



Dear Procurement Committee,

A letter of good news—the last hurdle to finally remove the dollar limits on contracts in the WOSB procurement program has been cleared.

In today's Federal Register, the FAR Council, which oversees procurement practice for the federal government, issued their interim final rule removing the caps. This is the final step and allows federal agencies to instruct their contracting officers to set-aside contracts of any amount. A few agencies, including the Defense and Energy Departments, gave those instructions prior to the FAR Council's rule. WIPP is very excited to see the provision, passed in January as part of the FY13 National Defense Authorization Act, take effect.

As you know, removing the dollar caps has been a focus of our advocacy efforts on improving and enlarging the WOSB procurement program. While the dollar caps were removed by legislation six months ago, this rule represents the last step in implementing this change. WIPP advocated for and is appreciative of the expedited process with which the SBA and the FAR Council have acted, as changes of this significance often take much longer.

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