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## Acquisition Alert 26-11

**TO:** All Contracting Activities

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**SUBJECT:** Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 14 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

- 1. Introduction:** The purpose of this Acquisition Alert is to issue a FAR class deviation to part 14 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to that part.
- 2. Background:** On April 15, 2025, Executive Order (E.O.) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement 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."

The FAR is being updated to:

- Remove language that is not required by statute;
- Remove duplicative or outdated language;
- Clarify or provide plain language;
- Revise language for the new FAR framework; and
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB M-25-25, and 48 CFR 1.4.

### ***Deviation Summary***

FAR part 14, Sealed Bidding, is simplified and reorganized. Themes of the update for this part include:

- structural reorganization for logical flow reflecting the acquisition lifecycle
- streamlining through consolidation and plain language
- modernization for current practices

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 14 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 10 U.S.C. § 3201 and 41 U.S.C. § 3301, Full and Open Competition
- 10 U.S.C. § 3206 and 41 U.S.C. § 3306, Planning and Solicitation Requirements
- 10 U.S.C. § 3301 and 41 U.S.C. § 3701, Basis of Award and Rejection
- 10 U.S.C. § 3302 and 41 U.S.C. § 3702, Sealed Bids
- 10 U.S.C. § 3702 and 41 U.S.C. § 3502, Required Cost or Pricing Data and Certification
- 41 U.S.C. § 1708, Procurement Notice
- 41 U.S.C. § 2301, Use of Electronic Commerce in Federal Procurement

The following provisions and clauses are updated:

- 52.214-3 (Provision), Amendments to Invitations for Bids
- 52.214-5 (Provision), Submission of Bids
- 52.214-7 (Provision), Late submissions, modifications, and withdrawals of bids
- 52.214-23 (Provision), Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding
- 52.214-25 (Provision), Step Two of Two-Step Sealed Bidding
- 52.214-26 (Clause), Audit and Records—Sealed Bidding
- 52.214-28 (Clause), Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data—Modifications—Sealed Bidding

The following content was removed because the content was outdated, is covered in other parts of the FAR, or because it is expected to be moved to the FAR Companion:

- Section 14.105, Solicitations for informational or planning purposes
- Subsection 14.202-3, Bid envelopes
- Subsection 14.202-7, Facsimile Bids

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- Section 14.211, Release of Acquisition Information
- Subsection 14.408-7, Documentation of Award
- Subsection 14.408-8, Protests against Award
- Provision 52.214-31, Facsimile Bids

### *Corresponding DOSAR Deviation Summary*

Based on the Council's model deviated language, a class deviation is hereby issued to the Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR) to renumber and retitle sections of part 614 to align with the RFO part 14.

- 3. Acquisition Impact:** The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements issued on or after the effective date of the AA.
- 4. Action Required:** The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 14 model deviation text instead of FAR part 14 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.
  - a. For new solicitations or contracts, when using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RFO model deviation language at RFO FAR part 52. Do not include any of the removed provisions or clauses in future solicitations and contracts.
  - b. For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. Note that without some of the removed provisions or clauses, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.
- 5. Effective Date:** The model deviated language was released on September 25, 2025; however, this deviation will be effective on February 27, 2026.
- 6. Expiration Date:** This Acquisition Alert expires upon incorporation into the FAR, DOSAR, and/or DOSAM.
- 7. Additional Information:** Questions regarding this Acquisition Alert may be directed to [AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov](mailto:AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov).
- 8. Attachments:** [DOSAR Part 614 Deviation Line In Line Out Document](#)

**9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:**  
[FAR Part 14 Practitioner Album](#)