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CLASS DEVIATION FROM FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) PART 13 AND NASA FAR SUPPLEMENT (NFS) PART 1813 TO IMPLEMENT THE REVOLUTIONARY FAR OVERHAUL (NASA Case 2025-N042)

PURPOSE: To provide a Class Deviation from the FAR to implement the FAR Council's model deviation text to FAR part 13, Simplified Procedures for Noncommercial Acquisitions, and deviation to NFS 1813.

BACKGROUND: On April 15, 2025, the Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, "[Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#)" was signed. Section 2 of the E.O. 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." To implement E.O. 14275, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) is leading the **Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO)** initiative. This effort is supported by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (the Council) member agencies— General Services Administration, Department of War, NASA, along with other agencies. In line with the E.O., the initiative aims to eliminate unnecessary regulations and policies across all levels of the federal government.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum, M-25-26 issued on May 2, 2025, titled, Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation, provided additional guidance to federal agencies regarding the FAR overhaul.

FAR Streamlining. As part of the RFO, the FAR will be streamlined to include only statutory requirements, while non-statutory content will move to new buying guides, collectively forming the Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG). The Council will first issue model deviation guidance by FAR part, followed by formal rulemaking through the notice-and-comment process. Agencies will have 30 days to issue class deviations based on the model text once it is released.

Streamlining Agency Acquisition Supplements. Agencies must streamline their FAR supplements by removing regulations not based on statute or executive orders and aligning with the FAR Council's deviation guidance. Supporting policies must also be updated to

reflect these changes. This approach ensures the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) remains consistent with the streamlined FAR.

FAR Buying Guides and NFS Companion Guide (CG) (coming soon). As the FAR and the NFS are streamlined, helpful non-regulatory content will be moved to new FAR Buying Guides and NFS CG. These guides are intended to offer practical instructions and best practices for implementing effective contracting methods.

RFO part 13, Simplified Procedures for Noncommercial Acquisitions, is one of several model deviations released by the FAR Council. RFO part 13 has been streamlined to focus on simplified procedures for the acquisition of non-commercial products and services valued at or below the simplified acquisition threshold. Burdensome, duplicative, or outdated language and language not required by statute have been removed from FAR part 13. This plain language version of FAR part 13 must be adhered to.

To align with the RFO FAR part 13, the NFS 1813, Simplified Procedures for Noncommercial Acquisitions, is revised to remove non-statutory and outdated language. This deviation implements the revised RFO part 13 and NFS part 1813.

GUIDANCE:

(1) Contracting officers must follow the RFO part 13 deviated text instead of FAR part 13 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 13. The FAR Council's RFO text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-13>.

(2) COs must also follow the NFS part 1813 deviated text enclosed within this deviation.

ACTION REQUIRED BY CONTRACTING OFFICERS: Effective immediately, ensure that new contract actions issued on or after the effective date complies with the policy in the PCD.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This PCD is effective as dated and shall remain in effect until implemented in the FAR and NFS or otherwise rescinded.

PROVISION AND CLAUSE CHANGES: This deviation renders the part's former title, Simplified Acquisition Procedures, FAR 52.213-1, Fast Payment Procedure, 52.213-2, Invoices, and 52.213-3, Notice to Supplier, obsolete.

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Enclosure

Changes in the NFS Deviation text below are identified as follows:
Deletions shown as ~~strike-throughs~~; and additions shown as **[bold and brackets]**

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~~1813.003 Policy.~~

~~(g) Acquisitions under these simplified acquisition procedures shall be firm fixed price, except as provided under the unpriced purchase order method in FAR 13.302-2.~~

~~Subpart 1813.1—Procedures~~

~~1813.106 Soliciting competition, evaluation of quotations or offers, award and documentation.~~

~~1813.106-3 [203] Award and documentation.~~

~~(b)(3)(ii) For purchases up to \$50,000, documentation shall be limited to a brief notation in the file indicating the rationale for selecting other than the lowest priced offer.~~

Subpart 1813.3—Simplified Acquisition Methods

1813.301—Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

~~(a) The Governmentwide commercial purchase card is authorized for use in making and/or paying for purchases of supplies and services. The NASA purchase card shall be used for micro purchase threshold transactions, and for other eligible purchases, to the maximum extent practicable. (See FAR Part 2 for the current micro purchase threshold.)~~

