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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 45 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement (VIEWS 13893592)

To: Heads of the Contracting Activities

1. Purpose. Deviate from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 45 to implement the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to FAR part 45.

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 45, Government Property, has been retained with minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language. No changes were made to provisions or clauses. The FAR Companion includes additional guidance and best practices to support this FAR part.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 45 model deviation include:

- 40 U.S.C. § 503, Exchange or Sale of Similar Items
- 40 U.S.C. § 524, Duties of Executive Agencies
- 40 U.S.C. § 546, Contractor Inventories

4. Instructions.

The VA acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 45 model deviation text instead of FAR part 45 as codified at 48 C.F.R. Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO

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part 45 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

5. Applicability. All VA procurements.

6. Authority. This class deviation is issued under the authority of [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 This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025, and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.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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