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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU PROCUREMENT CHIEFS

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SUBJECT: Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 38 in support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. PURPOSE

This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 38 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 38 available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-38>

2. BACKGROUND

Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement, signed April 15, 2025, mandates a comprehensive review and simplification of the FAR. The FAR is being updated to:

- Eliminate non-statutory language
- Remove redundant or obsolete language
- Enhance clarity through plain language
- Align with the new FAR framework
- Preserve essential governmentwide acquisition standards

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This initiative will make the FAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements.

3. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

FAR Part 38, concerning federal supply schedule contracting, has been removed in its entirety. Guidance and procedures for the Schedule program will be moved from FAR part 38 and subpart 8.4 to GSAR part 538.

4. AUTHORITY

This class deviation is issued under the authority of [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB M-25-26](#), and RFO FAR 1.304.

5. DEVIATION

The DOJ acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 38 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 38 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 38 model deviation text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-38> and is incorporated into this deviation.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION

This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025, and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

7. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This class deviation applies to all DOJ procurements.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact DOJAcquisitionPolicy@usdoj.gov.

9. ATTACHMENTS

None.