PUBLIC RECORDS / WORKED EXAMPLE

Cardinal Health: ceiling versus receipts

Ten decisions from the public record | Part 8

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IMPORTANT USE NOTE

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PART 01

The decision in brief

No. The reviewed SAM.gov notice labels $8,840,378,196.35 as the base-and-all-options value and describes it as a maximum for an indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract. That is not evidence that Cardinal Health 200, LLC received that amount, earned it as revenue, or was guaranteed orders up to the ceiling.

Publication date: November 4, 2026. Historical event dates are identified separately. This PDF and the article use the same structured source selection and findings.

PART 02

Executive summary

DLA Troop Support's October 27 award notice identifies contract SPE2DV27D0001 and recipient CARDINAL HEALTH 200, LLC, UEI ZJEUBM5FYLQ2. It describes a 30-month base period and three 30-month options for the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program. The displayed maximum is $8,840,378,196.35. **[S01]**

The current FAR description separates the minimum commitment from a contract maximum and says individual requirements are ordered separately. This packet establishes what the public notice reports; it does not establish the actual minimum, funded orders, deliveries, recognized revenue, or cash received for this contract. **[S03]**

PART 03

Match the recipient and preserve the revision chain

Use the legal recipient, UEI, award number, and awarding office together. Do not attribute a subsidiary's contract directly to a parent's cash receipts. A related corporate name can guide research, but the legal payee and the accounting entity still need evidence.

SAM shows an original October 27 publication at 1:32 p.m. EDT and an updated version at 1:46 p.m. EDT. They identify the same award. Retain both notice IDs as a version chain; counting each revision as another contract would duplicate the value. **[S01]** **[S02]**

PART 04

One award, multiple notices

DATE AND TIME	RECORD	CORRECT TREATMENT
October 27, 2026	Contract award date	One underlying award identifier. [S01]
October 27, 1:32 p.m. EDT	Original notice publication	Preserve the original source. [S02]
October 27, 1:46 p.m. EDT	Updated notice publication	Compare the revision; do not add its ceiling again. [S01]

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DATE AND TIME	RECORD	CORRECT TREATMENT
Not established	Orders, outlays, and recipient receipts	Separate evidence requests, not zero-dollar findings.

PART 05

Keep each dollar figure in its own category

Outcome: maximum contract value reported. The amount field is explicitly labeled base and all options, and the description uses “maximum.” Treating that number as guaranteed annual revenue would change both its meaning and period. No annualization or probability-weighted revenue model is justified by this packet. **[S01]**

Outcome: solicitation reference conflict retained. The Related Notice field displays SPE2DV25R0001, while the narrative refers to SPE2DV-26-R-0001. This review does not silently normalize them into a single identifier. The signed contract and acquisition record are needed to reconcile that mismatch. **[S01]**

Outcome: cash and performance unresolved. A maximum, an obligation, a delivery order, an invoice, an outlay, and recipient receipt answer different questions. Record their currency, period, parent award, and whether they are cumulative or incremental before calculating totals.

PART 06

A contract-value decision tree

1. DO THE NOTICE VERSIONS MATCH THE SAME AWARD AND RECIPIENT?

- If established: Link them as revisions and select the current version for status.
- If unresolved: Resolve the identifier discrepancy before combining values.

2. DOES THE AMOUNT DESCRIBE A MAXIMUM OR BASE-AND-OPTIONS TOTAL?

- If established: Label it as capacity and retain its full period.
- If unresolved: Read the field definition; do not assume the headline number is funded.

3. DO MATCHED ORDER AND PAYMENT RECORDS SUPPORT THE CLAIMED RECEIPTS?

- If established: Reconcile amounts by transaction and period, avoiding cumulative duplicates.
- If unresolved: Report receipts as unknown and request the missing transaction evidence.

PART 07

Build the award dossier

Create a matter keyed to SPE2DV27D0001. Save both public notice versions and the FAR context. Add questions for recipient identity, award scope, minimum and maximum, options, funded orders, and receipts. Enter the solicitation mismatch as an explicit open question.

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Use an amount register whose type field distinguishes ceiling, obligation, order, invoice, outlay, and receipt. When later records arrive, join on the actual award and recipient identifiers, not a fuzzy company name alone. Verify whether each update replaces an earlier cumulative value or adds a new transaction.

Before export, check that the executive summary uses the same amount label as the source. The supporting table should make it impossible to read capacity as cash. No private accounting data or live Dossier provider execution was used in this educational packet.

PART 08

The evidence required for a revenue claim

Obtain the executed contract and schedule, any exercised options, relevant delivery orders, obligation history, and appropriate payment or accounting evidence. Reconcile the conflicting solicitation references first. A missing reviewed payment record establishes a gap; it does not establish nonpayment or a zero-value business relationship.

PART 09

Questions readers ask

CAN EVERY UPDATED SAM NOTICE BE ADDED TO THE TOTAL?

No. These versions concern the same award. Keep a revision chain and avoid duplicate counting. **[S01]** **[S02]**

IS THE CEILING THE GOVERNMENT'S MINIMUM COMMITMENT?

No. FAR distinguishes a stated minimum from the maximum. This review does not establish this contract's actual minimum. **[S03]**

DOES THE AWARD PROVE THE RECIPIENT EARNED THE FULL AMOUNT?

No. Orders, performance, accounting, and payment evidence are separate from the maximum award value.

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PART 10

Linked source register

Titles with a recorded URL link to that source. Entries without a URL identify retained material but do not open an original file. For any court or business record being used in litigation, obtain a certified copy directly from the clerk or filing authority and preserve the retrieval date.

S01 **MSPV GEN VI contract SPE2DV27D0001 — updated award notice**
Public SAM.gov award notice. Anchor: Award Details, Description, Related Notice, and History; updated October 27 at 1:46 p.m. EDT. Rendered public notice retained. Solicitation-reference mismatch remains unresolved. · retrieved 2026-11-04

S02 **MSPV GEN VI contract SPE2DV27D0001 — original notice**
Original SAM.gov notice. Anchor: Original publication October 27 at 1:32 p.m. EDT; newer-version link. An earlier version of the same award, not an independent additional contract. · retrieved 2026-11-04

S03 **Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 16**
Acquisition regulation. Anchor: Sections 16.501-2(b)(3) and 16.504(a). General minimum-versus-maximum context; the signed contract and any applicable deviations were not reviewed. · retrieved 2026-11-04

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