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TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 5 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 5 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 5, Publicizing Contract Actions, has undergone a comprehensive revision that includes a structural reorganization to align with the acquisition lifecycle and eliminate outdated policies and requirements. The revision uses tables to present complex information to improve readability.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 5 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552, Public Information; Agency Rules, Opinions, Orders, Records, and Proceedings
- 15 U.S.C. § 637(e) and 41 U.S.C. § 1708, Procurement Notice
- 15 U.S.C. § 637(k), Notices of Subcontracting Opportunities
- 15 U.S.C. § 637b, Availability of Information
- 15 U.S.C. § 644, Awards or Contracts
- 44 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3703, Awarding of Contracts.
- Pub. L. 97-219, Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 5 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Most instances of the term “synopsis”
- Subpart 5.4 “Release of Information”
- Subpart 5.6 “Publicizing Multi-Agency Use Contracts,” which required agencies to enter information into a specific governmentwide database of contracts
- Subpart 5.7 “Publicizing Requirements Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)”

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:

- Removing Public Announcement under DOSAR 605.303 as the FAR no longer provides agency flexibility to determine a higher threshold. This change will result in public announcement being required for contracts over \$4.5M (the previous threshold was \$10M).

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- Removing section 605.4 because the underlying section no longer exists in the FAR.
- Adjusting section titles and numbering to match the FAR deviated language.
- Including other administrative updates.

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 5 model deviation text instead of FAR part 5 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.

As a result of this change, Contracting Officers must adhere to the requirement for Public Announcement in FAR 5.302 using the FAR threshold of \$4.5M, as the DOSAR will no longer provide a higher dollar threshold.

5. Effective Date: The model deviated language was released on August 7, 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 605 Deviation Line In/Line Out Document](#)

9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:
[FAR Part 5 Deviation Practitioner Guide](#)