~~(b)(1) For purchases above the micro purchase threshold, purchase cards may be used by cardholders, with the appropriate delegation of procurement authority, to make payments against contracts, purchase orders, or orders under blanket purchasing agreements (BPA). (See 1813.303-3(a)(4) for guidance on the use of purchase card for placing individual orders under blanket purchase agreements.) The NASA purchase cards may be used as a payment mechanism up to the simplified acquisition threshold on established orders or contracts.~~

~~(2) Use of the NASA purchase card on orders above the micro purchase threshold does not relieve the cardholder from complying with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, soliciting competitive quotations, verifying price reasonableness, reserving for small businesses, including the appropriate terms and conditions, and reporting to the Federal Procurement Data System Next Generation (FPDS-NG).~~

~~(c) NASA Policy Directive (NPD) 5104.1, Government Charge Cards, establishes policy, responsibilities and appropriate safeguards and internal controls for the management, use and continuous evaluation of NASA charge cards, which include travel, purchase, fleet charge cards, and the Department of Defense (DoD) Aviation Into-plan Reimbursement (AIR) Card program and the Ships Easy Acquisition (SEA) Card program. The NPD also implements the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-123, Appendix B, and consolidates other charge card requirements issued by OMB, the General Services Administration (GSA), the Department of Treasury, DoD, and other Federal agencies.~~

~~(d) The Senior Procurement Executive—~~

~~(1) Serves as NASA's lead for maintaining Agency-wide policy and regulations pertaining to the NASA purchase card program, as carried out by the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC); and~~

~~(2) Conducts procurement management surveys within the Agency, including review of purchase card process controls to ensure that they are designed appropriately and operate effectively to safeguard against fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.~~

~~(e) The Executive Director of the NSSC oversees the—~~

~~(1) Implementation, use and management of the NASA purchase card program; and~~

~~(2) Activities of the Agency Program Coordinator for the NASA purchase card program and the contracting officer for the Agency's charge card contract with GSA.~~

~~(f) The Agency Program Coordinator, located at the NSSC, serves as the Agency's lead and subject matter expert for the management of the NASA purchase card program.~~

~~(g) The *NASA Purchase Card Procedures and Instructions* contains specific policy, procedures and instructions pertaining to the use of the NASA purchase card and is located, along with other guidance, on the NASA purchase card website at:~~

~~<https://www.nssc.nasa.gov/purchasecard>. NASA purchase cardholders shall follow the policy and procedures outlined in NPD 5104.1 and the NASA Purchase Card Procedures and Instructions.~~

~~1813.301-70 Convenience checks.~~

~~The NASA Purchase Card Procedures and Instructions contains specific policy, procedures and instructions pertaining to the use of convenience checks, which is located on the [NASA purchase card website](#). NASA purchase cardholders shall follow the policy and procedures set forth in the NASA Purchase Card Procedures and Instructions.~~

~~1813.302 Purchase orders.~~

~~1813.302-1 General.~~

~~(a) See 1813.003(g).~~

~~1813.302-570 NASA solicitation provisions.~~

~~(a)(1) The contracting officer may use the provision at [1852.213-70](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications—Other Than Commercial Products and Services, in simplified acquisitions exceeding the micro-purchase threshold that are for other than commercial products and commercial services. This provision shall not be used for acquisition of commercial products and services as defined in FAR 2.101.~~

~~(2) This provision provides a single, consolidated list of certifications and representations for the acquisition of other than commercial products and commercial services using simplified acquisition procedures and is attached to the solicitation for offerors to complete and return with their offer.~~

~~(i) Use the provision with its Alternate I in solicitations for acquisitions that are for, or specify the use of recovered materials (see FAR 23.4).~~

~~(ii) Use the provision with its Alternate II in solicitations for the acquisition of research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher education institutions (see FAR 26.3).~~

~~(iii) Use the provision with its Alternate III in solicitation which include the clause at FAR 52.227-14, Rights in Data—General (see FAR 27.404(d)(2) and 1827.404(d)).~~

~~(b) The contracting officer may insert a provision substantially the same as the provision at [1852.213-71](#), Evaluation—Other than Commercial Products and Commercial Services, in solicitations using simplified acquisition procedures for other than commercial items when a trade-off source selection process will be used, that is, factors in addition to technical acceptability and price will be considered. (See FAR 13.106.)~~

