

MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads of Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation (Number 25-23) for FAR Part 40 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 40 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation to FAR part 40.

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 Federal Acquisition Regulation.

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.** Instead of navigating a patchwork of multiple subparts throughout the FAR and over a dozen different provisions and clauses to understand security requirements, readers can now refer to a single, logically organized part of the FAR, part 40, Information Security and Supply Chain Security.
 - Simplified: FAR part 40 is reorganized into three key subparts:
 - Subpart 40.1 Processing Supply Chain Risk Information (previously reserved)
 - Subpart 40.2 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions
 - Subpart 40.3 Safeguarding Information (previously reserved)

Consolidated:

- Regulatory requirements previously found at FAR subarts 4.4, 4.19 through 4.23, and 25.7 have been moved into part 40.
- More than a dozen separate provisions (5) and clauses (9) have been merged into 4 (1 provision and 3 clauses).

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 40 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 41 U.S.C. §§ 1321 et seq, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA)
- 41 U.S.C. § 4713, Authorities Related to Mitigating Supply Chain Risks in the Procurement of Covered Articles
- 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501 et seq, Federal Information Policy
- Pub. L. 115-91 Section 1634, Prohibition on Use of Products and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab
- Pub. L. 115-232 Section 889, Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment
- Pub. L. 115-232 Section 1758, Requirements to Identify and Control the Export of Emerging and Foundational Technologies
- Pub. L. 115-390, Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure Technology Act (SECURE Technology Act)
- Pub. L. 117-328 Div R Section 102, Prohibition on the Use of TikTok
- Pub. L. 118-31 Section 1823, Prohibition on Procurement of Covered Unmanned Aircraft Systems from Covered Foreign Entities.

Description
 New subpart 40.1 incorporates: Sharing Supply Chain Risk Information (from FAR 4.2302): The requirement to share relevant supply chain risk information with the Federal Acquisition Security Council when applicable is moved to FAR 40.102.
 Subpart 40.2 incorporates: Kaspersky Lab (from FAR 4.20): The prohibition on hardware, software, and services from Kaspersky Lab and its affiliates is now at FAR 40.202(b). Its definitions (Kaspersky Lab covered article, Kaspersky Lab covered entity) have been moved to the new definitions section at FAR 40.201. Section 889 (from FAR 4.21): The prohibition on contracting for certain Chinese telecommunications and video surveillance equipment and services is now located at FAR 40.202(d). The definitions are centralized at FAR 40.201. ByteDance/TikTok (from FAR 4.22): The prohibition on the presence or use of TikTok applications or services on government and contractor information technology is now located at FAR 40.201.

- **FAR 4.23**): The prohibition on violating an applicable FASCSA order is now located at FAR 40.202(e). Key definitions are centralized at FAR 40.201. The requirements for implementing FASCSA exclusion and removal orders have been streamlined and moved to FAR 40.204-1.
- o **Prohibited Foreign Sources (from FAR 25.7):** The prohibitions related to Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) restrictions, as well as specific prohibitions against contracting with entities doing business in Sudan and Iran now reside at 40.202(f), (g), and (h).
- New subpart 40.3 incorporates:
 - Safeguarding Classified Information within Industry (from FAR 4.4): The policies and procedures for safeguarding classified information within industry, rooted in Executive Order 12829 and the National Industrial Security Program (NISP), have been moved to the new section 40.302.
 - Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems (from FAR 4.19): The requirements for the basic safeguarding of covered contractor information systems that contain Federal Contract Information (FCI) are retained and moved to the new section 40.303.
- Provision and clauses consolidated to the following:
- New provision 52.240-90, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications, replaces the following provisions:
 - 52.204-24, Representation Regarding Certain
 Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or
 Equipment
 - **52.204-26,** Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation
 - o **52.204-29**, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders—Representation and Disclosures.
 - 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business
 Operations in Sudan—Certification.
 - 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran—Representation and Certifications.
- New clause 52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions, replaces the following clauses:
 - 52.204-23, Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab Covered Entities
 - 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.
 - **52.204-27,** Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application.
 - 52.204-28, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders— Federal Supply Schedules, Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts, and Multi-Agency Contracts.
 - 52.204-30, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders—Prohibition.
 - 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases.

