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#### MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU PROCUREMENT CHIEFS

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**SUBJECT:** Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 43 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 43 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 43 available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-43>.

#### 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 43, concerning contract modifications, has been updated to clarify the process for documenting and definitizing change orders and to remove content that is outdated, redundant, or

otherwise unnecessary. A high-level summary of the content updates, additions, and removals is as follows:

- Retains non-statutory procedures for contract modifications to sustain and support uniformity across Government.
- Clarifies the process for documenting and definitizing change orders.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 43 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 31 U.S.C. § 1501, Documentary Evidence Requirement for Government Obligations.
- 31 U.S.C. § 1341, Anti-Deficiency Act
- 41 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7109, Contract Disputes Act of 1978

#### **4. AUTHORITY**

This class deviation is issued under the authority of [E.O. 14275](#), [OMB M-25-26](#), and RFO FAR 1.304.

#### **5. DEVIATION**

The DOJ acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 43 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 43 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 43 model deviation text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-43>.

There are no changes to existing FAR provisions and clauses associated with this deviation.

#### **6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION**

This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

#### **7. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY**

This class deviation applies to all DOJ procurements.

#### **8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions, please contact [DOJAcquisitionPolicy@usdoj.gov](mailto:DOJAcquisitionPolicy@usdoj.gov).

#### **9. ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Deviation to FAR Text – FAR Part 43 (Line-In/Line-Out)