~~1813.302-70 Purchase orders under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.~~

~~Purchase orders made using simplified acquisition procedures are authorized for 8(a) acquisitions under the simplified acquisition threshold.~~

~~1813.302-71 Policy.~~

~~(a) The NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) is designated as the Agency's sole purchasing activity for the acquisition of all supplies and services valued at or below the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT), except for the following:~~

~~(1) Purchases made using the Government purchase card (see 1813.301), unless the purchase card function has been delegated to the NSSC.~~

~~(2) Indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts or blanket purchase agreements (BPAs) that permit the award of orders with a potential value over the SAT.~~

~~(3) Orders, regardless of value, awarded against IDIQ contracts or BPAs that have been retained by the center. This does not include orders issued against any of the Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP) contracts.~~

~~(4) Interagency Agreements.~~

~~(5) Orders for construction, facility repair or architect & engineering (A&E) services (Material Groups: C1, C2, Y, and Z).~~

~~(6) SAT purchases made by institutional support contractors on behalf of the Agency, and~~

~~(7) Real Property Leases.~~

~~(b) Agency requiring activities shall use the Simplified Acquisition Customer Portal (SACP) to submit SAT requests to the NSSC for processing, tracking and award. The SACP is assessable via the [NASA Enterprise Service Desk](#). Materials pertaining to the use of the SACP, and other NSSC SAT guidance and procedures are located on the [NSSC SAT webpage](#).~~

~~(c) A purchase request, which NSSC needs to obligate funds, must be created and approved within the SAP system when a SAT request is entered in the SACP. The requiring activity shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary center reviews/approvals (e.g., organizational management, safety & health, quality assurance, property and information technology).~~

~~(d) In accordance with [Mission Support Council \(MSC\) Decision Memorandum MSC-2011-12-001a, Eliminating Extraneous Promotional & Personal Use Items](#), all purchases of promotional and personal use items using appropriated funds are explicitly prohibited, except for only the following:~~

- ~~1. Printed materials~~
- ~~2. Stickers~~
- ~~3. Lapel pins~~
- ~~4. Mission patches~~
- ~~5. Flown flags~~

6. Inexpensive recyclable bags to facilitate the distribution of materials

~~Should prohibited items be purchased, the responsible party will be required to reimburse appropriated funds and be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions. The Decision Memo provides additional guidance and a framework for analyzing promotional and personal use item expenditures.~~

~~[PN 22-08, PN 23-07]~~

~~1813.303 Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs).~~

~~1813.303-3 Preparation of BPAs.~~

~~(a)(4) Individuals, other than warranted contracting officers, authorized to purchase under a BPA shall not be authorized to place individual BPA orders in an amount greater than \$10,000, unless the center procurement officer has authorized, on a nondelegable basis and in writing, a higher limit not to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. Written authorization shall delineate the qualifications and training of individuals authorized to place BPA orders greater than \$10,000. For sole source BPA orders above the micro purchase threshold, a contracting officer's determination is required in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(b)(1).~~

~~1813.303-5 Purchases under NASA BPAs.~~

~~(b) In accordance with FAR 13.303-5(b), NASA has established the following maximum thresholds for individual purchases under its BPAs—~~

~~(1) \$7.5 million for individual purchases.~~

~~(2) \$7.5 million for individual purchases for commercial products and commercial services acquisitions conducted under FAR subpart 13.5.~~

~~(3) \$15 million for individual orders for acquisitions described in FAR 13.500(c).~~

~~(4) \$15 million for individual purchases entered into under the authority of FAR 12.102(f)(1).~~

~~(5) None of the above thresholds apply to BPAs established in accordance with FAR 13.303-2(c)(3).~~

~~[PN 22-09]~~

~~1813.303-6 Review procedures.~~

~~(a) The annual BPA review shall be part of the Center's self-assessment process.~~

~~(b)(1) The contracting officer shall document an annual review of each BPA in accordance with FAR 8.405-3, using the BPA Annual Review template.~~

~~1813.307 Forms.~~

~~(b) Installations may use locally prescribed forms or the OF 347.~~

~~(c) Installations may use locally prescribed forms.~~

~~(d) The SF 44 may be used for purchases of aviation fuel and oil of \$10,000 or less.~~

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