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Class Deviation RFO-2025-50

MEMORANDUM TO: Acquisition Management Division and Buyers in the Regions

FROM: Nicole Stevenson, Acting Director  
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Signed by Stevenson, Nicole  
on 08/26/25

SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 50 in Support of Executive Order  
14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. **PURPOSE:** This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 50 - "Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act" for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 50 to prioritize plain language, resulting in more direct, active, and accessible text and enhanced clarity, making it easier for acquisition professionals to understand and apply. Essential governmentwide acquisition standards are preserved to ensure continuity and compliance across agencies. One notable change is the renumbered FAR 50.101-2(b) regarding the Disputes process and Extraordinary Contractual Relief, with the rewritten provision emphasizing that a contractor must first pursue relief under the Disputes process and FAR Part 33 "before pursuing extraordinary contract relief under [FAR Part 50] because the authority under Pub. L. 85-804 may not be relied upon when other adequate legal authority exists." Information related to the SAFETY Act pre-qualification designation notices has been removed and will be included in the forthcoming FAR companion guide. All subparts and sections throughout the part and all provisions and clauses are retained.
2. **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:** FAR Part 50, Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act has been updated for clarity and practical use.

Statutory requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR Part 50 model deviation includes, but may not be limited to, the following:

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

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>All subparts and sections</b> throughout the part are retained.</li><li>• <b>All provisions and clauses</b> are retained, specifically:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Clause 52.250-1, Indemnification Under Public Law 85-804</li><li>○ Provision 52.250-2, SAFETY Act Coverage Not Applicable</li><li>○ Provision 52.250-3, SAFETY Act Block Designation/Certification</li><li>○ Provision 52.250-4, SAFETY Act Pre-qualification Designation Notice</li><li>○ Clause 52.250-5, SAFETY Act—Equitable Adjustment.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ This clause was updated with plain language edits.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain language edits were made throughout to enhance readability and <b>remove redundant, unclear, or non-essential language</b>, decreasing the word count by more than 500 words.</li></ul>

This table is not an exhaustive list.

**4. INSTRUCTIONS:**

- The NRC acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 50 and corresponding RFO Part 52 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 50 and Part 52 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter
- The Council's RFO Part 50 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul) and is incorporated into this class deviation.
- when using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RFO model deviation language at [RFO FAR Part 52](#).
- Review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

**5. APPLICABILITY:** This class deviation applies to all NRC solicitations and new contracts as of October 1, 2025. This deviation does not apply to contracts signed and executed before October 1, 2025.

**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 immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

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