

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
National Labor Relations Board



Memorandum

September 22, 2026

TO: ACQUISITIONS MANAGEMENT BRANCH PERSONNEL

FROM: Isabel Luengo McConnell, Procurement Executive
National Labor Relations Board 

SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 53 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. **Effective Date:** Immediately
2. **Expiration Date:** This Class Deviation remains in effect until the changes described herein are incorporated in the FAR, superseded, or otherwise rescinded.
3. **Purpose:** This memorandum approves a class deviation to FAR Part 53 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation text to FAR Part 53.
4. **Authority:** This class deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order (*E.O.*) 14275, *OMB M-25- 25*, and 48 CFR Subpart 1.4.
5. **Background:** On April 15, 2025, *Executive Order (E.O.) 14275 on 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."

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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 the 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.

- 6. Summary of Changes:** FAR Part 53, Forms, has been streamlined and modernized. Most significantly, rather than maintaining a list of forms within the Part text, it directs users to a [centralized site](#) as the authoritative repository for all acquisition related forms. As a result, this Part no longer needs to be amended through the formal rulemaking process every time a form is updated, added, or removed. This drastically reduces the administrative burden on the FAR Council and increases the government's agility in managing its library of forms. The "Forms List" referenced in the new 53.101(b) now performs the prescriptive function previously handled throughout this entire subpart, shifting the FAR's role from a static, self-contained text to a dynamic system that points to live, authoritative resources.

Readers should reference the [table](#) to review retained forms and their citations for prescribed use throughout the FAR. The clause 52.253-1, Computer Generated Forms, is retained and updated. The update deletes a reference to the FAR prescriptions, in paragraph (a).

This Part does not directly implement any statutory requirements.

- 7. Instructions:** National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 53 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 53 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO Part 53 model deviation text is available at *Acquisition.gov*, under the "[FAR Overhaul](#)" link.

Do not include any of the removed provisions or clauses in future solicitations and contracts.

For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses.

- 8. Applicability:** This deviation applies to all NLRB solicitations and new contracts as of September 4, 2026. This deviation does not apply to contracts signed and executed on or before September 4, 2026.
- 9. Point of Contact:** Questions or comments on this class deviation may be directed to Delfina St. Clair, Director, Acquisitions Management Branch, at Delfina.St.Clair@nlrb.gov.