



PROCUREMENT MEMORANDUM 2025-14

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: Senior Bureau Procurement Officials

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 6 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

Background

On May 2, 2025, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (the Council) issued a memorandum entitled, "Deviation Guidance to Support the Overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation," to provide guidance to agencies to support the issuance of FAR deviations to implement Executive Order 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement," and OMB Memorandum M-25-25, "Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation." This guidance states that agencies should issue agency-specific class deviations within 30 days after the Council has released class deviation text on [acquisition.gov](https://www.acquisition.gov). On June 27, 2025, the Council released deviated language for FAR Part 6.

FAR Part 6, Competition Requirements, has been streamlined to strengthen clarity and focus, helping to ensure procedures that support full and open competition are easier to understand and apply. Statutory requirements retained in the FAR Part 6 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 41 U.S.C. § 1705, Advocates for Competition
- 41 U.S.C. § 3301 and 10 U.S.C. § 3201, Full and Open Competition
- 41 U.S.C. § 3303 and 10 U.S.C. § 3203, Exclusion of Particular Source or Restriction of Solicitation to Small Business Concerns
- 41 U.S.C. § 3304, Use of Noncompetitive Procedures
- 10 U.S.C. § 3204, Use of Procedures Other than Competitive Procedures
- 15 U.S.C. Chapter 14A, Aid to Small Business
- 42 U.S.C. § 5150, Major Disaster and Emergency Assistance, Use of Local Firms and Individuals

Purpose

This class deviation is issued in accordance with FAR 1.304 and pursuant to the Council's memo entitled, "Deviation Guidance to Support the Overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation," to provide contracting officers with revised FAR Part 6 language.

Required Actions

Effective immediately, contracting officers shall comply with the deviated FAR text found in Attachment A.

Effective Date

This deviation is effective immediately, and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

Questions

Please direct any questions regarding this Procurement Memorandum to OAM_Mailbox@doc.gov.

Attachment A – FAR Deviation Text