	 52.240-1, Prohibition on Unmanned Aircraft Systems Manufactured or Assembled by American Security Drone Act— Covered Foreign Entities.
	 New clause 52.240-92, Security Requirements, replaces the following clause: 52.204-2 Security Requirements.
	 New clause 52.240-93, Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems, replaces the following clause:
	 52.204-21 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems.
Removed	 Part 40 has been streamlined by merging and consolidating content from parts 4 and 25, removing redundancies, and improving clarity.

This table is not an exhaustive list.

4. Instructions.

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 40 and corresponding 52 model deviation text instead of FAR part 40 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 40 model deviation text is available at Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-40, and is incorporated into this class deviation.
- For new solicitations or contracts, when using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RFO model deviation language in Attachment 1. Do not include any of the removed provisions or clauses in future solicitations and contracts.
- For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. Note that without some of the removed provisions or clauses, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.
- For any solicitation or contract using RFO provisions or clauses, contracting officers may include the following language:
 - "System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in this solicitation. Contracting officers will rely on representations from offers based on provisions in the solicitation. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM."
- Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures

to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

- **5. Applicability.** This class deviation applies to all DHS procurements.
- **6. Authority.** This class deviation is issued under the authority of EO 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 remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.
- **8. Points of Contact.** Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch at <u>Acquisition.Policy@hq.dhs.gov</u>.

Attachments:

1. FAR Part 40 Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses Revisions

PART 52 – SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

Subpart 52.2 – Text of Provision and Clauses

52.240-1 [Reserved (AUG 2025) (DEVIATION 25-23)]

52.240-90 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications.

As prescribed in 40.205(a), insert the following provision:

Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications (AUG 2025) (DEVIATION 25-23)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

Backhaul, covered article, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, FASCSA order, Intelligence community, interconnection arrangements, national security system, roaming, sensitive compartmented information, sensitive compartmented information system, source, and substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in the clause 52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions.

Business operations means engaging in commerce in any form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

Marginalized populations of Sudan means—

- (1) Adversely affected groups in regions authorized to receive assistance under section 8(c) of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 109-344) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note); and
- (2) Marginalized areas in Northern Sudan described in section 4(9) of such Act.

Restricted business operations means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person (as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007) conducting the business can demonstrate—

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted under specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;
- (3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;
- (4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;
- (5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or
- (6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

Sensitive technology—

- (1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—
 - (i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or
 - (ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and
- (2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

(b) Procedures.

- (1) Covered telecommunications and video surveillance. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services."
- (2) FASCSA Orders.
 - (i) The Offeror shall search in SAM for the phrase "FASCSA order" for any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if there is an applicable FASCSA order described in paragraph (e)(1) of FAR 52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions.

- (ii) The Offeror shall review the solicitation for any FASCSA orders that are not in SAM but are effective and apply to the solicitation and resultant contract (see FAR 40.204-1(c)(2)).
- (iii) FASCSA orders issued after the date of solicitation do not apply unless added by an amendment to the solicitation.
- (c) Covered telecommunications equipment or services representations. By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the Offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit)—
 - (1) It will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g); and
 - (2) It does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g).
- (d) FASCSA Representation. By submission of this offer, the offeror represents that it has conducted a reasonable inquiry, and that the offeror does not propose to provide or use in response to this solicitation any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by an applicable FASCSA order in effect on the date the solicitation was issued, except as waived by the solicitation, or as disclosed in paragraph (g). A reasonable inquiry will look at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.
- (e) *Sudan certification*. By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit), that the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.
- (f) Iran Representation and Certifications.
 - (1) Except as provided in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision or if a waiver has been granted in accordance with FAR 40.203-3, the offeror, after conducting a reasonable inquiry (that looks at any information in the offeror's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit), by submission of its offer—
 - (i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;

- (ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person (as defined at section 15 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-172, 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Act. These sanctioned activities are in the areas of development of the petroleum resources of Iran, production of refined petroleum products in Iran, sale and provision of refined petroleum products to Iran, and contributing to Iran's ability to acquire or develop certain weapons or technologies; and
- (iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds \$10,000 with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx)
- (2) Exception for trade agreements. The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (f)(1) of this provision do not apply if—
 - (i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements notice or certification (e.g., 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate); and
 - (ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products or designated country construction material.
 - (iii) The offeror shall email questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at <u>CISADA106@state.gov</u>.

(g) Disclosure.

