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MEMORANDUM FOR GSA CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES

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SUBJECT: Supplement to the FAR Class Deviations for FAR Parts 9 and 42 in support of the Integrity and Performance Records transition to SAM.gov.

1. Purpose. This supplement approves changes to the Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Overhaul (RFO) class deviations to FAR parts 9 and 42 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's updates to the model deviations to address the integrity and performance records transition from CPARS to SAM.gov.

2. Background.

- On September 26, 2025, GSA issued RFO-2025-09 and RFO-2025-42, approving class deviations to FAR parts 9 and 42 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation text for these FAR parts. These deviations became effective November 3, 2025.

- As part of the System for Award Management (SAM) modernization, integrity record capabilities will be transitioning from Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting (CPARS) to SAM.gov on November 17, 2026 (see https://sam.gov/cpars).

- This supplement adopts the FAR Council's updated model deviation text to support this transition.

3. Summary of Changes.

- Part 9:
  - References to the performance and integrity information available in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) module of CPARS have been changed to reflect Responsibility/Qualification (R/Q) records in SAM.
  - References to CPARS and FAPIIS have been updated to reflect the applicable sections/segments of SAM.gov Workspace, as appropriate.
  - FAR provision 52.209-7, Information Regarding Responsibility Matters, and clause 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters, are updated to reflect these changes.

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- Part 42:
  - References to the FAPIIS module of CPARS have been changed to reflect the R/Q section of SAM.
  - The agency's role in managing users is updated to reflect the process for integrity records in SAM.

- The FAR Council's updated model deviation text for FAR parts 9 and 42 has been updated and is available at Acquisition.gov, under the "FAR Overhaul" link, and is incorporated into this class deviation.

4. Instructions.

- The GSA acquisition workforce must follow the FAR council's updated model deviation text for FAR parts 9 and 42.

- For new solicitations or contracts, when using the revised FAR provision or clause (e.g., 52.209-7, Information Regarding Responsibility Matters, or 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters), utilize the updated RFO model deviation text language at RFO FAR part 52.

- For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to amend the provision or clause in the solicitation or contract.

- Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

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

6. 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.

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

8. Points of Contact. Try asking USAi chat first (upload the new RFO language and GSA's implementing deviation, then ask your question). If you still need clarification, you may email the GSA Acquisition Policy Division at GSARPolicy@gsa.gov.

9. Note: See the RFO Practitioner Album for parts 9 and 42 for additional resources.

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SUBJECT: Supplement to the FAR Class Deviations for FAR Parts 9, 12, and 22 in Support of Executive Order 14398, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors.

1. Purpose. This supplement approves changes to the Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation Overhaul (RFO) class deviations to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) parts 9, 12, 22, and 52 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's updates to the model deviations to address the language described in Executive Order (E.O.) 14398.

2. Background.

- On September 26, 2025, GSA issued RFO-2025-09, RFO-2025-12, and RFO-2025-22, approving a class deviation to FAR parts 9, 12, and 22 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation text for these FAR parts. These deviations became effective November 3, 2025.
- E.O. 14398 was issued on March 26, 2026, establishing that agencies should not do business with contractors that engage in any racially discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) activities.
- In accordance with Section 5 of E.O. 14398, the FAR Council is issuing a deviation to update the model deviation text for these parts.

3. Summary of Changes.

- Part 9 - References the new clause and makes clear that failure to comply with the clause may result in debarment or suspension.
- Part 12 - Prescribes the new clause for commercial acquisition.
- Part 22 - Establishes the new policy and prescribes the new clause.
- Part 52 - Creates the new clause 52.222-90, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (APR 2026), and adds this clause to the table of clauses required to be flowed down to subcontracts for commercial products or commercial services in clause 52.244-6 (APR 2026).

4. Instructions.

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- The GSA acquisition workforce must follow the new model deviation text.

