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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Interim Policy Notice (IPN) 25-31, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation, RFO-2025-24, for FAR Part 24 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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TO: EPA Acquisition Community

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 24.

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. FAR Part 24, Protection of Privacy and Freedom of Information, has been retained with minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language. No changes were made to provisions or clauses.

The only change of note is that section 24.301 is deleted. This section outlined requirements for contractors to provide their employees with privacy training. The content is duplicative as it is already

covered in clause 52.224-3. Statutory requirements and executive directives retained in the RFO FAR Part 24 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, Freedom of Information Act
- 5 U.S.C. § 552a (Pub. L. 93-579), Privacy Act of 1974
- 5 U.S.C. § 574, Confidentiality
- 10 U.S.C. § 3309 and 41 U.S.C. § 4702, Prohibition on Release of Contractor Proposals
- 10 U.S.C. § 3705 and 41 U.S.C. § 3505, Submission of Other Information
- OMB Circular No. A-130, Managing Information as a Strategic Resource

4. Instructions. The EPA acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 24 model deviation text instead of the FAR Part 24 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 24 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 on 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.