## 26.202-1 Local area set-aside.

The contracting officer may set aside solicitations to allow only local firms within a specific geographic area to compete (see 6.208).

- (a) The *contracting officer*, in consultation with the requirements office, *shall* define the specific geographic area for the local set-aside.
- (b) A major disaster or emergency area may span counties in several contiguous States. The set-aside area need not include all the counties in the declared disaster/emergency area(s), but cannot go outside it.
- (c) The *contracting officer shall* also determine whether a local area set-aside *should* be further restricted to small business concerns in the set-aside area (see <u>part 19</u>).

**Parent topic:** 26.202 Local area preference.