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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acquisition
Workforce

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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 8 in Support of
Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to
Federal Procurement

1. Purpose

This supplement provides updates and amendments to certain OPM implementing deviations.

2. Background

In accordance with [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), between May and September 2025, the FAR Council issued model deviation text by FAR part in support of the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This initiative is intended to make the FAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements.

In accordance with [OMB Memorandum M-25-26](#), OPM issued implementing class deviations following release of each RFO FAR part deviation text. More information about the purpose of the RFO initiative and background on individual model deviation language can be found in the original OPM implementing deviation for each part.

Subsequent review has identified the need to update and amend OPM's implementing deviations for RFO FAR parts 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 23. The specific changes and rationale are discussed below.

3. Summary of Supplement Updates

FAR Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services, is significantly updated. The model deviation language:

- Enhances usability by restructuring and organizing the part in the logical flow of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management’s acquisition lifecycle.
- Simplifies mandatory source guidance.
- Mandates “required use” contracts and prioritizes use of existing governmentwide contracts, BPAs, or shared services.
- Retains focus on the importance of the AbilityOne Program.

This revolutionary change also moves the procedures for ordering under the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) from the FAR into the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR). The new language represents a significant shift from the overly prescriptive framework found in FAR subpart 8.4. FSS ordering procedures have been revised to create a streamlined structure that provides only the essential requirements needed to place orders and establish blanket purchase agreements (BPAs) against FSS contracts. This streamlined structure enhances the speed of acquisition and empowers acquisition professionals to use innovative approaches to acquire products/services/solutions under the FSS program.

The following items are updated or retained:

- Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 8 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - o 10 U.S.C. § 3905, Products of Federal Prison Industries
 - o 18 U.S.C. § 4124, Purchase of Prison-Made Products by Federal Departments
 - o 40 U.S.C. § 501, Services for Executive Agencies
 - o 41 U.S.C. § 152(3), Competitive Procedures
 - o 41 U.S.C. § 3302, Requirements for Purchase of Property and Services Pursuant to Multiple Award Contracts
 - o 41 U.S.C. §§ 8501 et seq., Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled
 - o 44 U.S.C. §§ 8501 et seq., Production and Procurement of Printing and Binding
 - o Pub. L. 108-136, Title XIV, Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003
- The substance of the “Scope” in 8.000 is retained
- Many definitions, previously scattered across different subparts of part 8, are now consolidated at new section 8.001.
- Use of Mandatory Sources. The priorities and requirements for the use of mandatory sources are moved from 8.002 to new sections 8.102 and 8.103. Former section 8.003, “Use of Other Mandatory Sources,” is deleted, but its content is preserved and merged into the new section 8.101.

- Use of Existing Contracts. 8.104 replaces section 8.004, “Use of Other Sources.” Existing government-wide contract or BPA, designated as “required use” contracts by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, are now required to be used when a commercial product or commercial service meets an agency’s need, unless an exception is approved by the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA). If a “required use” contract is not suitable, agencies should consider use of an existing governmentwide contract, BPA, or shared service.
- Contractor permitted use of Government supply sources. This new content moves from FAR part 51 to the new section at 8.105. A new clause is prescribed in section 8.105-1 and discussed below.
- Contractor Use of GSA Fleet. Former subpart 8.11, “Leasing of Motor Vehicles,” is deleted but guidance for authorizing contractor use of GSA Fleet is preserved and moved to section 8.105-3.
- Ordering under the Federal Supply Schedule. This new subpart 8.4 directs agencies to follow the ordering procedures established by GSA found at General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) part 538.
- Requirements and procedures for Acquisition from Federal Prison Industries, Inc. are retained and streamlined. The content has been moved from subpart 8.6 to the new subpart 8.3.
- Requirements and procedures for Acquisition from AbilityOne Participating Nonprofit Agencies are retained and streamlined. The content has been moved from subpart 8.7 to the new subpart 8.2.
- Requirements and procedures for Acquisitions of Government Printing and Related Supplies are retained and streamlined. The content has been moved from subpart 8.8 to the new subpart 8.5.
- The following clauses are retained or relocated from other parts:
 - o Clause 52.208-9, Contractor Use of Mandatory Sources of Supply and Services, is streamlined.
 - The prescription is now at 8.105-1(b).
 - o Clause 52.208-10 Government Supply Sources (previously at 52.251-1)
 - The prescription is now at 8.105-2(c).
 - o Clause 52.208-11, GSA Fleet and Related Services (previously at 52.251-2)
 - The prescription is now at 8.105-3(c).
 - o 52.208-1 through 52.208-8 remain reserved.

The following items have been removed:

- Section 8.001, “General” is removed. It contained a general requirement for IT acquisitions to comply with capital planning rules. This information is not specific to the core purposes of part 8.

- Subpart 8.1, “Excess Personal Property” is removed. The new 8.103(a)(2) points readers to the authoritative Federal Management Regulation (41 C.F.R. 102-36) to avoid outdated information.
- Subpart 8.4, “Federal Supply Schedules” is retitled to “Ordering under the Federal Supply Schedule,” and streamlined with the majority of the content moving to GSAM/R 538.
- The following clauses associated with “Leasing of Motor Vehicles” are removed:
 - o 52.208-4, Vehicle Lease Payments
 - o 52.208-5, Condition of Leased Vehicles
 - o 52.208-6, Marking of Leased Vehicles
 - o 52.208-7, Tagging of Leased Vehicles

4. Applicability

This supplement to applicable class deviations applies to all OPM procurements.

5. Authority

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

6. Deviation

The OPM acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 8 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 8 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council’s RFO Part 8 model deviation text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part8>. The GSAR, referenced in the RFO Part 8 model deviation text, is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/fss-ordering-procedures>.

7. Effective Date

This supplement is effective consistent with the effective date of the respective applicable OPM implementing deviation (check Section 7 of the applicable OPM implementing deviation) and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR. All OPM implementing deviations can be found on [acquisition.gov](https://www.acquisition.gov).

8. Points of Contact

Try asking OPM first (upload the new RFO language and OPM’s implementing deviation, then ask your question). If you still need clarification, you may email the OPM Procurement Service Division Senior Procurement Executive at Senior_Procurement_Executive@opm.gov.