



## **PROCUREMENT MEMORANDUM 2025-07**

### **ACTION**

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Senior Bureau Procurement Officials

**FROM:** Olivia J. Bradley  
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Director for Acquisition Management

**SUBJECT:** Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 1 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 May 2, 2025, the Council released deviated language for FAR Part 1.

In explaining the Federal Acquisition System, the FAR Part 1 deviation text establishes bedrock principles. Most centrally, it sets a "mission first" message at the top of the guiding principles. The FAR Part 1 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 FAR Part 1 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.

### **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 1 language and remove FAR provision 52.201-1.

### **Required Actions**

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

A. When issuing new solicitations or contracts, contracting officers shall not include the following provision:

- 52.201-1 Acquisition 360: Voluntary Survey
  - i. Any open solicitations that contain this provision shall be amended to remove the provision.

### **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