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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU PROCUREMENT CHIEFS

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SUBJECT: Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 50 in support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. **PURPOSE**

This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 50 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 50 available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-50>.

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 50, Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act, has been updated for clarity and practical use.

The following items are updated or retained:

- Statutory requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR Part 50 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 50 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq, National Defense Contracts
 - 6 U.S.C. § 441 et seq, Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies
 - E.O. 10789, Contracting Authority in Connection with National-Defense Functions
- All subparts and sections throughout the part are retained.
- All provisions and clauses are retained, specifically:
 - Clause 52.250-1, Indemnification Under Public Law 85-804
 - Provision 52.250-2, SAFETY Act Coverage Not Applicable
 - Provision 52.250-3, SAFETY Act Block Designation/Certification
 - Provision 52.250-4, SAFETY Act Pre-qualification Designation Notice
 - Clause 52.250-5, SAFETY Act—Equitable Adjustment; however, this clause was updated with plain language edits.

The following items have been removed:

- Plain language edits were made throughout to enhance readability and remove redundant, unclear, or non-essential language, decreasing the word count by more than 500 words.

4. AUTHORITY

This class deviation is issued under the authority of [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB M-25-26](#), and RFO FAR 1.304.

5. DEVIATION

The DOJ acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 50 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 50 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 50 model deviation text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-50>.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION

This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

7. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This class deviation applies to all DOJ procurements.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact DOJAcquisitionPolicy@usdoj.gov.

9. ATTACHMENTS

None.