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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 50, Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act

1. Purpose

This Class Deviation (CD) implements the FAR Council's model deviation text for FAR Part 50, Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act. 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 50 streamlines policies and procedures related to contract cost principles. Burdensome, duplicative, or outdated language not required by statute has been removed. Key changes include:

- **Emphasis on the Disputes Clause:** The revised Part 50 emphasizes that contractors must first seek relief under the Disputes clause (FAR Part 33) before requesting extraordinary contractual relief under Part 50.
- **Incorporation of the SAFETY Act:** The regulation now explicitly incorporates and implements the liability protections provided by the SAFETY Act to promote the development and use of anti-terrorism technologies.
- **Elimination of Interagency Communication Requirements:** Suggestions that agencies should communicate with one another to determine whether joint action should be taken for matters involving multiple agencies have been removed.

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 50 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

RFO FAR Part 50, has been updated for plain language and the removal of outdated or unclear text. The revised language makes it easier to navigate emergency and national defense actions during high-stakes procurement scenarios. Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 50 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- National Defense Contracts (50 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq)
- Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (6 U.S.C. § 441 et seq)
- Contracting Authority in Connection With National-Defense Functions (E.O. 10789)

The following chart details information that has been changed by way of revision (Retained) or have been removed due to being outdated, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary (Deleted).

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All subparts and sections throughout the part are retained and are updated for plain language.• All provisions and clauses are retained and are updated for plain language, specifically:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Clause 52.250-1, Indemnification Under Public Law 85-804○ Provision 52.250-2, SAFETY Act Coverage Not Applicable○ Provision 52.250-3, SAFETY Act Block Designation/Certification○ Provision 52.250-4, SAFETY Act Pre-qualification Designation Notice○ Clause 52.250-5, SAFETY Act—Equitable Adjustment
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deleted content that is outdated, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Plain language edits were made throughout to enhance readability and redundant, unclear, or non-essential language was removed.• Some content removed and added to practitioner albums, FAR Companion Guide, and/or Category Buying Guides

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidance on the Safety Act was move to a FAR Companion Guide.
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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 50 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 50 deviated text instead of FAR Part 50 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part 50. The FAR Council’s RFO text is available at [FAR Overhaul - FAR Part 50 - 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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