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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Records Group 269

Series: Records of Contracts Awarded by Federal Agencies, 10/1/1978 – 9/30/1997

What information is in these records?

This series contains records identifying individual Federal Government contracts valued at \$25,000 or more for all civilian agencies and may also include contracts valued below \$25,000. Each record potentially contains the following: information on the government purchasing or contracting agency and office; date of award; dollars obligated; principal place of performance; principal product or service contracted for, including the product service code, and the standard industrial classification code for the contractor; business and labor requirements; type of procurement action; methods of contracting; whether the contract is for a foreign government or with a small business, minority business, or women-owned business; and the name and address of the contractor.

Why were these records created?

The agency established this system to collect, develop, and disseminate procurement data for the Congress, the executive branch, and the private sector.

What contracts under \$25,000 are described by these records?

The records in this series identify all contracts covered by the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program regardless of value. This program covers contracts for construction, architectural and engineering services, surveying and mapping services, refuse systems, and non-nuclear ship repair for ten contracting agencies. They are the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Interior, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

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