



U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

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Class Deviation for Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 51 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement (2025-030)

1. **Purpose:** To issue a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 51 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation text to FAR Part 51.
2. **Effective Date:** This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025 and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.
3. **Expiration Date:** Expires when incorporated into the FAR or is otherwise rescinded.
4. **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.

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.

5. **Summary of Changes.** FAR part 51, Use of Government Sources By Contractors, is removed in its entirety. All statutory text and essential text retained to support sound procurement will be moved to FAR part 8.
6. **Required Action:**
 - The SEC acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 51 model deviation text instead of FAR part 51 as codified at 48 CFR chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 51 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 deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

7. Applicability: This class deviation applies to all SEC procurements.

8. Authority: This class deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order 14275, OMB Memo M-25-26, 48 CFR 1.4., and RFO FAR 1.304.

9. Point of Contact: If you have any questions, please contact the SEC Office of Acquisitions Policy at Acquisitions-Policy@sec.gov.

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