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Acquisition Alert 25-31

TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 50
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 50 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 50, Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act, has been revised to use plain language, retaining all subparts' content while removing non-essential language to decrease the word count by over 500 words. All corresponding FAR clauses have been retained with only 52.250-5, SAFETY Act—Equitable Adjustment, being updated.

The RFO FAR part 50 model deviation leaves all subparts intact to maintain statutory requirements such as:

- National Defense Contracts (50 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq)
- Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (6 U.S.C. § 441 et seq)
- Contracting Authority in Connection With National-Defense Functions (E.O. 10789)

- 3. Acquisition Impact:** The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements issued on or after the effective date of the AA. The DOSAR does not cover FAR part 50 and therefore is not impacted by this deviation.
- 4. Action Required:** The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 50 model and corresponding part 52 deviation text, including the updated clause at FAR 52.250-5, instead of FAR part 50 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.
- 5. Effective Date:** While this Acquisition Alert is effective upon issuance, the model deviated language was released on July 31, 2025.
- 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:** None.
- 9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:**

[FAR Part 50 Deviation Practitioner Guide](#)