

**CLASS DEVIATION  
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION  
FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) PART 1 - FEDERAL ACQUISITION  
REGULATIONS SYSTEM**

**Findings**

1. The objective of this class deviation is to implement the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council’s model deviation text to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 1 - Federal Acquisition Regulations System, and applicable section of FAR Part 52 - Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses.
2. On April 15, 2025, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, *Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement*. Section 2 of the E.O. established 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.”
3. On May 2, 2025, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued memorandum M-25-26, *Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation*, initiating a major overhaul of the FAR (Revolutionary FAR Overhaul, or “RFO”). The memorandum tasked the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) with leading the RFO, in coordination with the other members of the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council – i.e., the General Services Administration (GSA), the Department of Defense (DOD), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and federal buying agencies. The goal is refocusing the FAR on its statutory roots. To that end, 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  - Remove duplicative or outdated language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

The OMB memorandum M-25-26 established a two phased approach to implementing enterprise deregulation as follows: Phase one, FAR Council deviation guidance, and phase two, formal rulemaking. Phase one involves the FAR Council issuing guidance on a rolling basis with clear, plain language model deviation text organized by FAR part. The goal is streamlining the regulation by aligning it more closely to its statutory base. According to the memorandum, agencies should adopt this model deviation text within 30 days by issuing either individual or class deviations.

4. On May 2, 2025, the FAR Council issued further implementing guidance in a memorandum titled *Deviation Guidance to Support the Overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation*. Pursuant to the FAR Council’s memorandum, “agencies that adopt the Council’s RFO class deviation text without change, or require different text

only to address statutory direction unique to the agency, do not need to coordinate with the Council.”

5. Accompanying the FAR Council memorandum, the FAR Council issued model deviation text for FAR Part 1 and FAR Part 52. 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

Other key changes include:

- Class deviations require approval by the FAR Council except where required to implement agency-specific executive or statutory direction.

## **Determination**

In accordance with FAR 1.404 *Class deviations* and Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR) 901.404 *Class deviations*, to fully comply with the requirement of E.O. 14275 and the revised FAR Part 1 and applicable section of Part 52, it is hereby determined that a class deviation is appropriate pursuant to OMB memorandum M-25-26 (Attachment 1) and the FAR Council memorandum (Attachment 2) issued on May 2, 2025, using the RFO model deviation text for Part 1 and applicable section of Part 52 (Attachment 3). Specifically, DOE/NNSA will use the RFO Model Deviation text for Part 1 in lieu of 48 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1 and 48 CFR 52.201-1. Once approved, the Department will share the deviation widely among its workforce to ensure full awareness of and compliance with the

revisions to the affected regulations. This class deviation is effective upon issuance, and will remain effective until cancelled or incorporated into the FAR.

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Attachments:

OMB Memorandum M-25-26, *Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation*  
FAR Council Memorandum, *Deviation Guidance to Support the Overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation*  
RFO Parts 1 and 52 Model Deviation Text