

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “section 31(b) of the Small Business Act” for “section 3(p) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(p))”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-91 effective Jan. 1, 2020, see section 1701(j) of Pub. L. 115-91, set out as a note under section 657a of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

CHAPTER 19—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §836(b)(6)(B)(ii), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1861, substituted “List of laws inapplicable to procurements of commercial products and commercial services” for “List of laws inapplicable to procurements of commercial items” in item 1906.

2012—Pub. L. 112-194, §2(a)(2), Oct. 5, 2012, 126 Stat. 1447, added item 1909.

§ 1901. Simplified acquisition procedures

(a) WHEN PROCEDURES ARE TO BE USED.—To promote efficiency and economy in contracting and to avoid unnecessary burdens for agencies and contractors, the Federal Acquisition Regulation shall provide for special simplified procedures for purchases of property and services for amounts—

- (1) not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold; and
- (2) greater than the simplified acquisition threshold but not greater than \$5,000,000 for which the contracting officer reasonably expects, based on the nature of the property or services sought and on market research, that offers will include only commercial products or commercial services.

(b) PROHIBITION ON DIVIDING PURCHASES.—A proposed purchase or contract for an amount above the simplified acquisition threshold may not be divided into several purchases or contracts for lesser amounts to use the simplified acquisition procedures required by subsection (a).

(c) PROMOTION OF COMPETITION REQUIRED.—When using simplified acquisition procedures, the head of an executive agency shall promote competition to the maximum extent practicable.

(d) CONSIDERATION OF OFFERS TIMELY RECEIVED.—The simplified acquisition procedures contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation

shall include a requirement that a contracting officer consider each responsive offer timely received from an eligible offeror.

(e) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.—The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall provide that an executive agency using special simplified procedures to purchase commercial products or commercial services—

- (1) shall publish a notice in accordance with section 1708 of this title and, as provided in section 1708(c)(4) of this title, permit all responsible sources to submit a bid, proposal, or quotation (as appropriate) that the agency shall consider;
- (2) may not conduct the purchase on a sole source basis unless the need to do so is justified in writing and approved in accordance with section 2304(f) of title 10 or section 3304(e) of this title, as applicable; and
- (3) shall include in the contract file a written description of the procedures used in awarding the contract and the number of offers received.

(Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3719; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §836(b)(4), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1861.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1901	41:427.	Pub. L. 93-400, §31, as added Pub. L. 103-355, title IV, §4201(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3342; Pub. L. 104-106, title XLII, §4202(c), title XLIII, §4302(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 653, 658, as amended Pub. L. 104-201, title X, §1074(b)(6) (less effective date), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2660; Pub. L. 105-85, title VIII, §850(d), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1848.

Section 31(e) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 427(e)) is omitted as obsolete. In subsection (e)(2), the reference to section 253 of this title is limited to section 3303(e) of the revised title for clarity.

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2018—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-232, §836(b)(4)(A), substituted “commercial products or commercial services” for “commercial items”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-232, §836(b)(4)(B), substituted “Commercial Products and Commercial Services” for “Commercial Items” in heading and, in introductory provisions, substituted “commercial products or commercial services” for “commercial items”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Jan. 1, 2020, subject to a savings provision, see section 836(h) of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as an Effective Date of 2018 Amendment; Savings Provision note under section 453b of Title 6, Domestic Security.

PROCUREMENT THROUGH COMMERCIAL E-COMMERCE PORTALS

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VIII, §846, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1483, as amended by Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §838(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1875, provided that: “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall establish a program to procure commercial products through commercial e-commerce portals for purposes of enhancing competition, expediting procure-