter 81	Drug-Free Workplace.
Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, Title III.	41 U.S.C. Div. C of subtitle I ¹	Procurement.
Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act	41 U.S.C. chapter 85	Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.
Miller Act	40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter III.	Bonds.
Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act.	41 U.S.C. Div. B of subtitle I ²	Office of Federal Procurement Policy.
Procurement Integrity Act	41 U.S.C. chapter 21	Restrictions on Obtaining and Disclosing Certain Information.
Service Contract Act of 1965 ...	41 U.S.C. chapter 67	Service Contract Labor Standards.
Truth in Negotiations Act	41 U.S.C. chapter 35	Truthful Cost or Pricing Data.
Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act.	41 U.S.C. chapter 65	Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$10,000.

¹ Except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711.

² Except sections 1704 and 2303.

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Subpart 1.2—Administration

1.201 Maintenance of the FAR.

1.201–1 The two councils.

(a) Subject to the authorities discussed in 1.103, revisions to the FAR will be prepared and issued through the coordinated action of two councils, the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (DAR Council) and the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAA

Council). Members of these councils shall—

(1) Represent their agencies on a full-time basis;

(2) Be selected for their superior qualifications in terms of acquisition experience and demonstrated professional expertise; and

(3) Be funded by their respective agencies.

(b) The chairperson of the CAA Council shall be the representative of the Administrator of General Services. The other members of this council shall be one each representative from the—