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TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 1 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. Introduction: The purpose of this Acquisition Alert is to issue a FAR class deviation to part 1 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to those parts.

2. Background: On April 15, 2025, Executive Order (E.O.) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement was signed. Section 2 of the E.O. establishes the policy that the FAR "should only contain provisions required by statute or essential to sound procurement, and any FAR provisions that do not advance these objectives should be removed."

The FAR is being updated to:

- Remove language that is not required by statute
- Remove duplicative or outdated language
- Clarify or provide more plain language
- Revise language for the new FAR framework
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB M-25-25, and 48 CFR 1.4.

Deviation Summary

In explaining the Federal Acquisition System, the RFO FAR part 1 model deviation text establishes bedrock principles. Most centrally, it sets a “mission first” message at the top of the guiding principles. The RFO FAR part 1 model deviation also increases the emphasis on the best use of taxpayer dollars, and calls out the value of time as another guiding principle. Additionally, it retains a focus on satisfying the customer, maximizing use of commercial products and services, promoting competition, and encouraging innovation.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 1 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 31 U.S.C. 3702, Authority to Settle Claims
- 41 U.S.C. 13 et seq, Acquisition Councils
- 41 U.S.C. 17 et seq, Agency Responsibilities and Procedures
- 41 U.S.C. 1908, Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition Thresholds
- 41 U.S.C. 3102, Delegation and Assignment of Powers, Functions, and Responsibilities

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 1 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The list of OMB approved control numbers contained in subpart 1.1. These controls numbers are now listed on Acquisition.gov.
- Subpart 1.2 - Administration
- Subpart 1.5 - Agency and Public Participation procedures.

Corresponding DOSAR Deviation Summary

Based on the Council’s model deviated language, a class deviation is hereby issued to the Department of State Acquisition Regulations (DOSAR) to make the following corresponding changes:

- Renumbering sections in DOSAR Part 601 to mirror FAR part 1 numbering changes,
- Updating FAR part 1 citations through the DOSAR to reflect the updated section numbers, and

3. Acquisition Impact: The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements and contracting activities.

4. Action Required: The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 1 model deviation text instead of FAR part 1 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

5. Effective Date: While this Acquisition Alert is effective upon issuance, the model deviated language was released on May 2, 2025.

6. Expiration Date: This Acquisition Alert expires upon incorporation into the FAR, DOSAR, and/or DOSAM.

7. Additional Information: Questions regarding this Acquisition Alert may be directed to AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov.

8. Attachments:

[Attachment A - DOSAR Deviation Line Out Document](#)

9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:

[FAR Part 1 Deviation Line Out Document](#)