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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 38, Reserved (formerly Federal Supply Schedule Contracting)

1. Purpose

This Class Deviation (CD) implements the FAR Council's model deviation text for FAR Part 38, Reserved. This action aligns with Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement," and the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

FAR Part 38, Federal Supply schedule Contracting, is removed in its entirety. Guidance and Procedure for federal supply Schedule Contracting is Removed from FAR part 38 and subpart 8.4 to the General Services Acquisition Manual (GSAM).

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 38 model deviation text provides a simplified and more efficient framework for ensuring effective competition, emphasizing a mission-first approach, prudent use of taxpayer dollars, and efficiency in achieving acquisition outcomes.

3. Summary of Changes

FAR Part 38 is deleted in its entirety.

Change	Description
Removed	FAR Part 38 deleted in its entirety. Federal Supply Schedule Contracting, guidance and procedures for the Schedule program will move from FAR Part 38 and subpart 8.4 to GSAM.

FAR Streamlining

As part of the RFO, the FAR is 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 those related to competition. The RFO Part 36 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 38 deviated text and the GSAM instead of FAR Part 38 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 38, Subchapter B, Part 38. The FAR Council’s RFO Part 8 text is available at [FAR Overhaul - Part 38 | Acquisition.GOV](#), and is incorporated by reference into this deviation.

5. Applicability

The requirements in this CD apply to all solicitations and contract actions issued or awarded on or after **October 1, 2025**.

6. Authority

This class deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order 14275 and OMB Memorandum 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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