



## UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Washington, DC 20415

### MEMORANDUM

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TO: Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acquisition Workforce

FROM: Matthew J. Manning  
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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 46 in Support of Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

#### 1. Purpose

This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 46 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation to FAR part 46.

#### 2. Background

[Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), signed April 15, 2025, mandates a comprehensive review and simplification of the 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 46, Quality Assurance, has been updated for clarity and usability.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 46 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 41 U.S.C. § 1711, Value Engineering
- 41 U.S.C. § 3307, Preference for Commercial Products and Commercial Services
- Pub. L. 103-355, Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FASA)
- Pub. L. 112-81 Sec 818, Detection and Avoidance of Counterfeit Electronic Parts

Change	Description
<b>Retained</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subparts <b>46.1, 46.2, 46.3, 46.4, 46.5, 46.6, 46.7, 46.8</b> and the sections therein, remain mostly intact and are streamlined, with some shifting and reorganizing of sections and subsections throughout.</li> <li>• All <b>“Definitions”</b> at 46.101 are retained</li> <li>• All <b>existing clauses</b> are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no changes to the text.</li> </ul>
<b>Removed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 46.105, <b>“Contractor Responsibilities”</b> is deleted and marked reserved, as the content was redundant to contract clauses.</li> <li>• Section 46.704, <b>“Authority for use of warranties”</b> is deleted and marked reserved. This section stated that warranty use must be approved by agency procedures. This language does not need to be included in the FAR.</li> </ul>

This table is not an exhaustive list.

#### 4. Instructions

- The OPM acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 46 instead of FAR part 46 as codified at 48 CFR chapter 1. The Council’s RFO part 46 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.
- Contracting activities must 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 OPM procurements.

#### 6. Authority

This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, [OMB Memo M-25-26](#), 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.

## **8. Points of Contact**

Try asking OPM first (upload the new RFO language and OPM's implementing deviation, then ask your question). If you still need clarification, you may email the OPM Procurement Service Division Senior Procurement Executive at [Senior\\_Procurement\\_Executive@opm.gov](mailto:Senior_Procurement_Executive@opm.gov).

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