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**SUBJECT:** Class Deviation No. 2025-27 from the Federal Acquisition Regulation for FAR Part 49 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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**TO:** Department of Transportation Chiefs of the Contracting Offices

- I. Purpose:** This class deviation (CD) is issued under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 1 and Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) part 1201 and authorizes a class deviation to FAR part 49 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 49.
- II. Effective Date:** Immediately.
- III. 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  - Remove duplicative or outdated language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 more plain language
  - Revise language for the new FAR framework
  - Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

FAR part 49, Termination of Contracts, has been updated for clarity and usability.

Statutory requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR part 49 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 31 U.S.C. § 3729, False Claims

- 41 U.S.C. §§ 7101 et seq (Pub. L. 95-563), The Contract Disputes Act of 1978

The following table is not an exhaustive list but includes notable updates to FAR part 49.

Change	Description
<b>Retained</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 49.000, “<b>Scope of Part</b>”, is simplified and retains the core scope of establishing policies and procedures for terminating contracts early.</li> <li>• Section 49.001, “<b>Definitions</b>”, is retained and updated for plain language.</li> <li>• Section 49.002, “<b>Applicability</b>”, is retained and updated for plain language with a simpler structure.</li> <li>• Subparts <b>49.1, 49.2, 49.3, 49.4, 49.5, 49.6</b> and the sections therein, remain mostly intact and are streamlined with some shifting and reorganizing of sections and subsections throughout.</li> <li>• All <b>existing clauses</b> are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no changes to the text.</li> </ul>
<b>Removed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain language edits were made throughout to enhance readability and <b>remove redundant, unclear, or non-essential language</b>, decreasing the word count by more than 2,500 words.</li> <li>• Subsection 49.108-7 “<b>Government assistance in settling subcontracts</b>”, Section 49.113 “<b>Cost principles</b>”, and Section 49.405 “<b>Completion by another contractor</b>” have been removed and may be moved to non-regulatory content.</li> </ul>

**IV. Required Actions:** All DOT Operating Administrations (OAs), the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), excluding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) per TAR 1201.104(d) shall follow the [RFO part 49 model deviation text](#) instead of FAR part 49 as codified at 48 CFR chapter 1. The Council’s RFO part 49 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](#) and is incorporated by reference into this CD. A line-out version of the changes may also be found [here](#) for reference.

Heads of the Contracting Activities (HCAs) must ensure this deviation is disseminated to the acquisition workforce and ensure compliance with the requirements in the revised FAR part 49 guidance.

- V. Applicability:** This CD applies to all DOT OAs, OST, and OIG, excluding the FAA in accordance with TAR 1201.104(d).
- VI. Expiration Date:** This CD will remain in effect until it is incorporated into the FAR or is otherwise rescinded, whichever occurs first.

**VII. Point of Contact:** Questions or comments regarding this deviation may be directed to [DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov](mailto:DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov).