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Acquisition Alert 26-15

TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 23 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 23 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 23, Environment, Sustainable Acquisition, and Material Safety, has been renamed to Sustainable Acquisition, Material Safety, and Pollution Prevention. The part contains minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language and streamlining.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 23 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 7 U.S.C. § 8102, Biobased Markets Program
- 42 U.S.C. § 6361, Federal Energy Conservation Programs
- 42 U.S.C. § 6962, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976
- 42 U.S.C. § 8259b, Federal Procurement of Energy Efficient Products
- 42 U.S.C. §§ 7671 et seq, Stratospheric Ozone Protection
- 42 U.S.C. §§ 13101 et seq, Pollution Prevention Act of 1990

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 23 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Subpart 23.1, Sustainable Products, is updated to remove “and Services” from the subpart title.
 - Section 23.100, Scope of Part, is streamlined and removes content adequately covered in FAR part 12.
- Sections 23.102-23.104 streamline and consolidate former sections in this subpart.
 - 23.102, Policy, presents a clear mandate that agencies must procure sustainable products to the maximum extent practicable.
 - 23.103, Procedures, outlines three direct steps for the contracting officer when procuring sustainable products.
 - 23.104, Priorities, provides clear priorities for acquisition teams when procuring sustainable products.
- Section 23.106, Prohibitions, provides improved clarity to make it easier to understand what the contracting officer is prohibited from purchasing.

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 make the following corresponding changes:

- Adjusting terminology and section titles to mirror FAR part 23 changes; and
- Other administrative updates.

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- 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 23 model deviation text instead of FAR part 23 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.
- 5. Effective Date:** The model deviated language was released on September 30, 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.
- 8. Attachments:** [DOSAR Part 23 Deviation Line In Line Out](#)
- 9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:**
[FAR Part 23 Practitioner Album](#)