

Date: August 27, 2025

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

Subj: Class Deviation for FAR Part 50 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common
Sense to Federal Procurement (VIEWS 13648471)

To: Heads of the Contracting Activities

1. Purpose. Deviate from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 50 for purposes of implementing the Federal Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 50.

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 50, Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act, has been updated for clarity and practical use.

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All subparts and sections throughout the part are retained.• All provisions and clauses are retained, specifically:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Clause 52.250-1, Indemnification Under Public Law 85-804;○ Provision 52.250-2, SAFETY Act Coverage Not Applicable;○ Provision 52.250-3, SAFETY Act Block Designation/Certification;○ Provision 52.250-4, SAFETY Act Pre-qualification Designation Notice;○ Clause 52.250-5, SAFETY Act—Equitable Adjustment. (This clause was updated with plain language edits)

Subj: Class Deviation for FAR Part 50 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement (VIEWS 13648471)

Change	Description
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain language edits were made throughout to enhance readability and remove redundant, unclear, or non-essential language, decreasing the word count by more than 500 words.

This table is not an exhaustive list.

4. Instructions.

- The VA acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 50 and corresponding 52 model deviation model deviation text instead of FAR part 50 and 52 as codified at 48 C.F.R. Chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 50 model deviation text is available at www.Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul and is incorporated into this class deviation.
- For new solicitations or contracts, when using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RFO model deviation language at [RFO FAR part 52](#).
- For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. Note that without some of the removed provisions or clauses, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.

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 immediately 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.

Joseph P. Maletta