

**Class Deviation for Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 6 in accordance with Executive Order 14275, “Restoring Common Sense to the Federal Procurement” (2026-0005)**

- 1. Purpose:** To issue a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 6 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council’s model deviation text to FAR Part 6.
- 2. Effective Date:** Immediately.
- 3. Expiration Date:** Expires when the FAR Council’s model deviation text to FAR Part 6 is incorporated into the FAR or this class deviation is otherwise rescinded.
- 4. Background:** On April 15, 2025, the [Executive Order \(EO\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), was signed. Section 2 of the EO 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 more plain language
- Revise language for the new FAR framework
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

**5. Summary of Changes:** FAR Part 6, Competition Requirements, has been streamlined to ensure procedures that support full and open competition are easier to understand and apply. The prescriptions around socioeconomic concerns have been removed from FAR Part 6.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 6 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 41 U.S.C. § 1705, Advocates for Competition
- 41 U.S.C. § 3301 and 10 U.S.C. § 3201, Full and Open Competition
- 41 U.S.C. § 3303 and 10 U.S.C. § 32030, Exclusion of Particular Source or Restriction of Solicitation to Small Business Concerns
- 41 U.S.C. § 3304, Use of Noncompetitive Procedures
- 10 U.S.C. § 3204, Use of Procedures Other than Competitive Procedures
- 15 U.S.C. Chapter 14A, Aid to Small Business
- 42 U.S.C. § 5150, Major Disaster and Emergency Assistance, Use of Local Firms and Individuals

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<p><b>Retained</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FAR part 6 continues to apply to all acquisitions, with limited exceptions for specific contracts and orders.</li> <li>● <b>Advocates for Competition</b>, previously at subpart 6.5, has been moved to section 6.003. Details about the role and responsibilities have been streamlined.</li> <li>● Guidance pertaining to <b>Sealed Bidding</b> has been streamlined and moved from subpart 6.4 to section 6.101.</li> <li>● Authorities for <b>other than full and open competition</b>, including <b>only one responsible source</b>, remain.</li> <li>● Contracting officers retain discretion to <b>set aside acquisitions</b> for <b>small business</b> concerns, including contract actions conducted under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs, and local firms during a major disaster or emergency.</li> <li>● <b>Justification and approval</b> requirements to support noncompetitive procedures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These requirements have been significantly streamlined.</li> <li>○ The revised language highlights that contracting officers require support from the broader acquisition team when making decisions regarding competition.</li> <li>○ The approval levels are now reflected in a plain language table format.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Removed</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unnecessary or redundant language was removed throughout. Examples include- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The word “<b>advance</b>” was removed from the phrase, “A lack of advance planning by the requiring activity.” The language now reads, “A lack of planning by the requiring activity.” This <b>avoids ambiguity</b> surrounding the meaning of “advance” planning.</li> <li>○ <b>The list of</b> specific small business socioeconomic categories was removed and replaced with a reference to part 19.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Illustrative examples of when to use certain exceptions to full and open competition have been removed and may be moved to nonregulatory content.</li> </ul>

This table is not an exhaustive list.

**6. Required Action:** The CFPB acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 6 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 6 as codified at 48 CFR chapter 1. The Council’s RFO part 6 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation. The CFPB acquisition workforce shall also use the definitions (Part 2 – Definitions of Words and Terms) found on [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul).

Review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

**7. Applicability:** This class deviation applies to all CFPB procurements.

**8. Authority:** This deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order 14275, OMB Memo M-25-26, 48 CFR 1.4 and RFO FAR 1.304.

**9. Point of Contact:** If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa del Toro, Supervisory Contracting Officer, at [vanessa.deltoro@cfpb.gov](mailto:vanessa.deltoro@cfpb.gov).

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