- For new solicitations and resulting contracts
    - **Beginning April 27, 2026**, amend open solicitations other than GSA government-wide contracts (FSS, GWACs, other GSA managed multi-agency contracts), and insert the clause at FAR 52.222-90, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (APR 2026) in new solicitations and resulting contracts valued over the micro-purchase threshold, including those for commercial products and commercial services, except those that result in contracts for which the place of delivery or performance is outside the United States. In accordance with FAR 1.107(d), amend any open solicitations to incorporate the clause.

    - The solicitations for GSA government-wide contracts (FSS, GWACs, other GSA managed multi-agency contracts) must be updated in time to modify the contracts before July 24, 2026. New GSA government-wide contracts (FSS, GWACs, other GSA managed multi-agency contracts) awarded between April 27 and the refresh will be modified through a mass modification.

    - It is not necessary to include the clause in new orders under existing GSA government-wide contracts (FSS, GWACs, other GSA managed multi-agency contracts). The instructions regarding these contracts and orders thereunder are described below.

- For existing contracts
    - In accordance with FAR 1.107(d)(GSA deviation RFO-2025-01, May 2, 2025), contracting officers **must make every effort to bilaterally modify existing contracts by July 24, 2026**. If a contractor refuses to agree to a bilateral modification, the contracting officer should consider whether, absent the modification, the contract no longer meets the agency's needs and should therefore be terminated for convenience.

    - Insert the clause at FAR 52.222-90, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (APR 2026), in all existing contracts (i.e., definitive contracts and indefinite-delivery contracts) valued over the micro-purchase threshold, including those for commercial products and commercial services, except those for which the place of delivery or performance is outside the United States.

    - Existing orders under GSA government-wide contracts (FSS, GWACs, other GSA managed multi-agency contracts) do not need to be modified; the master contract's modification covers the orders. Modifications made to GSA master contracts must state explicitly that the modification applies to both existing and future orders.

    - Modification of contracts with a final expiration no later than December 31, 2026 is at contracting officer discretion.

- Utilize the RFO model deviation language at RFO FAR part 52.

- Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

5. FAR 52.222-90 Information Collection. The FAR Council is seeking clearance from OMB for information collections related to the FAR clause 52.222-90. The clearance will provide coverage for all agencies using the clause. The clause requires that contractors must—

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- Furnish all information and reports, including providing access to books, records, and accounts, as required by the contracting officer, for purposes of ascertaining compliance with the clause (FAR 52.222-90(b)(2));

- Report any subcontractor's known or reasonably knowable conduct that may violate the clause to the contracting officer and take any appropriate remedial actions directed by the contracting officer (FAR 52.222-90(b)(4)); and

- Inform the contracting officer if a subcontractor sues the contractor and the suit puts at issue, in any way, the validity of the clause (FAR 52.222-90(b)(5)).

Until clearance is received, you may still enforce the requirement for contractors to submit existing records regarding compliance with the requirements of the clause in connection with individual investigations, such as records that may be requested by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Department of Justice as part of an investigation of an alleged violation of the clause.

You should further expect that contractors will alert the appropriate contracting officer of potential violations of the clause or lawsuits relating to the clause.

Once clearance is received, OGP will communicate to the workforce that you can begin to enforce full compliance with FAR clause 52.222-90 requirements.

6. Applicability. This class deviation applies to all GSA FAR based contracts. For all non-FAR based-contracts like procurements including leases of real property, concession contracts, outleases, and child care agreements, see GSA Acquisition Letter MV-2026-02.

7. Authority. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14398, E.O. 14275, OMB Memo M-25-26, 48 CFR 1.4, and RFO FAR 1.304.

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

9. Points of Contact. If you need clarification, you may email the GSA Acquisition Policy Division at GSARPolicy@gsa.gov.

10. Attachment. See Attachment A - EO 14398 Amended FAR Text

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Executive Order 14398, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors, of March 26, 2026

Baseline is the Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation Overhaul as posted in Acquisition.gov on April 1, 2026.

