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CFTC Class Deviation RFO-2025-45

TO: CFTC's Procurement Office

FROM: William M. Roberson, Senior Procurement Executive

DATE: September 15, 2025

SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 45 in Support of Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement.

- 1. Purpose:** This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 45 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation to FAR part 45.
- 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 45, Government Property, has been retained with minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language. No changes were made to provisions or clauses.

The FAR Companion includes additional guidance and best practices to support this FAR part.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 45 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 40 U.S.C. § 503, Exchange or Sale of Similar Items
- 40 U.S.C. § 524, Duties of Executive Agencies
- 40 U.S.C. § 546, Contractor Inventories

4. Instructions:

- The CFTC acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 45 and corresponding part 52 model deviation text instead of FAR parts 45 and 52 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 45 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

- 5. Applicability:** This class deviation applies to all CFTC procurements.

- 6. Authority:** This class deviation is issued under the authority of [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB Memo M-25-26](#), 48 CFR 1.4, and RFO FAR 1.304.

- 7. Effective Date:** This class deviation is effective **November 3, 2025** and shall remain in effect until it is incorporated into the FAR or until this class deviation is otherwise rescinded.

- 8. Point of Contact:** Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to CFTC's Senior Procurement Executive, William M. Roberson, at wroberson@cftc.gov.

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