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TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 8 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 8 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language;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 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services, has undergone a comprehensive revision that includes a complete structural reorganization to align with the acquisition lifecycle, simplify mandatory source guidance, streamline requirements in the FAR, and make the use of “required use” contracts and Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA) identified by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) mandatory.

Examples of streamlined FAR requirements include consolidating definitions which are spread through part FAR Part 8 into a single definition section, and relocation of Use of Government Sources by Contractors from FAR Part 51 to new FAR Part 8.105. The revised text retains and streamlines requirements and procedures for Acquisition from Federal Prison Industries, Inc, AbilityOne Participating Nonprofit Agencies, and Acquisition of Government Printing and Related Supplies.

This Part now mandates that agencies use "required use" contracts or BPAs when a commercial product or commercial service meets the agency's need, unless the head of the contracting activity (HCA) provides an exception. If a "required use" contract or BPA is not suitable, agencies should consider using another existing governmentwide contract, BPA, or shared service.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 8 model deviation include:

- 10 U.S.C. § 3905, Products of Federal Prison Industries
- 18 U.S.C. § 4124, Purchase of Prison-Made Products by Federal Departments
- 40 U.S.C. § 501, Services for Executive Agencies
- 41 U.S.C. § 152(3), Competitive Procedures
- 41 U.S.C. § 3302, Requirements for Purchase of Property and Services Pursuant to Multiple Award Contracts
- 41 U.S.C. §§ 8501 et seq, Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled
- 44 U.S.C. §§ 501 et seq, Production and Procurement of Printing and Binding
- Pub. L. 108-136, Title XIV, Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 8 include:

- FAR 8.001 General, describing a requirement for IT acquisitions to comply with capital planning rules.
- Subpart 8.1 Excess Personal Property. The FAR now points the reader directly to the Federal Management Regulation (41 CFR 102-36) instead.
- Subpart 8.4 Federal Supply Schedules is retitled to “Ordering under the Federal Supply Schedule” and streamlined. Ordering procedures have been removed from the FAR and will be available in the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) and Manual (GSAM). The GSAR/GSAM deviation is available [here](#), and the actual ordering procedures are available [here](#).
- The following clauses have been removed in their entirety:
 - 52.208-4 Vehicle Lease Payments
 - 52.208-5 Condition of Leased Vehicles
 - 52.208-6 Marking of Leased Vehicles
 - 52.208-7 Tagging of Leased Vehicles

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 608 to mirror FAR part 8 numbering changes;
- Adjusting section titles to match the FAR deviated language; and
- 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 8 model deviation text instead of FAR part 8 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.

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- 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:** While 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 14, 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 Part 608 Deviation Line In/Line Out Document](#)
- 9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:** [FAR Part 8 Deviation Line Out Document](#)