Changes made in the proposed rule are shown by **[additions]** and ~~deletions~~.

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PART 9—CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Subpart 9.4 - Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility

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9.406 Debarment.

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9.406-2 Causes for debarment.

The suspending and debarring official may debar-

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(b)(1) * * *

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[(viii) Failure to comply with the requirements of clause 52.222-90, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors.]

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9.407 Suspension.

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9.407-2 Causes for suspension.

(a) The suspending and debarring official may suspend a contractor suspected, upon adequate evidence, of—

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[(11) Failure to comply with the requirements of clause 52.222-90, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors.]

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PART 12—ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

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Subpart 12.2 - Solicitation, Evaluation, and Award

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12.205 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

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Table 12-3 — Clauses to include as prescribed.

Number	Title	Source
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[52.222-90	**Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors**	**EO]**
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PART 22—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS

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[Subpart 22.22—Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors

22.2200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures to implement Executive Order (E.O.) 14398, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors,(91 FR 16147, March 31, 2026).

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22.2201 Definitions.

As used in this subpart-

Program participation **means membership or participation in, or access or admission to: training, mentoring, or leadership development programs; educational opportunities; clubs; associations; or similar opportunities that are sponsored or established by the contractor or subcontractor.**

Racially discriminatory DEI activities **means disparate treatment based on race or ethnicity in the recruitment, employment (e.g., hiring, promotions), contracting (e.g., vendor agreements), program participation, or allocation or deployment of an entity's resources.**

22.2202 Policy.

Executive Order 14398 requires measures to prevent contractors from engaging in any racially discriminatory DEI activities.

22.2203 Contract clause.

Insert the clause at 52.222-90, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors, in solicitations and contracts, including those for commercial products and commercial services, except those that result in contracts for which the place of delivery or performance is outside the United States.]

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PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

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Subpart 52.2—Text of Provisions and Clauses

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[52.222-90 Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors

As prescribed in 22.2203, insert the following clause:

ADDRESSING DEI DISCRIMINATION BY FEDERAL CONTRACTORS (APR 2026)

(a) ***Definitions.*** **As used in this clause—**

Program participation **means membership or participation in, or access or admission to: training, mentoring, or leadership**

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development programs; educational opportunities; clubs; associations; or similar opportunities that are sponsored or established by the contractor or subcontractor.

Racially discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) activities **means disparate treatment based on race or ethnicity in the recruitment, employment (e.g., hiring, promotions), contracting (e.g., vendor agreements), program participation, or allocation or deployment of an entity's resources.**

(b) In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The Contractor will not engage in any racially discriminatory DEI activities;

(2) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports, including providing access to books, records, and accounts, as required by the Contracting Officer, for purposes of ascertaining compliance with this clause;

(3) In the event of the Contractor's or a subcontractor's noncompliance with this clause, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor or subcontractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts;

(4) The Contractor will report any subcontractor's known or reasonably knowable conduct that may violate this clause to the Contracting Officer and take any appropriate remedial actions directed by the Contracting Officer; and

(5) The Contractor will inform the Contracting Officer if a subcontractor sues the Contractor and the suit puts at issue, in any way, the validity of this clause.

(6) The Contractor recognizes that compliance with the requirements of this clause are material to the Government's payment decisions for purposes of 31 U.S.C. 3729(b)(4).

(c) The Contractor must include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in subcontracts at any tier, including those for commercial products and commercial services, except those where the place of delivery or performance is outside the United States.

(End of clause)]

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52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services.

As prescribed in 44.403, insert the following clause:

Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (**[DEVIATION APR 2026]**)

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(b)(2) * * *

Number	**Title**	**Date**
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[52.222-90	**Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors**	**APR 2026]**
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MEMORANDUM FOR GSA CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES

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SUBJECT: Supplement to Certain GSA Implementing Deviations in Support of Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. Purpose. This supplement provides updates and amendments to certain GSA 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, GSA 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 GSA implementing deviation for each part.

