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**MEMORANDUM FOR MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION (UDALL FOUNDATION)
CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES**

DATE: June 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Class Deviations for FAR Part 43 in support of Executive Order 14275, *Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement*

FROM: David P. Brown, Executive Director

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" or "RFO") model deviation text to FAR Part 43.
2. **Background.** On April 15, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement" to reform the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). This E.O. further advances the intent of E.O. 14192, "Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation," signed on January 31, 2025, which established that the policy of the executive branch is to be prudent and financially responsible in the expenditure of funds and to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people. E.O. 14275 orders the Administrator of the Office of Federal Public Procurement Policy (OFPP), in coordination with the other members of the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (FAR Council), the heads of agencies, and appropriate senior acquisition and procurement officials from agencies, to amend the FAR to ensure that it contains only provisions that are required by statute or that are otherwise necessary to support simplicity and usability, strengthen the efficacy of the procurement system, or protect economic or national security interests. This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

On May 2, 2025, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released Memorandum M-25-26, "Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation," that directs all agencies to "Generally issue individual or class deviations to implement the FAR Council's deregulated coverage within 30 days after the Council releases its model deviation text[and] Provide copies of class deviations to the FAR Secretariat at gsaregsec@gsa.gov for public posting on Acquisition.gov."

Also on May 2, 2025, the Acting Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy at OMB released a Memorandum, "Deviation Guidance to Support of the Overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation." This Memorandum advises that agencies using the RFO model class deviation text do not need to further coordinate with the Council; class deviations that differ from the RFO model text require Council approval unless the difference is necessary to address agency-specific statutory direction.

On June 12, 2025, the FAR Council issued completed revisions for FAR Part 43 to provide the essential contract modification standards for the workforce to limit risk to the public and government.

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

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-statutory definitions and procedures for contract modifications are retained to maintain uniformity across Government.• Instructions for documenting and definitizing change orders are retained and clarified.
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain language edits have been made throughout, resulting in a 300 word decrease.

This table is not an exhaustive list.

3. **Determination.** To fully comply with E.O. 14275, OMB implementation guidance, and direction related to use of model deviations, and the model deviations for revised FAR Part 43, the Udall Foundation shall follow the RFO Part 43 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 43 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 43. The FAR Council’s RFO Part 43 model deviation text is available at Acquisition.gov, under the “FAR Overhaul” link. This deviation applies to all solicitations and new contracts as of the date of the Memorandum. This deviation does not apply to contracts signed and executed on or before the date of this Memorandum.
4. **Instructions.** The Udall Foundation acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 43 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 43 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 43. The Council’s RFO Part 43 model deviation text is available at Acquisition.gov, under the “FAR Overhaul” link, and is incorporated into this class deviation. A copy of this Class Deviation will be provided to the FAR Secretariat at gsaregsec@gsa.gov.
5. **Applicability.** This class deviation applies to all Udall Foundation procurements.
6. **Authority.** This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB Memo M-25-26, and 48 CFR 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.

Points of Contact. Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to the Udall Foundation General Counsel, Gwendolyn Franks, at franks@udall.gov.