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Acquisition Alert 25-37-01

TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 38 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 38 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 38, Federal Supply Schedule Contracting, is removed in its entirety. Guidance and procedures for the Federal Supply Schedule program will be moved from FAR part 38 and subpart 8.4 to the General Services Acquisition Manual/Regulation (GSAM/R) part 538 Federal Supply Schedule Contracting. See AA 25-36 for information regarding the RFO deviation to FAR part 8.

- 3. Acquisition Impact:** The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements issued on or after the effective date of the AA. The DOSAR does not include a part correlating with FAR part 38 and therefore this deviation includes no changes to the DOSAR (see AA 25-36 for information regarding the RFO deviation to DOSAR part 608). COs are reminded to reference the GSAM/R part 538 for the Federal Supply Schedule.
- 4. Action Required:** The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 38 model deviation text instead of FAR part 38 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:** 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 15, 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:** None.
- 9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:** None.