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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Senior Procurement Executive

SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 1 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 1 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 1.

BACKGROUND: On April 15, 2025, the [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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 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. Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 1 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 31 U.S.C. 3702, Authority to Settle Claims
- 41 U.S.C. 13 et seq, Acquisition Councils
- 41 U.S.C. 17 et seq, Agency Responsibilities and Procedures

- 41 U.S.C. 1908, Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition Thresholds
- 41 U.S.C. 3102, Delegation and Assignment of Powers, Functions, and Responsibilities

Non-statutory requirements removed from FAR part 1 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The list of OMB approved control numbers contained in subpart 1.1. These controls numbers are now listed on [Acquisition.gov](https://www.acquisition.gov)
- The positive law codification table contained in section 1.110. This table is now available on [Acquisition.gov](https://www.acquisition.gov)
- Subpart 1.2 - Administration
- Subpart 1.5 - Agency and Public Participation procedures.

Other key changes include:

- Class deviations require approval by the FAR Council except where required to implement agency-specific executive or statutory direction.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: This deviation is effective as dated 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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ATTACHMENT: FAR Part 1 Line Out