## 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 setaside 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: <u>26.202 Local area preference</u>.