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MEMORANDUM FOR TREASURY ACQUISITION PERSONNEL

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SUBJECT: Class Deviation No. 2025-00016 — Implementing the Class Deviation from the

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 5, *Publicizing Contract Actions*, in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal

Procurement"

1. <u>PURPOSE</u>: This Acquisition Bulletin (AB) approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 5 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) deviation to FAR Part 5.

2. <u>BACKGROUND</u>: On April 15, 2025, <u>EO 14275</u>, <u>Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement</u> was signed. Section 2 of the EO establishes the policy that the FAR "should only contain provisions required by statute or essential sound procurement, and any FAR provisions that do not advance these objectives should be removed."

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 <u>Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative</u>. This initiative will make the FAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements.

3. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: FAR 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. has been updated for clarity and practical use.

Statutory requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR Part 5 model deviation include, but may not be 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 50 U.S.C. § 1431

Change	Description
Retained	 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. Content from the former Subparts 5.1 "Dissemination of Information", 5.2 "Synopses of Proposed Contract Actions", and 5.3 "Synopses of Contract Awards" is streamlined within the new subpart structure. New tables are added to section 5.101 "Presolicitation Notice" that provide greater readability. Specifically, Table 5-1 identifies presolicitation language regarding trade agreements and Table 5-2 clarifies minimum posting timeframes for presolicitation notices. 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. All subparts and sections throughout the part are retained.
Removed	 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.** <u>AUTHORITY</u>: This class deviation is issued under the authority of EO 14275, <u>OMB Memo M-25-26</u>, 48 CFR 1.4, and RFO FAR 1.304.
- **5. GUIDANCE**: Contracting Officers shall follow the RFO Part 5 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 <u>Acquisition.gov</u>, under the "<u>FAR Overhaul</u>" link, 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.
- **6. EFFECTIVE DATE**: This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025, and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.
- **7.** <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: The point of contact for this AB is Mr. Steve Kvalevog who can be reached at Steven.Kvalevog@treasury.gov.