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Acquisition Alert 25-25

TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 11 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

- 1. Introduction:** The purpose of this Acquisition Alert is to issue a FAR class deviation to FAR part 11 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to that part.
- 2. Background:** On April 15, 2025, Executive Order (E.O.) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement was signed. Section 2 of the E.O. establishes 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."

The FAR is being updated to:

- Remove language that is not required by statute;
- Remove duplicative or outdated language;
- Clarify or provide plain language;
- Revise language for the new FAR framework; and
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB M-25-25, and 48 CFR 1.4.

Deviation Summary

FAR part 11, Describing Agency Needs, has been streamlined by removing requirements for establishing delivery or performance schedules and various clauses and prescriptive procedures. Non-statutory sustainability standards and other best practices were also removed. Much of this language is expected to transition to a Companion Guide.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 11 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Planning and solicitation requirements (41 U.S.C. § 3306(a) and 10 U.S.C. § 3206(a))
- Preference for commercial products and commercial services (41 U.S.C. § 3307 and 10 U.S.C. § 3453)
- Additional Powers (15 U.S.C. § 637(d)(4)(f))

Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions specific to part 11 for Reconditioned and Remanufactured. • Using market research to promote full and open competition. • Encouraging commercial products and commercial services to the maximum extent practicable. • Procedures and corresponding clauses related to liquidated damages. • Requirements related to the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS), a Department of Commerce regulation in support of approved national defense, emergency preparedness, and energy programs. • Retained clauses and provisions to this part include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 52.211-5, Material Requirements ○ 52.211-11, Liquidated Damages—Supplies, Services, or Research and Development ○ 52.211-12, Liquidated Damages—Construction ○ 52.211-13, Time Extensions ○ 52.211-14, Notice of Priority Rating for National Defense, Emergency Preparedness, and Energy Program Use ○ 52.211-15, Defense Priority and Allocation Requirements
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements related to identification and availability of specifications. • Prescriptive procedures, such as:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Requirements to include ecolabels in specifications based on information in the Green Procurement Compilation.○ Requirements for brand name or equal purchase descriptions.● Twelve (12) clauses and provisions are removed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 52.211-1, Availability of Specifications Listed in the GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29○ 52.211-2, Availability of Defense Specifications, Standards, and Data Item Descriptions in the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST) Website○ 52.211-3, Availability of Specifications Not Listed in the GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions○ 52.211-4, Availability of Specifications Not Listed in the GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions○ 52.211-6, Brand Name or Equal○ 52.211-7, Alternatives to Government-Unique Standards○ 52.211-8, Time of Delivery○ 52.211-9, Desired and Required Time of Delivery○ 52.211-10, Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work (for construction contracts only)○ 52.211-16, Variation in Quantity○ 52.211-17, Delivery of Excess Quantities○ 52.211-18, Variation in Estimated Quantity
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DOSAR Deviation Summary

DOSAR part 611 has been renumbered to align with the FAR deviation.

3. Acquisition Impact: The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements and contracting activities.

4. Action Required: The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 11 model deviation text instead of FAR part 11 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 11. The Council's RFO model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

5. Effective Date: While this Acquisition Alert is effective upon issuance, the model deviated language was released on June 18, 2025.

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6. Expiration Date: This Acquisition Alert expires upon incorporation into the FAR, DOSAR, and/or DOSAM.

7. Additional Information: Questions regarding this Acquisition Alert may be directed to AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov.

8. Attachments: [DOSAR Part 611 Line In/Line Out](#)

9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates: None