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TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 28 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 28 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to those parts. **The purpose of this amendment is to revise the effective date. Changes implemented as part of this amendment are outlined in red font.**

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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 more 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 28, Bonds and Insurance, has been retained with minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language. No changes were made to provisions or clauses.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 28 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 15 U.S.C. §§ 694a et seq, Surety Bond Guarantees
- 31 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq, Prompt Payment
- 31 U.S.C. §§ 9301 et seq, Sureties and Surety Bonds
- 40 U.S.C. §§ 3131 et seq, Bonds
- 42 U.S.C. §§ 1651 et seq, Defense Base Act
- Pub. L. 103-355 Sec 2091, Government-wide Application of Payment Protections for Subcontractors and Suppliers
- Pub. L. 114-92 Sec 874, Surety Bond Requirements and Amount of Guarantee

DOSAR Deviation Summary

DOSAR part 628 has been renumbered to align with the FAR deviation.

3. Acquisition Impact: The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements and contracting activities.

4. Action Required: The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 28 model deviation text instead of FAR part 28 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 28. 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: This Acquisition Alert is effective **January 30, 2026, or 30 days following the end of the current lapse in appropriations; whichever is later.** The model deviated language was released on August 28, 2025.

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 628 Line In Line Out](#)

9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates: [FAR Part 28 Practitioner Guide](#)