- (1) If the Offeror is not able to represent compliance with the prohibitions in paragraphs
- (c) or (d), then the Offeror shall disclose to the contracting office identified in paragraph
- (g)(2) the following information for each product or service not compliant:
 - (i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;
 - (ii) Identification of whether this disclosure relates to paragraph (c) on covered telecommunication equipment or services, or to paragraph (d) on FASCSA orders;
 - (iii) A description of the products or services that the Contractor identifies or has reason to suspect is prohibited (include brand; model number, such as the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);
 - (iv) The entity that produced the product or service (include entity name, unique entity identifier, Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, facilities

responsible for design, fabrication, assembly, packaging, and test of the product, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor (provide manufacturer codes and distributor codes used for the product));

- (v) Description of the functionality of the product or service and how that functionality impacts the risk to the product or service;
- (vi) An explanation of any factors relevant to determining if the product or service should be permitted by an applicable exception, exemption, or waiver (if the offeror would like the Government to consider a waiver);
- (vii) Whether alternative products or services are available that would be compliant with the prohibition;
- (viii) If the product or service is related to item maintenance, include the following information on the item being maintained:
 - (A) Brand;
 - (B) Model number, OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and
 - (C) Item description, as applicable.
- (ix) Any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
- (2) If a disclosure is required to be submitted to a contracting office, the offeror shall submit the disclosure as follows:
 - (i) If a Department of Defense contracting office, the offeror shall submit the disclosure to the website at https://dibnet.dod.mil.
 - (ii) For all other contracting offices, the Offeror shall submit the disclosure to the Contracting Officer.
- (3) If the disclosure provided does not contain any of the information required by paragraph (1), and the Offeror later discovers new information that is required by paragraph (1), then the Offeror shall submit a subsequent disclosure within 72 hours of discovering the new information.
- (h) Executive agency review of disclosures. The Contracting Officer will review disclosures provided in paragraph (g) to determine if any applicable waiver may be sought. The Contracting Officer may choose not to pursue a waiver and may instead make an award to an Offeror that does not require a waiver.

(End of provision)

52.240-91 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions.

As prescribed in 40.205(b), insert the following clause:

Security Prohibitions and Exclusions (AUG 2025) (DEVIATION 25-23)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

American Security Drone Act-covered foreign entity means an entity included on a list that the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC) develops and maintains and publishes in the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov (section 1822 of Pub. L. 118-31, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered application means the social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

Covered article, as defined in 41 U.S.C. 4713(k), means:

- (1) Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101, including cloud computing services of all types;
- (2) Telecommunications equipment or telecommunications service, as those terms are defined in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153);
- (3) The processing of information on a Federal or non-Federal information system, subject to the requirements of the Controlled Unclassified Information program (see 32 CFR part 2002); or
- (4) Hardware, systems, devices, software, or services that include embedded or incidental information technology.

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

- (2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- (4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—

- (1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;
- (2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled—
 - (i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or
 - (ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;
- (3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);
- (4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);
- (5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or
- (6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft system manufactured or assembled by an American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entity.

FASCSA order means any of the following orders issued under the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCSA) requiring removing covered articles from executive agency information systems or excluding one or more named sources or named covered articles from executive agency procurement actions, as described in 41 CFR 201-1.303(d) and (e):

- (1) The Secretary of Homeland Security may issue FASCSA orders that apply to civilian agencies, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) or (3) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FASCSA order.
- (2) The Secretary of Defense may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the Department of Defense (DoD) and national security systems other than sensitive compartmented information systems. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DoD FASCSA order.
- (3) The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) may issue FASCSA orders that apply to the intelligence community and sensitive compartmented information systems, to the extent not covered by paragraph (2) of this definition. This type of FASCSA order may be referred to as a DNI FASCSA order.

Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101(6)—

- (1) Means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the executive agency, if the equipment is used by the executive agency directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the executive agency that requires the use—
 - (i) Of that equipment; or
 - (ii) Of that equipment to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product;
- (2) Includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources; but
- (3) Does not include any equipment acquired by a Federal contractor incidental to a Federal contract.

Intelligence community, as defined by 50 U.S.C. 3003(4), means the following—

(1) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence;

- (2) The Central Intelligence Agency;
- (3) The National Security Agency;
- (4) The Defense Intelligence Agency;
- (5) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency;
- (6) The National Reconnaissance Office;
- (7) Other offices within the Department of Defense for the collection of specialized national intelligence through reconnaissance programs;
- (8) The intelligence elements of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Energy;
- (9) The Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State;
- (10) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of the Treasury;
- (11) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security; or
- (12) Such other elements of any department or agency as may be designated by the President, or designated jointly by the Director of National Intelligence and the head of the department or agency concerned, as an element of the intelligence community.

