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Acquisition Alert 25-45

TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 49 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 part 49 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 49, Termination of Contracts, is revised for clarity and usability, retaining and streamlining much of the content of the previous version of the FAR part. All existing clauses are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no changes to the text.

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 49 include:

- Subsection 49.108-7 "Government assistance in settling subcontracts;"
- Section 49.113 "Cost principles;" and
- Section 49.405 "Completion by another contractor."

Corresponding DOSAR Deviation Summary

Based on the Council's model deviated language, a class deviation is hereby issued to the Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR) to make the following corresponding changes:

- Adjusting section titles to match the FAR deviated language; and
- Other administrative updates.

3. Acquisition Impact: The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements issued on or after the effective date of the AA.

4. Action Required: The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 49 model deviation text instead of FAR part 49 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR 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.

- a. For new solicitations or contracts, when using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RFO model deviation language at RFO FAR part 52. Do not include any of the removed provisions or clauses in future solicitations and contracts.
- b. For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. Note that without some of the removed provisions or clauses, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.

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1. **Effective Date:** This Acquisition Alert is effective November 3, 2025. The model deviated language was released on August 21, 2025.
2. **Expiration Date:** This Acquisition Alert expires upon incorporation into the FAR, DOSAR, and/or DOSAM.
3. **Additional Information:** Questions regarding this Acquisition Alert may be directed to AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov.
8. **Attachments:** [DOSAR Part 649 Deviation Line In/Line Out Document](#)
9. **Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:** [Part 49 Practitioner Album](#)