

## Department of the Interior Acquisition, Arts, and Asset Policy (DOI-AAAP)

<b>Title</b>	Class Deviation – FAR Part 35, Research and Development Contracting
<b>Reference Number</b>	F035
<b>Version Number</b>	1
<b>Function(s)</b>	Acquisition
<b>Point of Contact</b>	PAM_Policy@ios.doi.gov
<b>Source of this Requirement</b>	Executive Order (EO) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memo M-25-26, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation
<b>Regulatory Reference</b>	FAR part 35, DIAR part 1435

### **Purpose:**

To issue a class deviation to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation (DIAR) for the Department of the Interior (DOI) to follow FAR part 35, Research and Development Contracting, as revised under the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) and in accordance with [Executive Order \(EO\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), and [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memo M-25-26, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation](#).

### **Scope:**

This policy applies to DOI procurements subject to the FAR.

### **Effective date:**

01/30/2026

The acquisition workforce has the option of following this deviation from the date of issuance until the effective date. This policy will remain in effect until the FAR is amended or the policy is otherwise rescinded.

### **Background:**

Issued April 15, 2025, [EO 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), directed the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) to amend the FAR to ensure that it contains only provisions that are required by statute or that are otherwise necessary to support simplicity and usability, strengthen the efficacy of the procurement system, or protect economic or national security interests.

This effort has been designated the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) and is further outlined in [OMB Memo M-25-26, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation](#). The RFO includes the issuance of revised streamlined FAR parts and a FAR Companion Guide, which are collectively referred to as the Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG). Additional materials, such as

Practitioner Albums (for which continuous learning points may be earned) and a Category Buying Guide, have been issued alongside the RFO.

The revised streamlined FAR parts will be implemented by issuing model deviation guidance by FAR part on a rolling basis. As these FAR parts are issued, agencies are encouraged to issue class deviations to implement the drafted versions within 30 days. While these revised FAR parts are in effect by class deviation, feedback will be solicited and considered in the rulemaking process to finalize the revisions as regulation.

The official page for RFO is: <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul>

DOI is issuing class deviations to implement the revised FAR parts on a rolling basis as they are released by OFPP and the FAR Council. These class deviations will be issued by DOI Acquisition, Arts, and Asset Policies (AAAPs), using a distinct numbering to identify them as RFO class deviations: DOI-AAAP-F0[FAR part].

**FAR Part 35 RFO Key Changes:**

- Reorganized to align with the acquisition lifecycle (presolicitation, evaluation and award, and post award).
- Recoupment and requirements previously found in section 35.005 Work Statement have been moved to the FAR Companion Guide.
- Removed duplicative requirements addressed in other FAR parts, such as Contracting Methods and Contract Type, Subcontracting, Data and Patent Rights, Insurance, and Government Property.

**DIAR Part 1435 RFO Key Changes:**

- Updates citations and contact information for the DOI Departmental Library.

**Action:**

The DOI acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 35 model deviation text instead of FAR part 35 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO part 35 model deviation text is available at [acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

The DOI acquisition workforce shall follow the DIAR text attached, Attachment 1 – RFO Class Deviation for DIAR Part 1435, instead of part 1435 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 14.

As a regulation, the FAR, including the deviated version implemented by this class deviation, supersedes any Departmental policy or guidance, such as DOI-AAAPs. Where there is a direct conflict between Department-issued policy or guidance, the FAR shall take precedence. Please review the [RFO site on the DOI Acquisition Toolkit](#) and use the DOI feedback tool to help report discrepancies.

**Attachments:**

[Attachment 1 – RFO Class Deviation for DIAR Part 1435](#)

**References:**

- [Executive Order \(EO\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#)
- [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memo M-25-26, \*Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation\*](#)
- [acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul)
- [DOI Acquisition Toolkit RFO Site](#)

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