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connecting a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Kaspersky Lab-covered article means any hardware, software, or service that—

- (1) Is developed or provided by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity;
- (2) Includes any hardware, software, or service developed or provided in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity; or
- (3) Contains components using any hardware or software developed in whole or in part by a Kaspersky Lab-covered entity.

Kaspersky Lab-covered entity means—

(1) Kaspersky Lab;

- (2) Any successor entity to Kaspersky Lab, including any change in name, e.g., "Kaspersky";
- (3) Any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Kaspersky Lab; or
- (4) Any entity of which Kaspersky Lab has a majority ownership.

National security system, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3552, means any information system (including any telecommunications system) used or operated by an agency or by a contractor of an agency, or other organization on behalf of an agency—

- (1) The function, operation, or use of which involves intelligence activities; involves cryptologic activities related to national security; involves command and control of military forces; involves equipment that is an integral part of a weapon or weapons system; or is critical to the direct fulfillment of military or intelligence missions, but does not include a system that is to be used for routine administrative and business applications (including payroll, finance, logistics, and personnel management applications); or
- (2) Is protected at all times by procedures established for information that have been specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order or an Act of Congress to be kept classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Roaming means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

Sensitive compartmented information means classified information concerning or derived from intelligence sources, methods, or analytical processes, which is required to be handled within formal access control systems established by the Director of National Intelligence.

Sensitive compartmented information system means a national security system authorized to process or store sensitive compartmented information.

Source means a non-Federal supplier, or potential supplier, of products or services, at any tier.

Subsidiary means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned directly by a parent corporation or through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

Unmanned aircraft means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft (49 U.S.C. 44801(11)).

Unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system (49 U.S.C. 44801(12)).

- (b) Prohibitions on providing or using specific products or services in performance of contract. Unless a waiver or exception applies, the Contractor is prohibited from providing any products or services to the Government or using in the performance of the contract any of the following:
 - (1) A covered application on any information technology owned or managed by the Government, or on any information technology used or provided by the Contractor under this contract, including equipment provided by the Contractor's employees (section 102 of Division R of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328));
 - (2) A Kaspersky Lab-covered article (Section 1634 of Division A of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91));
 - (3) Covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system (paragraphs (a)(1)(A) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)). This does not prohibit contractors from providing—
 - (i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - (ii) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
- (c) Prohibition on unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities.
 - (1) Prohibition. The Contractor is prohibited from—
 - (i) Delivering any FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system, which includes unmanned aircraft (i.e., drones) and associated elements (sections 1823 and 1826 of American Security Drone Act of 2023, within the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, Pub. L. 118-31, Div. A, Title XVIII, Subtitle B, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.);
 - (ii) On or after December 22, 2025, operating a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system in the performance of the contract (section 1824 of Pub. L. 118-31); and
 - (iii) On or after December 22, 2025, using Federal funds to procure or operate a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system (section 1825 of Pub. L. 118-31).

- (2) *Procedures*. The Contractor shall search SAM for the FASC-maintained list of American Security Drone Act—covered foreign entities before proposing, or using in performance of the contract, any unmanned aircraft system. Also, the Contractor shall ensure any effort or expenditure associated with a FASC-prohibited unmanned aircraft system is consistent with a corresponding exemption, exception, or waiver determination expressly stated in the contract.
- (3) Exemptions, exceptions, and waivers. The prohibitions in paragraph (c) of this clause do not apply where the agency has determined an exemption, exception, or waiver applies, and the contract indicates that such a determination has been made. See sections 1823 through 1825 and 1832 of Public Law 118-31 for statutory requirements pertaining to exemptions, exceptions, and waivers.
- (d) Prohibition on using or providing specific products or services or conducting certain transactions regardless of connection to contract.
 - (1) Certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment, systems, or services.
 - (i) Unless an applicable waiver has been issued by the Government, the Contractor cannot use any equipment, systems, or services that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system (paragraph (a)(1)(B) of section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232)).
 - (ii) This prohibition applies to using covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. This does not prohibit the contractor from using—
 - (A) A service that connects to the facilities of a third party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - (B) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
 - (2) Office of Foreign Assets Control Restrictions.
 - (i) Except as authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the Department of the Treasury, the Contractor shall not acquire, for use in the performance of this contract, any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by OFAC, or if OFAC's implementing regulations at 31 CFR chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

