



## OFFICE OF MISSION SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Interim Policy Notice (IPN) 25-41, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation, RFO-2025-53, for FAR Part 53 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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TO: EPA Acquisition Community

1. Purpose. This IPN approves a class deviation to the FAR for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 53.

2. Background. [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#) signed April 15, 2025, mandates a comprehensive review and simplification of the FAR.

The FAR is being updated to:

- Eliminate non-statutory language
- Remove redundant or obsolete language
- Enhance clarity through plain language
- Align with the new FAR framework
- Preserve essential governmentwide acquisition standards

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This initiative will make the FAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements.

3. Summary of Changes. FAR Part 53, Forms, has been streamlined and modernized. Most significantly, rather than maintaining a list of forms within the part text, it directs users to a centralized site (<https://acquisition.gov/FARforms>) as the authoritative repository for all acquisition related forms. As a result, this part no longer needs to be amended through the formal rulemaking process every time a form is updated, added, or removed. This drastically reduces the administrative burden on the FAR Council and increases the government's agility in managing its library of forms. The "Forms List" referenced in the new 53.101(b) now performs the prescriptive function previously handled throughout

this entire subpart, shifting the FAR's role from a static, self-contained text to a dynamic system that points to live, authoritative resources.

Readers should reference the table at <https://acquisition.gov/FARforms> to review retained forms and their citations for prescribed use throughout the FAR.

The clause 52.253-1, Computer Generated Forms, is retained and updated. The update deletes a reference to the FAR prescriptions, in paragraph (a).

This part does not directly implement any statutory requirements.

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 52.253-1, Computer Generated Forms</li></ul>
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deletes a reference to the FAR prescriptions, in paragraph (a).</li></ul>

\*This table is not an exhaustive list

4. Instructions. The EPA acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 53 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 53 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 53 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul) and is incorporated into this class deviation. At this time there is no impact EPA's Acquisition Policy (EPAAP), which is currently "Reserved". However, EPA forms located in the EPA Forms Toolkit and/or EPAAR 1553 Forms are being reconciled to ensure accuracy. Also,

- Do not include any of the removed provisions or clauses in future solicitations and contracts.
- For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. However, if removed provisions or clauses remain in the open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.

5. Applicability. This class deviation applies to all EPA procurements.

6. Authority. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, [OMB M-25-26](#), and 48 CFR 1.4 and RFO FAR 1.304.

7. Effective Date. This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

8. Points of Contact. Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to [OMS-ARM-OAS-AcquisitionPolicy@epa.gov](mailto:OMS-ARM-OAS-AcquisitionPolicy@epa.gov).