



POLICY FLASH

POLICY FLASH 2005-56

DATE: October 4, 2005
TO: Procurement Directors
FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, ME-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Hurricane Katrina Emergency Contracting Authorities

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has limited the use of special micro-purchase threshold emergency procurement authority for purchase cards. OMB concluded that the need for this increased authority has diminished and therefore agencies are to utilize it only under “exceptional circumstances” (see Policy Flash 2005-52).

Thus, if a higher limit is still required, please contact the undersigned for guidance. The Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy will coordinate your requirement with OMB.

Questions concerning this policy flash should be directed to Jackie Kniskern at 202-287-1342 or jacqueline.kniskern@hq.doe.gov.



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Attachment: OMB Memo dated October 3, 2005