- (ii) Except as authorized by OFAC, most transactions involving Cuba, Iran, and Sudan are prohibited, as are most imports from Burma or North Korea, into the United States or its outlying areas.
 - (A) For lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions, see OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons at https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/specially-designated-nationals-and-blocked-persons-list-sdn-human-readable-lists.
 - (B) For more information about these restrictions, as well as updates, see OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR chapter V and at https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/office-of-foreign-assets-control-sanctions-programs-and-information.
 - (C) To conduct electronic screens of potential parties to regulated transactions, see the consolidated screening list at https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list, which consolidates multiple export screening lists of the Departments of Commerce, State, and the Treasury.
- (3) *Sudan prohibition*. The Contractor is prohibited from conducting any restricted business operations in Sudan in accordance with Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174).
- (4) *Iran prohibitions*.
 - (i) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, the contractor shall not engage in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran (section 6(b)(1)(A) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note).
 - (ii) Unless an exception applies according to paragraph (d)(4)(iii) or the Government grants a waiver, contractor shall not export certain sensitive technology to Iran, as determined by the President, and has an active exclusion in SAM (22 U.S.C. 8515).
 - (iii) The prohibition in paragraphs (d)(4)(i) and (d)(4)(ii) do not apply if the acquisition is subject to trade agreements and the offeror certifies that all the offered products are designated country end products or designated country construction material (see part 25).
 - (iv) Unless an exception applies or the Government grants a waiver, contractors are prohibited from knowingly engaging in any significant transaction (i.e., over \$10,000) with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked according to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 6(b)(1)(B) of Iran Sanctions Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note)).
- (e) Governmentwide exclusion and removal orders.

- (1) Unless the Government has issued an applicable waiver, contractors shall not provide or use as part of the performance of the contract any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by an applicable FASCSA order as follows:
 - (i) For solicitations and contracts awarded by a Department of Defense contracting office, DoD FASCSA orders apply.
 - (ii) For all other solicitations and contracts, DHS FASCSA orders apply.
- (2) The Contractor shall search for the phrase "FASCSA order" in the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov to locate applicable FASCSA orders.
- (3) The Government may identify in the solicitation other FASCSA orders that are not in SAM, which are effective and apply to the solicitation and resulting contract.
- (4) A FASCSA order issued after the date of solicitation applies to this contract only if added by an amendment to the solicitation or modification to the contract (see FAR 40.204-1(c)).
- (f) *Reasonable inquiry*. The contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to determine if there are any prohibited products or services. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.
- (g) Removal of prohibited products and services. For Federal Supply Schedules, Governmentwide acquisition contracts, multi-agency contracts or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, upon notification from the Contracting Officer, during the performance of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly make any necessary changes or modifications to remove any product or service produced or provided by a source that this clause prohibits.
- (h) General report.
 - (1) If the Contractor identifies or is notified by any source, (including a subcontractor at any tier), that any product or service provided or used (or to be provided or used) during contract performance does not comply with any prohibition in this clause, then the Contractor shall report the following information, or as much information is known, in writing to the contracting office as identified in paragraph (h)(2) within 72 hours:
 - (i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;
 - (ii) The specific prohibition the product or service is not complying with;
 - (iii) A description of the products or services that the Contractor identifies or has reason to suspect is prohibited (include brand; model number, such as the original

- equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);
- (iv) The entity that produced the product or service (include entity name, unique entity identifier, Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, facilities responsible for design, fabrication, assembly, packaging, and test of the product, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor (provide manufacturer codes and distributor codes used for the product));
- (v) Description of the functionality of the product or service and how that functionality impacts the risk to the product or service;
- (vi) An explanation of any factors relevant to determining if the product or service should be permitted by an applicable exception, exemption, or waiver (if the contractor would like the Government to consider a waiver, and asks for such a waiver);
- (vii) Whether alternative products or services are available that would comply with the prohibition;
- (viii) If the product or service is related to item maintenance, include the following information on the item being maintained:
 - (A) Brand;
 - (B) Model number, OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and
 - (C) Item description, as applicable.
- (ix) Any readily available information about mitigation actions implemented or recommended.
- (2) If a report must be submitted to a contracting office, the Contractor shall submit the report as follows:
 - (i) If a Department of Defense contracting office, the Contractor shall report to the website at https://dibnet.dod.mil.
 - (ii) For all other contracting offices, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer.
 - (iii) For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order.

