

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

Title	Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts
Reference Number	F036
Version Number	1
Function(s)	Acquisition
Point of Contact	PAM_Policy@ios.doi.gov
Source of this Requirement	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
Regulatory Reference	FAR part 36, DIAR part 1436

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 to follow FAR part 36, Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts, 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 Department of the Interior (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 This policy will remain in effect until the FAR is amended or the policy is otherwise rescinded.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 36 RFO Key Changes:

- Part reorganized and streamlined to align with the acquisition lifecycle (presolicitation, evaluation and award, and post award).
- Clarifies that liquidated damages are required to be evaluated by the Contracting Officer during acquisition planning.
- Removes requirements for site inspection during the solicitation phase, and preconstruction conference after award.
- Removes disclosure of the magnitude of construction projects.
- Specific evaluation requirements for architect-engineer contracts, previously at 36.602-1 and 36.603, are removed. Contracting activities now have additional flexibility in evaluating offeror qualifications.

DIAR Part 1436 RFO Key Changes:

- Updates citations, numbering, and titling to conform with RFO part 36.
- Revised to use plain language and for clarity.
- Removes uniform contract format requirements.
- Removes DIAR content rendered obsolete or unnecessary by RFO changes.

Action:

The DOI acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 36 model deviation text instead of FAR part 36 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO Part 36 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 1436, instead of part 1436 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 1436](#)

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](#)
- [DOI Acquisition Toolkit RFO Site](#)

Approval Signature: TROY
FINNEGAN

Digitally signed by TROY
FINNEGAN
Date: 2026.03.17
14:38:27 -04'00'

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Assistant Secretary -
Policy, Management and Budget