

# 1.401 Definition.

*Deviation* means any one or combination of the following:

- (a) The issuance or use of a policy, procedure, *solicitation* provision (see definition in [2.101](#)), *contract clause* (see definition in [2.101](#)), method, or practice of conducting *acquisition* actions of any kind at any stage of the *acquisition* process that is inconsistent with the FAR.
- (b) The omission of any *solicitation* provision or *contract clause* when its prescription requires its use.
- (c) The use of any *solicitation* provision or *contract clause* with modified or *alternate* language that is not authorized by the FAR (see definition of "modification" in [52.101\(a\)](#) and definition of "alternate" in [2.101](#)).
- (d) The use of a *solicitation* provision or *contract clause* prescribed by the FAR on a "*substantially as follows*" or "substantially the same as" basis (see definitions in [2.101](#) and [52.101\(a\)](#)), if such use is inconsistent with the intent, principle, or substance of the prescription or related coverage on the subject matter in the FAR.
- (e) The authorization of lesser or greater limitations on the use of any *solicitation* provision, *contract clause*, policy, or procedure prescribed by the FAR.
- (f) The issuance of policies or procedures that govern the *contracting* process or otherwise control *contracting* relationships that are not incorporated into agency *acquisition* regulations in accordance with [1.301\(a\)](#).

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 1.4 - Deviations from the FAR](#)