



Strategic Acquisition Forecast Evaluation (SAFE) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



1. How will I know if the Center is taking action based on a SAFE finding?

All procurement actions that relate to a SAFE finding will be implemented utilizing official acquisition strategy and procurement processes outlined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), NASA FAR Supplement and using JSC's established procurement processes. Therefore, industry should continue monitoring the [Federal Business Opportunities \(FBO\) Website](#) for official procurement notices regarding new business opportunities.

2. How will the results of SAFE impact or affect my contract?

SAFE recommendations are forward looking, and if implemented, will be done as part of existing and future acquisition strategy planning for new or follow-on procurements. JSC's decision to exercise future contract options or issue future task/delivery orders could be impacted based on the results of official acquisition strategy.

3. How is JSC addressing bundling with its SAFE initiative?

A key objective of JSC's SAFE initiative is that socioeconomic goals will be considered in all assessments. This includes being diligent to guard against bundling as defined by the FAR, which is "*...consolidating two or more requirements for supplies or services, previously provided or performed under separate smaller contracts, into a solicitation for a single contract that is likely to be unsuitable for award to a small business concern...*".

4. How will SAFE affect small businesses that support JSC?

JSC remains fully committed to meeting its small business goals. While the overall number of unique contracts may be reduced as a result of JSC's SAFE initiative, the overall dollars set-aside for small businesses will not decrease based on SAFE.

5. Where can I get more information on SAFE?

More information is available on the [JSC Procurement Connections Website](#). Additionally, feedback or questions can be submitted to the cognizant contracting officer or the JSC Industry Assistance Office.

6. How can industry provide feedback or ask questions about SAFE?

Feedback or questions can be provided directly through the [JSC Procurement Connections Website](#). Additionally, feedback or questions can be submitted to the cognizant contracting officer or the JSC Industry Assistance Office.

7. Is JSC discussing its SAFE initiative with other NASA Centers on their strategic sourcing initiatives?

To date, the majority focus of JSC's SAFE initiative has been internal to JSC's acquisition strategy planning processes. However, benchmarking and sharing lessons learned with other NASA Centers has and will continue to take place as the process continues to evolve.

8. How does SAFE fit within the Federal Government's Strategic Sourcing Initiative (SSI)?

The SAFE objectives are closely aligned with that of the Agency's goals for SSI, with SAFE focusing on opportunities within JSC's acquisition strategy and procurement process.