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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 38 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common
Sense to Federal Procurement (VIEWS 13756555)

To: Heads of the Contracting Activities

1. Purpose. Deviate from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 38 for purposes of implementing the Federal Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 38.

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 38, Federal Supply Schedule Contracting, is removed in its entirety. Guidance and procedures for the Schedule program will be moved from FAR part 38 and subpart 8.4 to General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation part 538.

4. Instructions.

- The VA acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 38 model deviation text instead of FAR part 38 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 38 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.

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5. Applicability. All VA procurements.

6. Authority. [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB Memorandum M-25-26](#), [48 C.F.R. Subpart 1.4](#) and [RFO FAR 1.304](#).

7. Effective Date. This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025 and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

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

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