



UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Washington, DC 20415

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 38 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 38 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation to FAR part 38.

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 38, Federal Supply Schedule Contracting, is removed in its entirety. Guidance and procedures for the Schedule program will be moved from FAR part 38 and subpart 8.4 to GSAR part 538.

4. Instructions

- The OPM acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 38 model deviation text instead of FAR part 38 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council’s RFO part 38 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.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 OPM procurements.

6. Authority

This class deviation is issued under the authority of EO 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This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.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 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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