

- Uniform Guidance
 - Procurement and the Micro-purchase Threshold (MPT)



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- The MPT initially was \$3,000, increasing to \$3,500
- The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) increased the threshold to \$10,000
- The Office

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- Procurement by sealed bids (§200.320)
 - Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction.

 Procurement by competitive proposals (§200.320)

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 Procurement by noncompetitive proposals (§200.320)

 Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when certain circumstances apply.

- Federal Register Notice of May 17, 2017 confirms a one-year grace period for implementation of 2 CFR 200.317-326 (Procurement Standards)
 - For all non-Federal entities, there is an additional one-year grace period for implementation of the procurement standards in 2 CFR 200.317 through 200.326. This means the grace period for non-Federal entities extends through December 25, 2017, and the implementation

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– §200.56 Indirect (facilities & administrative (F&A)) means those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved.

- F&A in the news
 - Cautiously optimistic in turning back administration's efforts to cut F&A rate to 10%
 - Combined efforts of: Council on Governmental Relations (COGR), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU), the Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI), and the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO)

• F&A in the news

– F&A Primer

https://www.cogr.edu/sites/default/files/1FA_2017_PRIMER.pdf

- F&A Talking Points

https://www.cogr.edu/sites/default/files/2FA%20Talking%20Points_0.pdf

- Costs of Federally Sponsored Research

https://www.cogr.edu/sites/default/files/Costs%20of%20Research%20Infog raphic%20170523_0.pdf

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- Welcome to Our New Staff
 - Zoe Sing, Senior Accounting Representative
 - Juan Jimenez, GCFA, Chicago
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 - Jacky Sancen, Asst GCFA

