



UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acquisition Workforce

FROM: Matthew J. Manning
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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 34 Major System Acquisition in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. Purpose

This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 34 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 34.

2. 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."

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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 language for the new FAR framework
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards. acquisition standards

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

FAR part 34 describes acquisition policies and procedures for use in acquiring major systems consistent with OMB Circular No. A-109; and the use of an Earned Value

Management System in acquisitions designated as major acquisitions consistent with OMB Circular A-11, part 7.

The RFO part 34 model deviation text retains FAR subparts 34.1 and 34.2. Subpart 34.1 deals with statutory requirements tied to 50 U.S.C. 4531 et seq. Subpart 34.2 deals with Earned Value Management requirements tied to OMB Circular A-11. Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 34 include the general guidance provided in sections 34.001 through 34.005.

3. Instructions

The OPM acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 34 deviation text instead of FAR parts 34 as codified at 48 CFR chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 34 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

4. Applicability

This class deviation applies to all OPM procurements.

5. Authority

This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, [OMB Memo M-25-26](#), 48 CFR 1.4.

6. Deviation

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7. Effective Date

This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

8. Points of Contact

Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to OPM Procurement Service Division Senior Procurement Executive at Senior_Procurement_Executive@opm.gov.

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