

Federal Contracting Thresholds 2026-2027: Cheat Sheet

Effective October 1, 2025 (FAR inflation adjustment). Last checked against official sources October 13, 2026. Full guide with sources: govscout.pro/blog/federal-contracting-thresholds-2026-2027. Always confirm against the solicitation and acquisition.gov.

The Complete 2026-2027 Threshold Table

Threshold	Before Oct 1, 2025	FY2026-FY2027	What it triggers
Micro-purchase threshold (MPT)	\$10,000	\$15,000	Purchases without competition, often by government purchase card
MPT, contingency (inside / outside U.S.)	-	\$25,000 / \$40,000	Contingency and defense operations
Synopsis on SAM.gov	\$25,000	\$25,000 (unchanged)	Public notice of proposed contract actions
Simplified acquisition threshold (SAT)	\$250,000	\$350,000	Simplified procedures; small business reservation
SAT, contingency (inside / outside U.S.)	-	\$1 million / \$2 million	Contingency operations
Simplified procedures for certain commercial products and services (FAR 13.5)	\$7.5 million	\$9 million	Streamlined commercial buying
First-tier subcontract reporting	\$30,000	\$40,000	Prime reports subcontract awards
Subcontracting plan (large primes)	\$750,000	\$900,000	Small business subcontracting goals required
Subcontracting plan, construction	\$1.5 million	\$2 million	Same, for construction
Certified cost or pricing data (TINA)	\$2 million	\$2.5 million ; \$10 million for DoD, NASA and Coast Guard contracts entered after June 30, 2026	Detailed cost data and defective pricing liability
Approval levels for other than full and open competition	-	\$900K / \$20M / \$90M (\$150M tier for DoD, NASA, Coast Guard)	Who must approve a sole-source justification

Small Business Sole-Source Thresholds

Program	Manufacturing	All other work
8(a) Business Development	\$8.5 million	\$5.5 million
SDVOSB	\$8.5 million	\$5 million
HUBZone	\$8.5 million	\$5.5 million
WOSB / EDWOSB	\$8.5 million	\$5.5 million

Goals Behind the Numbers

Category	Goal (prime dollars)	FY2025 result
Small business (all)	23%	Nearly 28%, about \$179 billion
Small disadvantaged business (incl. 8(a))	5%	11.6%, \$75.3 billion
SDVOSB	5% (raised from 3% by the FY2024 NDAA)	\$32.5 billion, 5.01%
WOSB	5%	See SBA scorecard
HUBZone	3%	See SBA scorecard

Quick Reference by Situation

If the contract is...	Expect...
\$15,000 or less	Micro-purchase. No posting, often a card. Relationships win.
\$15,001 to \$25,000	Simplified procedures. May not be synopsized on SAM.gov.
\$25,001 to \$350,000	Posted on SAM.gov, simplified procedures, usually set aside for small business.
Over \$150,000 in construction	Miller Act performance and payment bonds.
Over \$350,000	Standard procedures. Set-aside if the Rule of Two is met.
Over \$900,000 (\$2M construction), large prime	Small business subcontracting plan required.
Over \$2.5 million, negotiated	Certified cost or pricing data unless an exception applies (\$10M for DoD after June 30, 2026).