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MEMORANDUM

TO: National Science Foundation, Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support
National Science Foundation Acquisition Workforce

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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 24 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

PURPOSE: This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 24 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 24.

BACKGROUND: [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#), signed on April 15, 2025, mandates a comprehensive review and simplification of the FAR.

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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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
- Align with the new FAR framework
- Preserve essential governmentwide acquisition standards.

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

SUMMARY OF CHANGES: FAR part 24, Protection of Privacy and Freedom of Information, has been retained with minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language.

No changes were made to provisions or clauses. The only change of note is section 24.301 is deleted. This section outlined requirements for contractors to provide their employees with privacy training. The content is duplicative as it is already covered in clause 52.224-3.

Statutory requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR part 24 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, Freedom of Information Act
- 5 U.S.C. § 552a (Pub. L. 93-579), Privacy Act of 1974
- 5 U.S.C. § 574, Confidentiality
- 10 U.S.C. § 3309 and 41 U.S.C. § 4702, Prohibition on Release of Contractor Proposals
- 10 U.S.C. § 3705 and 41 U.S.C. § 3505, Submission of Other Information
- OMB Circular No. A-130, Managing Information as a Strategic Resource

INSTRUCTIONS: The NSF acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO part 24 model deviation text instead of FAR part 24 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 24 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

APPLICABILITY: This class deviation applies to all NSF procurement actions.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This deviation is effective on the date of this letter and shall remain in effect until it is incorporated into the FAR, or until this class deviation is rescinded, extended, or amended.

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