

Nonavailability of Funds Level at Centers

The Bona Fide Needs Rule must be applied to all acquisitions. Program/project resource managers, fund certifiers and contracting officers are required to determine on a routine basis whether funds are available or not available for acquisitions. It is not practical to have these determinations made at the Antideficiency Act level, when Centers may not have the information necessary to make that determination. It is also not practical to make this determination at the project level, when funds may be available within the overall program funds available to the Center. It is therefore the Agency CFO's decision that within NASA determinations for availability or nonavailability of funds for Center acquisitions may be made based on the funds available to the Center at the program level. The Center OCFO's concurrence in any incremental funding waiver request shall include a statement of nonavailability of funds at the Center in the appropriate program.