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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 34

1. Purpose

This Class Deviation (CD) implements the FAR Council's model deviation text for FAR Part 34, "Major Systems Acquisition." This action aligns with Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement," and the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. The revised FAR Part 34 describes streamlined acquisition policies and procedures for acquiring major systems and for the use of an Earned Value Management System (EVMS). Burdensome, duplicative, or outdated language not required by statute has been removed. Key changes include:

- Streamlining paperwork and processes.
- Deleting Sections 34.000 through 34.0005.
- Revising the Earned Value Management Policy by trimming Subpart 34.2.
- Making FAR clauses 52.243-2 and 52.242-3 reserved and reducing EVMS mandates for both Government and contractor personnel.
- Simplifying the language within FAR 34.202(a)-(d).

2. Background

EO 14275, signed on April 15, 2025, established a policy that the FAR should contain only provisions required by statute or those essential for sound procurement. To implement this EO, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) is leading the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative, supported by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council. 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 34 model deviation text provides a simplified framework for major systems acquisition, emphasizing a mission-first approach, prudent use of taxpayer dollars, and efficiency in the acquisition of complex systems.

3. 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 a streamlined NARA FAR Supplement, ensuring consistency with the new FAR.

B. FAR Buying Guides and Supplemental Companion Guides (CG): 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, including for major systems acquisition. The RFO Part 34 model deviation text is a plain language version that will be adhered to by all NARA contracting personnel.

4. Instructions

The NARA acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 34 deviated text instead of FAR Part 34 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter F, Part 34. The FAR Council's RFO text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaulpart-34> and is incorporated by reference into this deviation.

5. Applicability

The requirements in this CD apply to all new solicitations and contract actions for major systems issued or awarded on or after **July 25, 2025**.

6. Authority

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

7. Effective Date

This CD is effective as of the date signed and shall remain in effect until the provisions of the RFO are formally implemented in the FAR through a final rulemaking.

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