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TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 30 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 30 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to that part. **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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 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 30, Cost Accounting Standards Administration, has undergone a comprehensive revision that includes a complete structural reorganization to align with the acquisition lifecycle, eliminating obsolete requirements, and strategically consolidating policies. The new language includes the following:

- Subpart **30.1 - General** consolidates policies and references historically found in multiple sections (Cost Accounting Standards (CAS), CAS Rules and Regulations, and Cost Accounting Standards for Educational Institutions) into one section.
- References to sealed bidding and small business concerns moved from “scope” to “exemption.”
- Subparts **30.2 - Presolicitation**, **30.3 - Evaluation and Award**, and **30.4 - Postaward** have been created. These new subparts logically group CAS-related information to these respective parts of the acquisition lifecycle.
- When published, the FAR Companion Guide will provide best practice considerations for coordination with cognizant Federal agency officials, exemptions, and waivers.
- All clauses and provisions for this part have been retained. The following have been updated for plain language or streamlining purposes:
 - 52.230-1 Cost Accounting Standards Notices and Certifications, revised to remove Alternate I, which was only applicable to contracts with educational institutions issued prior to July 1, 1997
 - 52.230-2 Cost Accounting Standards
 - 52.230-3 Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices
 - 52.230-4 Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices – Foreign Concerns
 - 52.230-5 Cost Accounting Standards – Education Institution
 - 52.230-6 Administration of Cost Accounting Standards

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 30 model deviation include:

- 10 U.S.C. § 3702, Required Cost or Pricing Data and Certification
- 10 U.S.C. § 3761, Restructuring Costs
- 26 U.S.C. § 6621, Determination of Rate of Interest
- 41 U.S.C. §§ 1501 et seq, Cost Accounting Standards
- Pub. L. 100-679 Sec 5, Cost Accounting Standards Board

- Pub. L. 106-65 Sec 802, Streamlined Applicability of Cost Accounting Standards

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 30 include:

- The contact information for “Cost Accounting Standards Board Publication” (formerly at section 30.102) has been removed and now links directly to the Code of Federal Regulations.
- The prescription at former 30.201-3(b) has been removed as it applied only to awards contemplated to an educational institution prior to 1997.
- Instructions for COs to support the determination of a contract’s exemption from cost accounting standards has been moved from 30.202-7 (adequacy determinations) to the FAR Companion Guide.

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:

- Renumbering sections in DOSAR part 630 to mirror FAR part 30 numbering changes.
- Updating the terminology for the head of the agency to identify the Senior Procurement Executive.

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 30 model deviation text instead of FAR part 30 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

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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 August 28, 2025; however, this deviation is effective **January 30, 2026, or 30 days following the end of the current lapse in appropriations; whichever is later.**
- 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 630 Deviation Line In/Line Out Document](#)
- 9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:**
[FAR Part 30 Practitioner Album](#)