



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 26, 2025

Class Deviation RFO-2025-5

MEMORANDUM TO: Acquisition Management Division and Buyers in the Regions

FROM: Nicole Stevenson, Acting Director
Acquisition Management Division
Office of Administration

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Stevenson", is placed over the signature line.

Signed by Stevenson, Nicole
on 08/26/25

SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 5 in Support of Executive Order 14275
on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

- PURPOSE:** This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 5 - "Publicizing Contract Actions" for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 5 to prioritize plain language, resulting in more direct, active, and accessible text. Notable changes include two references to content moved to another FAR Part. First, public disclosure requirements for limited-source justifications for Federal Supply Schedule orders or blanket purchase agreements over the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) are moved to FAR Part 8. Second, public disclosure requirements for task or delivery order justifications over the SAT made without fair opportunity will be relocated to FAR Part 16.

The revision also structures subparts to align with the acquisition lifecycle: pre-solicitation, evaluation and award, and postaward. Dense text is replaced with visual tables to clarify posting requirements and timeframes. These tables include Table 5-1 "Statements Regarding Trade Agreements", Table 5-2 "Minimum Timeframes for Posting Presolicitation Notices", Table 5-3 "Minimum Timeframes for Receipt of Quotations or Offers", and Table 5-4 "Minimum Timeframes for Posting Award Notices".

Core statutory requirements (e.g., subcontracting notices, award announcements) are retained. Outdated or redundant content in Subpart 5.4 "Release of Information", Subpart 5.6 "Publicizing Multi-Agency Use Contracts", and Subpart 5.7 "Publicizing Requirements Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)" is removed. Additionally, the term "synopsis" is largely retired.

- 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 Federal Acquisition Regulation (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:** Part 5, Publicizing Contract Actions, is revised from a complex, topic-based structure to a streamlined, chronological process that mirrors the three main phases of an acquisition. The revision makes extensive use of tables to present complex information regarding content requirements and timing, a significant departure from the dense paragraphs of the original text. The new tables 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, and 5-4 clearly explain posting requirements and timeframes.

This approach directly serves the goals of reducing complexity and enhancing clarity by making the content easier to understand and use.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 5 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552, Public Information; Agency Rules, Opinions, Orders, Records, and Proceedings
- 15 U.S.C. § 637(e) and 41 U.S.C. § 1708, Procurement Notice
- 15 U.S.C. § 637(k), Notices of Subcontracting Opportunities
- 15 U.S.C. § 637b, Availability of Information
- 15 U.S.C. § 644, Awards or Contracts
- 44 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3703, Awarding of Contracts
- Pub. L. 97-219, Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 5.000 “Scope of Part” has been updated to specify that notices are posted in the Governmentwide Point of Entry (GPE). Section 5.001 “Definitions” retains and streamlines the definition of “Contract Action” and adds definitions of “Notice” and “Presolicitation Notice”.• Section 5.002 “Policy” retains the general purpose to increase competition and broaden industry participation. Language in this section has been revised from “assist small business concerns” to inform small business concerns of contract and subcontract opportunities.• New subparts 5.1 “Presolicitation”, 5.2 “Solicitation”, and 5.3 “Award” create logical organization in alignment with the acquisition lifecycle, creating clear points of reference.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Content from the former Subparts 5.1 “Dissemination of Information”, 5.2 “Synopsis of Proposed Contract Actions”, and 5.3 “Synopsis of Contract Awards” is streamlined within the new subpart structure.• New tables are added to section 5.101 “Presolicitation Notice” that provide

	<p>greater readability. Specifically, Table 5-1 identifies presolicitation language regarding trade agreements and Table 5-2 clarifies minimum posting timeframes for presolicitation notices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidance for “Paid Advertisements” is moved from subpart 5.5 to the new section 5.102 and is significantly streamlined.• Guidance on “Special Situations”, previously at 5.205, has been moved to the new section 5.103 “Special Notices” and is significantly streamlined, reflecting notices for Federal Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC), and consolidation, bundling, and substantial bundling.• New tables are added to section 5.201 “Solicitation Notice” that provide greater readability. Specifically, Table 5-3 identifies minimum timeframes for receipt of quotations or offers, and Table 5-4 identifies minimum posting timeframes for award notices.
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With rare exception, the term “synopsis” has been removed.• Subpart 5.4 “Release of Information” has been removed as largely duplicative of the general posting guidance throughout the part.• Subpart 5.6 “Publicizing Multi-Agency Use Contracts”, which required agencies to enter information into a specific governmentwide database of contracts, has been removed as duplicative and outdated.• Subpart 5.7 “Publicizing Requirements Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)” has been removed because ARRA is no longer active.

This table is not an exhaustive list.

4. INSTRUCTIONS:

- The NRC acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 5 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 5 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council’s RFO Part 5 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul) and is incorporated into this class deviation.
- Review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

5. APPLICABILITY: This class deviation applies to all NRC 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 November 3, 2025, and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 5 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement DATE August 26, 2025

DISTRIBUTION:

JDaly, ADM

NStevenson, ADM/AMD/APPSD

EJernell, ADM/AMD

ABriggs, SBCR

RBaum, OGC/GCHA/GCA/NLO

ADAMS Accession No.: ML25231A057

OFFICE	ADM	SBCR	OGC/GCHA/GCA /NLO	ADM/AMD/APPSD
NAME	JDaly <i>JD</i>	ABriggs <i>AB</i>	RBaum <i>RB</i>	NStevenson <i>NS</i>
DATE	Aug 19, 2025	Aug 19, 2025	Aug 19, 2025	Aug 26, 2025

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY