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From: Acting Executive Director, Office of Acquisition and Logistics (003A), and Acting Senior Procurement Executive

Subj: Class Deviation for FAR Part 34 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 34 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 34.

2. Background. On April 15, 2025, the [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275](#) on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement was signed. Section 2 of the E.O. establishes the policy that the FAR "should only contain provisions required by statute or essential to sound procurement, and any FAR provisions that do not advance these objectives should be removed."

The FAR is being updated to:

- Remove language that is not required by statute
- Remove duplicative or outdated language
- Clarify or provide more plain language
- Revise language for the new FAR framework
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

FAR part 34 describes acquisition policies and procedures for use in acquiring major systems consistent with OMB Circular No. A-109 and the use of an Earned Value Management System in acquisitions designated as major acquisitions consistent with OMB Circular A-11, part 7.

The RFO part 34 model deviation text retains FAR subparts 34.1 and 34.2. Subpart 34.1 deals with statutory requirements tied to 50 U.S.C. § 4531 et seq. Subpart 34.2 deals with Earned Value Management requirements tied to OMB Circular A-11. Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 34 include the general guidance provided in sections 34.001 through 34.005.

3. Instructions. The VA acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 34 deviation text instead of FAR part 34 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 34 model deviation text is available at www.Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul and is incorporated into the class deviation.

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4. Applicability. All VA procurements.

5. Authority. [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB M-25-25](#) (revised to [OMB 25-26](#)), and 48 CFR 1.4.

6. Effective Date. This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

7. Point of Contact. Questions related to this deviation may be directed to va.procurement.policy@va.gov.

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