Subsequent review has identified the need to update and amend GSA'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

RFO FAR parts 5, 12, 13, and 23	
Background	RFO FAR parts 5, 12, 13, and 23 included corresponding definition updates to part 2, but the implementing GSA deviations did not provide instructions to the workforce on how to use the revised part 2 definitions in concert with existing definitions in part 2.
Supplement Update	In GSA's class deviations implementing RFO FAR parts 5, 12, 13, and 23, section 4, "Instructions", is updated to add the following bullet: • The GSA acquisition workforce must use the definitions (Part 2 - Definitions of Words and Terms) found on Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul. The remainder of the deviation is unchanged.

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RFO FAR part 8	
Background	The FAR Council initially released the RFO FAR part 8 model deviation text on August 14, which required use of Office of Federal Property Policy best-in-class (BIC) contracts. On August 29, OFPP updated the model deviation text to reference "required use" contracts at 8.104 instead of BIC contracts. It is understood that OFPP will be establishing a new class of "required use" contracts (and associated criteria) that will be separate from BIC contracts. "Required use" contracts will be mandatory. BICs may be prioritized, but are not mandatory. GSA's class deviation implementing RFO FAR part 8 is amended as follows, to reflect the updated RFO FAR part 8 model deviation text:
Supplement Update 1	Section 3, "Summary of Changes", is updated as follows: 3. Summary of Changes. 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 acquisition lifecycle. ● Simplifies mandatory source guidance. ● ~~Makes the use of Governmentwide Best-In-Class (BIC) contracts mandatory~~**[Makes the use of OFPP-designated "Required Use" contracts mandatory]**. ● Retains focus on the importance of the AbilityOne Program.
Supplement Update 2	The fourth bullet in the "Retained" section of the table in Section 3, "Summary of Changes", is updated as follows: ● Use of Existing Contracts. 8.104 replaces section 8.004, "Use of Other Sources". ~~Best-in-class (BIC)~~**[OFPP-designated "Required Use"]** contracts or BPAs are now ~~required~~**[mandatory]** ~~to be used~~ when a commercial product or commercial service meets an agency's need, unless approved by the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA). If a ~~BIC~~**["required use" contract]** is not suitable, agencies should consider use of an existing governmentwide contract, BPA, or shared service.
Miscellaneous	● OFPP is expected to provide more information about "required use" contracts in the future.

RFO FAR part 9	
Background	The GSA implementing deviation stated that all existing provisions and clauses are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no

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	changes to the text. The implementing class deviation is amended as follows to highlight that some provisions and clauses were updated.
Supplement Update 1	The third bullet in the "Retained" section of the table in Section 3, "Summary of Changes", is updated as follows: **From**: All existing provisions and clauses are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no changes to the text. **To**: The following provision and clause are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no changes to the text: ● 52.209-8 remains reserved ● 52.509-12 (Provision), Certification Regarding Tax Matters ● 52.209-14 (Clause), Reserve Officer Training Corps and Military Recruiting on Campus
Supplement Update 2	A new section titled "Updated" is added to the table in Section 3, "Summary of Changes". The following bullet is added: ● The following provisions and clauses have been updated to reflect plain language, update cross-references, or to correspond with updates made within the part: ○ 52.209-1 (Clause), Qualification Requirements ○ 52.209-2 (Provision), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations-Representation ○ 52.209-3 (Clause), First Article Approval-Contractor Testing ■ Note - The Alternates are not updated ○ 52.209-4 (Clause), First Article Approval-Government Testing ■ Note - The Alternates are not updated ○ 52.209-5 (Provision), Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters ○ 52.209-6 (Clause), Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, Proposed for Debarment, or Voluntarily Excluded ○ 52.209-7 (Provision) Information Regarding Responsibility Matters ○ 52.209-9 (Clause), Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters ○ 52.209-10 (Clause), Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations ○ 52.209-11 (Provision), Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law ○ 52.209-13 (Provision) Violation of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements-Certification
Supplement Update 3	Section 4, "Instructions", is updated to add the following bullets:

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	• 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. • 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. All other bullets in Section 4, "Instructions" are unchanged.
Miscellaneous	• For ease of reference, GSA's Office of Acquisition Policy has created a helpful tool to easily find and sort provision and clauses changes: RFO Part 52 P&C Table.

