



# Global Acquisitions

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## Acquisition Alert 26-22

**TO:** All Contracting Activities

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**SUBJECT:** Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 53 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 53 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 53, Forms, is streamlined. Rather than maintaining a list of forms within the part text, this part now directs users to a centralized website

(<https://acquisition.gov/FARforms>). This will allow forms to be updated outside of the FAR revision process. The clause 52.253-1, Computer Generated Forms, is retained and updated to remove a reference to FAR prescriptions.

***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 delete part 653 because forms are no longer prescribed and listed in FAR part 53.

**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 53 model deviation text instead of FAR part 53 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://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 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 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](mailto:AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov).

**8. Attachments:** [DOSAR Part 653 Deviation Line In Line Out](#)

**9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:**  
[FAR Part 53 Practitioner Album](#)