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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Interim Policy Notice (IPN) 25-03, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation, RFO-2025-01, for FAR Part 1 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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1. Purpose. This IPN approves a class deviation to the FAR for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 1.

2. Background. [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275 on 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. In explaining the Federal Acquisition System, the RFO FAR Part 1 model deviation text establishes bedrock principles. Most centrally, it sets a "mission first" message at the top of the guiding principles. The RFO FAR Part 1 model deviation also increases the emphasis on the best use of taxpayer dollars and calls out the value of time as another guiding principle. Additionally, it retains a focus on satisfying the customer, maximizing the use of commercial products and services, promoting competition, and encouraging innovation.

Other key changes include class deviations which require approval by the FAR Council except where required to implement agency-specific executive or statutory direction. More guidance will follow on GSA's internal process for routing class deviation requests.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 1 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 31 U.S.C. 3702, Authority to Settle Claims
- 41 U.S.C. 13 et seq, Acquisition Councils
- 41 U.S.C. 17 et seq, Agency Responsibilities and Procedures
- 41 U.S.C. 1908, Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition Thresholds
- 41 U.S.C. 3102, Delegation and Assignment of Powers, Functions, and Responsibilities

Change	Description
Retained	The statutory requirements retained are listed above.
Removed	Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR Part 1 include, but not limited to, the following: • The list of OMB approved control numbers contained in FAR Subpart 1.1. These control numbers are now listed on Acquisition.gov. • Subpart 1.2 - Administration • Subpart 1.5 - Agency and Public Participation procedures

*This table is not an exhaustive list

4. Instructions. The EPA acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 1 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 1 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 1 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul) and is incorporated into this class deviation. At this time there is no impact to EPA's Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) or EPA Acquisition Policy (EPAAP).

5. Applicability. This class deviation applies to all EPA procurements.

6. Authority. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, [OMB M-25-26](#), and 48 CFR 1.4 and RFO FAR 1.304.

7. Effective Date. This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

8. Points of Contact. Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to OMS-ARM-OAS-AcquisitionPolicy@epa.gov.