4. Applicability. This supplement to applicable class deviations applies to all GSA 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. Effective Date. This supplement is effective consistent with the effective date of the respective applicable GSA implementing deviation (check Section 7 of the applicable GSA implementing deviation) and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR. All GSA implementing deviations can be found on acquisition.gov.

7. Points of Contact. Try asking GSAi first (upload the new RFO language and GSA's implementing deviation, then ask your question). If you still need clarification, you may email the GSA Acquisition Policy Division at GSARPolicy@gsa.gov.

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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 9 in Support of Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. Purpose. This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 9 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 9.

2. Background. Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, *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 9 - largely based in statute - establishes the standards and procedures for determining contractor responsibility and eligibility for federal contracts, ensuring that only qualified, reliable contractors receive government awards. It protects the government's interests by requiring contractors to demonstrate they have adequate financial resources, technical capability, integrity, and past performance to successfully fulfill contract requirements.

Statutory requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR part 9 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 6 U.S.C. § 395, Prohibition on Contracts with Corporate Expatriates
- 10 U.S.C. § 3206 and 41 U.S.C. § 3306, Planning and Solicitation Requirements
- 10 U.S.C. § 3243 and 41 U.S.C. § 3311, Qualification Requirements
- 22 U.S.C. § 2593e, Measures Against Activities that Violate Arms Control Treaties
- 41 U.S.C. § 113, Responsible Source
- 41 U.S.C. § 2303, Ethics Safeguards Related to Contractor Conflicts of Interest
- 41 U.S.C. § 2304, Conflict of Interest Standards for Consultants
- 41 U.S.C. § 2313, Database for Suspension and Debarment Officials
- Pub. L. 103-355 Sec 2455, Uniform Suspension and Debarment

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- Pub. L. 111-84 Sec 815, Clarification of Uniform Suspension and Debarment Requirement
- Pub. L. 117-324, Preventing Organization Conflicts of Interest in Federal Acquisition
- E.O. 12549 and E.O. 12689, Debarment and Suspension

Change	Description
Retained	• Subparts **9.1, 9.2, and 9.3** are significantly streamlined with some shifting and reorganizing of sections and subsections throughout. • Subparts 9.4 "**Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility**", and 9.5 "**Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest**", are retained and updated with plain language edits. • All **existing provisions and clauses** are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no changes to the text.
Removed	• Section 9.000 "**Scope of Part**", has been removed as the language was duplicative. • The definition of "**Surveying activity**" has been removed from section 9.101, "Definitions". • Section 9.104-2 "**Special Standards**", has been removed and may be moved to non-regulatory content. • Section 9.106 "**Preaward Surveys**", has been removed and may be moved to non-regulatory content. This includes the reference to utilizing the Standard Form 1403, *Preaward Survey of Prospective Contractor (General)*. • Section 9.107 "**Surveys of Nonprofit Agencies Participating in the AbilityOne Program**" has been removed. The AbilityOne Program is covered in part 8 and nuances of pre-award surveys relevant to the AbilityOne Program are now covered in non-regulatory content. • Subpart 9.6 "**Contractor Team Arrangements**", has been removed and may be moved to non-regulatory content. • Subpart 9.7 "**Defense Production Pools and Research and Development Pools**", has been removed and may be moved to non-regulatory content.

This table is not an exhaustive list.

4. Instructions.

- The GSA acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 9 instead of FAR part 9 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 9 model deviation text is available at Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul, and is incorporated into this class deviation.

- Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

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

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