



UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acquisition Workforce

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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 28 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 28 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation to FAR part 28.

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

All content in FAR part 28, Bonds and Insurance, has been retained with minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language. No changes were made to provisions or clauses.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 28 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 15 U.S.C. §§ 694a et seq, Surety Bond Guarantees
- 31 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq, Prompt Payment
- 31 U.S.C. §§ 9301 et seq, Sureties and Surety Bonds
- 40 U.S.C. §§ 3131 et seq, Bonds
- 42 U.S.C. §§ 1651 et seq, Defense Base Act
- Pub. L. 103-355 Sec 2091, Government-wide Application of Payment Protections for Subcontractors and Suppliers
- Pub. L. 114-92 Sec 874, Surety Bond Requirements and Amount of Guarantee

4. Instructions

- The OPM acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 28 model deviation text instead of FAR part 28 as codified at 48 CFR chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 28 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

5. Applicability

This class deviation applies to all OPM 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. Deviation

The OPM acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 28 model deviation text instead of the FAR 28 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 28 model deviation text is available at [FAR Overhaul - Part 28 | Acquisition.GOV](#).

8. Effective Date

This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

9. Points of Contact

Try asking OPM first (upload the new RFO language and OPM's implementing deviation, then ask your question). If you still need clarification, you may email the OPM Procurement Service Division Senior Procurement Executive at Senior_Procurement_Executive@opm.gov.

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