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MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads of Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation (Number 25-33) for FAR Part 24 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 24 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation text to FAR Part 24.
- 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 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 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
4. **Instructions.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 24 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 <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-24> and is incorporated into this class deviation.
 5. **Applicability.** This class deviation applies to all DHS procurements.
 6. **Authority.** This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, [OMB M- 25-25](#), 48 CFR 1.4, and RFO FAR 1.304.
 7. **Effective Date.** This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025 and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.
 8. **Points of Contact.** Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch at Acquisition.Policy@hq.dhs.gov.