



## U.S. Department of Justice

### Justice Management Division

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU PROCUREMENT CHIEFS

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**SUBJECT:** Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 51 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 51 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 51 available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-51>.

#### 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 51, concerning the use of government sources by contractors, has been removed in its entirety.

**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 51 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 51 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 51 model deviation text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-51>.

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION**

This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025, and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.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](mailto:DOJAcquisitionPolicy@usdoj.gov).

**9. ATTACHMENTS**

None.