- (3) If the report provided does not contain any of the information required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, and the contractor later discovers new information that is required by paragraph (h)(1) of this clause, then the contractor shall submit a subsequent report within 72 hours of discovering the new information.
- (4) The contractor shall also report the information in paragraph (h)(1) if the contractor wishes to ask for a waiver of the requirements of a new FASCSA order being applied through modification.
- (i) New FASCSA orders report.
 - (1) During contract performance, the Contractor shall review SAM at least once every three months, or as advised by the Contracting Officer, to check for covered articles subject to FASCSA order(s), or for products or services produced by a source subject to FASCSA order(s) not currently identified under paragraph (e) of this clause.
 - (2) If the Contractor identifies a new FASCSA order(s) that could impact their supply chain, then the Contractor shall conduct a reasonable inquiry to identify whether a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source subject to the FASCSA order(s) was provided to the Government or used during contract performance. The inquiry will look at any information in the entity's possession but does not need to include an internal or third-party audit.
 - (3) The Contractor shall submit a report to the contracting office identified in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause if the Contractor identifies, including through any notification by a subcontractor at any tier, that a covered article or product or service produced or provided by a source was provided to the Government or used during contract performance and is subject to a FASCSA order(s). For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to both the contracting office for the indefinite delivery contract and the contracting office for any affected order. The Contractor shall report the following information within 72 hours for each covered article or each product or service produced or provided by a source, where the covered article or source is subject to a FASCSA order:
 - (i) Contract number and order number, if applicable;
 - (ii) Name of the covered article or source subject to a FASCSA order;
 - (iii) The specific FASCSA order the product or service does not comply with;
 - (iv) The elements of (h)(1)(iii) through (ix) of this clause.
- (j) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (j) but excluding subparagraphs (d)(1) and (i)(1), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for acquiring commercial products or commercial services.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (AUG 2025) (DEVIATION 25-23). As prescribed in 40.205(b), substitute the following paragraph (e)(1) for paragraph (e)(1) of the basic clause:

- (e) Governmentwide exclusion and removal orders.
 - (1) Contractors are prohibited from providing or using as part of the performance of the contract any covered article, or any products or services produced or provided by a source, if the covered article or the source is prohibited by any applicable FASCSA orders identified by the checkbox(es) in this paragraph (e)(1). [Contracting Officer must select either "yes" or "no" for each of the following types of FASCSA orders:]

Yes \square No \square DHS FASCSA Order

Yes \square No \square DoD FASCSA Order

Yes \square No \square DNI FASCSA Order

52.240-92 Security Requirements.

As prescribed in 40.302-3, insert the following clause:

Security Requirements (AUG 2025) (DEVIATION 25-23)

- (a) This clause applies to the extent that this contract involves access to information classified Confidential, Secret, or Top Secret.
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with—
 - (1) The Security Agreement (DD Form 441), including the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (32 CFR part 117); and
 - (2) Any revisions to that manual, notice of which has been furnished to the Contractor.
- (c) If, after the date of this contract, the security classification or security requirements under this contract are changed by the Government and if the changes cause an increase or decrease in security costs or otherwise affect any other term or condition of this contract, the contract must be subject to an equitable adjustment as if the changes were directed under the Changes clause of this contract
- (d) The Contractor agrees to insert terms that conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (d) but excluding any reference to the Changes clause of this contract, in all subcontracts under this contract that involve access to classified information.

(e) A subcontractor requiring access to classified information under a contract shall be identified with a CAGE code on the DD Form 254. The Contractor shall require a subcontractor requiring access to classified information to provide its CAGE code with its name and location address or otherwise include it prominently in the proposal. Each location of subcontractor performance listed on the DD Form 254 is required to reflect a corresponding unique CAGE code for each listed location unless the work is being performed at a Government facility, in which case the agency location code shall be used. The CAGE code must be for that name and location address. Insert the word "CAGE" before the number. The CAGE code is required prior to award. The contractor shall ensure that subcontractors maintain their CAGE code(s) throughout the life of the contract.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (AUG 2025) (DEVIATION 25-23). If a cost contract for research and development with an educational institution is contemplated, add the following paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) to the basic clause:

