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Subj: Class Deviation for FAR Part 10 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

To: Heads of the Contracting Activities

1. Purpose. Deviate from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 10 for purposes of implementing the Federal Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 10.

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 10, concerning Market Research, has been updated to offer acquisition teams more flexibility in their research methods:

- Greater flexibility in techniques: The FAR no longer lists specific market research considerations or techniques that must be used and there is more flexibility to choose the market research method that best fits agency needs.
- Competition requirements remain: Acquisition professionals must still comply with the Competition in Contract Act (41 U.S.C. § 3301 et seq), which may necessitate market research.
- Flexibility at all dollar values: Acquisition professionals can apply market research concepts to procurements of any size.
- When FAR clause 52.210-1 Market Research is not required by statute, across Government, it has been retained as essential to the acquisition process.

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Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 10 model deviation include, but are not limited to:

- 41 U.S.C. § 3306, Planning and Solicitation Requirements
- 41 U.S.C. § 3307, Preference for Commercial Products and Commercial Services
- 41 U.S.C. § 1703 note, Effective Communication Between Government and Industry; inclusive of 41 U.S.C. § 3301 et seq and 41 U.S.C. § 2101 et seq

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subparts 10.001 Policy and 10.002 Procedures are combined and streamlined to removed duplicative and discretionary guidance• FAR clause 52.210-1, Market Research, in solicitations and contracts for noncommercial acquisitions over \$6 million.• Language encouraging exchanges with industry is moved from FAR part 1 to FAR part 10.
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requirements to consider various issues in market research, including for consolidation or bundling procurements are removed. Content stemming from 15 U.S.C. § 644(e) and 15 U.S.C. § 657(q) is mandatory, however the requirement is covered in FAR part 7.• Requirements for disaster relief purchasing are removed. Content stemming from 6 U.S.C. § 796 is mandatory, however the requirement is covered in FAR part 26.

This table is not an exhaustive list.

4. Instructions. The VA acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 10 model deviation text instead of FAR part 10 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 10. The Council's RFO part 10 model deviation text is available at www.Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul and is incorporated into the class deviation.

5. Applicability. All VA procurements.

6. Authority. [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB M-25-25](#) (revised to [OMB 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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8. Point of Contact. Questions related to this deviation may be directed to va.procurement.policy@va.gov.

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