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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU PROCUREMENT CHIEFS

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SUBJECT: Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 1 in support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. **PURPOSE**

This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 1 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 1 available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-1>.

2. **BACKGROUND**

On April 15, 2025, 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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. In explaining the Federal Acquisition System, the RFO FAR Part 1 model deviation text establishes foundational principles. Most centrally, it sets a "mission first" message at the top of the guiding principles. The RFO FAR Part 1 model deviation also increases the emphasis on the best use of taxpayer dollars and calls out the value of time as another guiding principle. Additionally, it retains a focus on satisfying the customer, maximizing use of commercial products and services, promoting competition, and encouraging innovation.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 1 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 31 U.S.C. 3702, Authority to Settle Claims
- 41 U.S.C. 13 et seq, Acquisition Councils
- 41 U.S.C. 17 et seq, Agency Responsibilities and Procedures
- 41 U.S.C. 1908, Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition Thresholds
- 41 U.S.C. 3102, Delegation and Assignment of Powers, Functions, and Responsibilities

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR Part 1 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The list of OMB approved control numbers contained in subpart 1.1. These controls numbers are now listed on Acquisition.gov
- Subpart 1.2 – Administration
- Subpart 1.5 - Agency and Public Participation procedures.

Other key changes include:

- Class deviations require approval by the FAR Council except where required to implement agency-specific executive or statutory direction. More guidance will follow on DOJ's internal process for routing class deviation requests.

3. AUTHORITY

This class deviation is issued under the authority of [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB M-25-26](#), and [48 CFR 1.4](#).

4. DEVIATION

The DOJ acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 1 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 1 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 1 model deviation text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-1>. A line-in/line-out version is included as Attachment 1 to this deviation to demonstrate the overall changes made to the FAR part.

When issuing new solicitations or contracts, contracting officers must not include the following provision:

- 52.201-1 Acquisition 360: Voluntary Survey

Any open solicitations that contain this provision must be amended to remove the provision.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION

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

6. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This class deviation applies to all DOJ procurements.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact DOJAcquisitionPolicy@usdoj.gov.

8. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Deviation to FAR Text – FAR Part 1 (Line-In/Line-Out)