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Subject: CLASS DEVIATION (CD) in Support of Executive Order (EO) 14275,
"Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement" - Deviation to FAR Part 1

1. Purpose

This Class Deviation (CD) implements the FAR Council's model deviation text for **FAR Part 1**, "Federal Acquisition Regulations System." This action aligns with **Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement."** Key changes include removing sections on agency and public participation, revising "Career Development, Contracting Authority and Responsibilities," and adding a new section (FAR 1.109) that requires a four-year sunset for non-statutory clauses unless renewed.

2. Background

EO 14275, signed on April 15, 2025, established a policy stating that the FAR should only contain provisions required by statute or essential for sound procurement, and that any non-essential provisions should be removed. To implement this EO, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) is leading the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This effort is supported by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (the Council), which includes agencies like GSA, DOD, and NASA. The initiative aims to eliminate unnecessary regulations and policies across all levels of the federal government.

Further guidance was provided by OMB memorandum M-25-26, "Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation," issued on May 2, 2025.

The RFO FAR Part 1 model deviation text introduces bedrock principles for the Federal Acquisition System. It prioritizes a "mission first" approach and emphasizes the best use of taxpayer dollars and the value of time as guiding principles. It also continues to focus on satisfying the customer, maximizing the use of commercial products and services, promoting competition, and encouraging efficiency and innovation.

3. Summary of Changes

Specifically, 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 the language for the new FAR framework
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

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

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR Part 1 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The list of OMB approved control numbers contained in Subpart 1.1. These control numbers are now listed on Acquisition.gov
- Subpart 1.2 - Administration
- Subpart 1.5 - Agency and Public Participation procedures

Other key changes include:

- Class deviations require approval by the FAR Council except where required to implement agency-specific executive or statutory direction.

4. FAR Streamlining

As part of the RFO, the FAR will be streamlined to include only statutory requirements. Non-statutory content will be moved to new buying guides, collectively known as the Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG). The Council will first issue model deviation guidance by FAR part, followed by formal rulemaking through the notice and comment process. Agencies have 30 days to issue class deviations based on the model text once released.

A. Streamlining Agency Acquisition Supplements: Agencies must streamline their FAR supplements by removing regulations not based on statute or executive orders and by aligning with the FAR Council's deviation guidance. Supporting policies must also be updated to reflect these changes. This is an excellent opportunity for NARA to formally publish the NARA FAR Supplement, ensuring consistency with the streamlined FAR.

B. FAR Buying Guides and Supplemental Companion Guide (CG) (coming soon): As the FAR and agency supplements are streamlined, helpful non-regulatory content will be moved to these new FAR Buying Guides. These guides will offer practical instructions

and best practices for implementing effective contracting methods. RFO Part 1, "Federal Acquisition Regulations System," is the first model deviation released by the FAR Council. It establishes the framework for the FAR, which has been streamlined to focus on statutory requirements. Burdensome, duplicative, or outdated language, and language not required by statute, have been removed from FAR Part 1. This plain language version of FAR Part 1 shall be adhered to.

5. Instructions

The NARA 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.

6. Applicability

The requirements in this CD apply to all solicitations, contracts, and orders as of **July 25, 2025**.

7. Authority

This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB M-25-26, 48 CFR Subpart 1.4.

8. Effective Date

This CD is effective as of the date signed and shall remain in effect until formally implemented in the FAR.

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