



DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Acquisition and Contract Management

FROM: Paul Shea, Acting Chief Financial Officer and Acting Senior Procurement Executive

DATE: June 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation 25-005 for FAR Part 10 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

Purpose: This class deviation is issued in accordance with FAR 1.304 and pursuant to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy memorandum entitled, "Deviation Guidance to Support the Overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation," to provide contracting officers with revised FAR Part 10 language.

Authority: This class deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement", OMB M-25-25, and 48 CFR Subpart 1.4.

Background: On April 15, 2025, EO 14275 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."

In accordance with the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative, 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language.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 the language for the new FAR framework.
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

The RFO FAR Part 10 model deviation text uses plain language to establish minimum research requirements prior to procuring supplies and services. It also allows acquisition teams greater flexibility in their research methods. For example, the RFO FAR Part 10 does not specify market research techniques to use, however competition requirements remain.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 10 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 10 U.S.C. 3453, Preference for Commercial Products and Commercial Services
- 41 U.S.C. 3306, Planning and Solicitation Requirements

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- 41 U.S.C. 3307, Preference for Commercial Products and Commercial Services
- 41 U.S.C. 1703 note, Effective Communication Between Government and Industry; inclusive of 41 U.S.C 3301 et seq and 41 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.

Other key changes include, but are not limited to:

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subparts 10.0.001 Policy and 10.002 Procedures are merged and simplified. • Language encouraging exchanges with industry is moved from FAR Part 1 to FAR Part 10.
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements to consider various issues in market research, including for consolidation or bundling procurements are removed. Content stemming from 15 U.S.C. 644(e) and 15 U.S.C. 657(q) is mandatory, however the requirement is covered in FAR Part 7. • Requirements for disaster relief purchasing are removed. Content stemming from 6 U.S.C. 796 is mandatory, however the requirement is covered in FAR Part 26.

Applicability: This class deviation applies to all Peace Corps procurements.

Instructions:

- The Peace Corps acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 10 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 10 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO Part 10 deviation text is available at Acquisition.gov, under the "[FAR Overhaul](#)" link.
- Peace Corps' Acquisition and Contract Management staff shall review internal templates and related standard operating procedures to remove unnecessary steps.

Effective Date: Immediately

Expiration Date: This class deviation remains in effect until the changes described herein are incorporated in the FAR, superseded, or otherwise rescinded.

Point of Contact: Questions or comments on this class deviation may be directed to Amanda Miesionczek at amiesionczek@peacecorps.gov.