- (f)(1) If a change in security requirements, as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), results in a change in the security classification of this contract or any of its elements from an unclassified status or a lower classification to a higher classification, or in more restrictive area controls than previously required, then the Contractor must exert every reasonable effort compatible with the Contractor's established policies to continue performing the work under the contract to comply with the change in security classification or requirements.
 - (2) If, despite reasonable efforts, the Contractor determines that continuing work under this contract is not practical because of the change in security classification or requirements, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing. Until the Contracting Officer resolves this problem, the Contractor shall continue safeguarding all classified material as required by this contract.
- (g) After receiving the written notification, the Contracting Officer shall explore the circumstances surrounding the proposed change in security classification or requirements and must try to work out a mutually satisfactory method so the Contractor can continue doing the work under this contract.
- (h) If, 15 days after receipt by the Contracting Officer of the notification of the Contractor's stated inability to proceed, the application to this contract of the change in security classification or requirements has not been withdrawn or a mutually satisfactory method for continuing performance of work under this contract has not been agreed upon, the Contractor may request the Contracting Officer to terminate the contract in whole or in part. The Contracting Officer shall terminate the contract in whole or in part, as may be appropriate, and the termination must be deemed a termination under the terms of the Termination for the Convenience of the Government clause.

Alternate II (AUG 2025) (DEVIATION 25-23). If employee identification is required for security or other reasons in a construction contract or architect-engineer contract, add the following paragraph (f) to the basic clause:

(f) The Contractor is responsible for furnishing to each employee, and for requiring each employee engaged on the work to display, such identification as may be approved and directed by the Contracting Officer. All prescribed identification shall immediately be delivered to the Contracting Officer, for cancellation upon the release of any employee. When required by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall obtain and submit fingerprints of all persons employed or to be employed on the project.

52.240-93 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems.

As prescribed in 40.303-2, insert the following clause:

Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information SYSTEMS (AUG 2025)(DEVIATION 25-23)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

Covered contractor information system means an information system that is owned or operated by a contractor that processes, stores, or transmits Federal contract information.

Federal contract information—

- (1) Means information, not intended for public release, that is provided by or generated for the Government under a contract to develop or deliver a product or service to the Government; but
- (2) Does not include information provided by the Government to the public (such as on public websites) or simple transactional information (such as information necessary to process payments).

Information means any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts, data, or opinions, in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual (Committee on National Security Systems Instruction (CNSSI) 4009).

Information system means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information (44 U.S.C. 3502).

Safeguarding means measures or controls that are prescribed to protect information systems.

- (b) Safeguarding requirements.
 - (1) Basic requirements. The Contractor shall safeguard its covered contractor information

systems by implementing, at minimum, the following security controls:

- (i) Limit information system access to authorized users, processes acting on behalf of authorized users, or devices (including other information systems).
- (ii) Limit information system access to the types of transactions and functions that authorized users are permitted to execute.
- (iii) Verify and control/limit connections to and use of external information systems.
- (iv) Control information posted or processed on publicly accessible information systems.
- (v) Identify information system users, processes acting on behalf of users, or devices.
- (vi) Authenticate (or verify) the identities of those users, processes, or devices, as a prerequisite to allowing access to organizational information systems.
- (vii) Sanitize or destroy information system media containing Federal Contract Information before disposal or release for reuse.
- (viii) Limit physical access to organizational information systems, equipment, and the respective operating environments to authorized individuals.
- (ix) Escort visitors and monitor visitor activity; maintain audit logs of physical access; and control and manage physical access devices.
- (x) Monitor, control, and protect organizational communications (i.e., information transmitted or received by organizational information systems) at the external boundaries and key internal boundaries of the information systems.
- (xi) Implement subnetworks for publicly accessible system components that are physically or logically separated from internal networks.
- (xii) Identify, report, and correct information and information system flaws in a timely manner.
- (xiii) Provide protection from malicious code at appropriate locations within organizational information systems.
- (xiv) Update malicious code protection mechanisms when new releases are available.
- (xv) Perform periodic scans of the information system and real-time scans of files from external sources as files are downloaded, opened, or executed.

- (2) Other requirements. This clause does not relieve the Contractor of any other specific safeguarding requirements specified by Federal departments and agencies relating to covered contractor information systems generally or other Federal safeguarding requirements for controlled unclassified information (CUI) as established by Executive Order 13556.
- (c) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts under this contract (including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial products, other than commercially available off-the-shelf items, or commercial services), in which the subcontractor may have Federal contract information residing in or transiting through its information system.

(End of clause)