

Department of the Interior Acquisition, Arts, and Asset Policy (DOI-AAAP)

Title	Class Deviation – FAR Part 6, Competition Requirements
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Version Number	1
Function(s)	Acquisition
Point of Contact	PAM_Policy@ios.doi.gov
Source of this Requirement	Executive Order (EO) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memo M-25-26, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation
Regulatory Reference	FAR Part 6, DIAR Part 1406

Purpose:

To issue a class deviation to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation (DIAR) for the Department of the Interior (DOI) to follow FAR part 6, Competition Requirements, as revised under the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) and in accordance with [Executive Order \(EO\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), and [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memo M-25-26, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation](#).

Scope:

This policy applies to DOI procurements subject to the FAR.

Effective date:

10/01/2025

This policy will remain in effect until the FAR is amended or the policy is otherwise rescinded.

Background:

Issued April 15, 2025, [EO 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), directed the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) to amend the FAR to ensure that it contains only provisions that are required by statute or that are otherwise necessary to support simplicity and usability, strengthen the efficacy of the procurement system, or protect economic or national security interests.

This effort has been designated the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) and is further outlined in [OMB Memo M-25-26, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation](#). The RFO includes the issuance of revised streamlined FAR parts and a FAR Companion Guide, which collectively will be known as the Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG). Additional materials, such as Practitioner Albums (for which continuous learning points may be earned) and a Category Buying Guide, will be issued as part of the RFO.

The revised streamlined FAR parts will be implemented by issuing model deviation guidance by FAR part on a rolling basis. As these FAR parts are issued, agencies are encouraged to issue class deviations to implement the drafted versions within 30 days. While these revised FAR parts are in effect by class deviation, feedback will be solicited and considered in the rulemaking process to finalize the revisions as regulation.

The official page for RFO is: <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul>

DOI is issuing class deviations to implement the revised FAR parts on a rolling basis as they are released by OFPP and the FAR Council. These class deviations will be issued by DOI Acquisition, Arts, and Asset Policies (AAAPs), using a distinct numbering to identify them as RFO class deviations: DOI-AAAP-F0[FAR part].

FAR Part 6 RFO Key Changes:

- The list of specific small business socioeconomic categories was removed and replaced with a reference to FAR Part 19.
- The required approval authorities for justifications for other than full and open competition are now provided in a table.
- Removes specificity as to the role of competition advocates and the delineation of their responsibilities as these are defined by 41 U.S.C. 1705.
- Highlights that contracting officers require support from the broader acquisition team when making decisions regarding competition.

DIAR Part 1406 RFO Key Changes:

- With the emphasis on competition decisions being a responsibility of the acquisition team, removed the specific written documentation requirements of the office initiating an acquisition.
- Updates citations and removes unnecessary content.

Action:

The DOI acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 6 model deviation text instead of FAR part 6 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR 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 DOI acquisition workforce shall follow the DIAR text attached, Attachment 1 – RFO Class Deviation for DIAR part 1406, instead of part 1406 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 14.

As regulations, the FAR and DIAR, including the deviated versions implemented by this class deviation, supersedes any Departmental policy or guidance, such as DOI-AAAPs. Where there is a direct conflict between Department-issued policy or guidance, the FAR or DIAR shall take precedence. Please review the [RFO site on the DOI Acquisition Toolkit](#) and use the DOI feedback tool to help report discrepancies.

References:

- [Executive Order \(EO\) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#)
- [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memo M-25-26, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation](#)
- [acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](#)
- [DOI Acquisition Toolkit RFO Site](#)

Attachments:

[Attachment 1 – RFO Class Deviation for DIAR Part 1406](#)

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