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**SUBJECT:** Class Deviation No. 2025-30 from the Federal Acquisition Regulation for FAR Part 30 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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**TO:** Department of Transportation Chiefs of the Contracting Offices

- I. Purpose:** This class deviation (CD) is issued under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 1 and Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) part 1201 and authorizes a class deviation to FAR part 30 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 30.
- II. Effective Date:** Immediately.
- III. Background:** On April 15, 2025, [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  - Remove duplicative or outdated language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.

FAR part 30, concerning Cost Accounting Standards Administration, has undergone a comprehensive revision that includes a complete structural reorganization to align with the acquisition lifecycle, enhanced clarity, and a strategic consolidation of policies coupled with the elimination of obsolete requirements.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 30 model deviation, include, but are not limited to the following:

- 10 U.S.C. § 3702, Required Cost or Pricing Data and Certification
- 10 U.S.C. § 3761, Restructuring Costs
- 26 U.S.C. § 6621, Determination of Rate of Interest
- 41 U.S.C. §§ 1501 et seq, Cost Accounting Standards
- Pub. L. 100-679 Sec 5, Cost Accounting Standards Board
- Pub. L. 106-65 Sec 802, Streamlined Applicability of Cost Accounting Standards

The following table is not an exhaustive list but includes notable updates to FAR part 30.

| Change          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Retained</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The revised part structure consolidates all relevant guidance into process-oriented subparts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Subpart 30.1 – General</li> <li>○ Subpart 30.2 – Presolicitation</li> <li>○ Subpart 30.3 - Evaluation and Award</li> <li>○ Subpart 30.4 – Postaward</li> </ul> </li> <li>• “Definitions” at 30.001, are retained, streamlined, and updated for clarity.</li> <li>• Subpart “30.1 - General” is retained and updated to consolidate helpful reference information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The references in the previously reserved Subparts 30.3 (CAS Rules and Regulations), 30.4 (Cost Accounting Standards), and 30.5 (Cost Accounting Standards for Educational Institutions) have been moved into the new section 30.101 as paragraphs (e), (f), and (g).</li> <li>○ References for cognizant Federal agency official (CFAO) and auditor responsibilities and disclosure requirements are added as paragraphs (c) and (d). This information was previously buried deeper within the regulation in Subpart 30.2.</li> <li>○ Note - The FAR Companion Guide provides best practice considerations for coordination with the cognizant Federal agency official (CFAO).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subpart “30.2 - Presolicitation” now logically groups all CAS-related determinations and requirements that a contracting officer must address before a solicitation is issued. It retains, but reorganizes, content such as waiver information and exemptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Note - The FAR Companion Guide provides best practice considerations for exemptions and waivers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subpart “30.3 - Evaluation and Award” now logically groups all CAS-related activities that occur after proposals are received but before a contract is awarded. It retains and reorganizes content such as contractor disclosure statements and processing changes identified pre-award (e.g.,</li> </ul> |

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|                | <p>unilateral, or desirable changes to a contractor's cost accounting practices identified during the evaluation phase).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subpart “30.4 - Postaward” is now the comprehensive location for all postaward CAS administration activities. It retains and reorganizes content such as CAS administration responsibilities, processing changes, materiality, remedies, resolving cost impacts, and subcontract administration.</li> <li>• The following provisions and clauses are retained with edits (mostly to reflect new cross-references within the part). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 52.230-1 Cost Accounting Standards Notices and Certifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternate I is deleted. This alternate applied only to contracts with educational institutions contemplated prior to July 1, 1997. As this date is long past, the alternate is obsolete and its removal updates the regulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 52.230-2 Cost Accounting Standards</li> <li>○ 52.230-3 Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices</li> <li>○ 52.230-4 Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices-Foreign Concerns</li> <li>○ 52.230-5 Cost Accounting Standards-Educational Institution</li> <li>○ 52.230-6 Administration of Cost Accounting Standards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The following provision was retained with no changes to the text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 52.230-7 Proposal Disclosure-Cost Accounting Practice Changes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Removed</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no longer six subparts. Content from subparts 30.5 and 30.6 is moved and reorganized within the new part structure.</li> <li>• The contact information for "Cost Accounting Standards Board Publication," formerly at section 30.102, is removed and the part now includes a direct hyperlink to the electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR) providing immediate access to the source regulations.</li> <li>• The prescription at 30.201-3(b), which applied to awards contemplated to an educational institution prior to 1997 is obsolete and removed.</li> <li>• Instructions for contracting officers to support the determination of a contract's exemption from cost accounting standards was moved from 30.202-7 (Adequacy determinations) to the FAR Companion Guide.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**IV. Required Actions:** All DOT Operating Administrations (OAs), the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), excluding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) per TAR 1201.104(d) shall follow the [RFO part 30 model deviation text](#) and corresponding [RFO part 52 model deviation text](#) instead of FAR parts 30 and 52 as codified at 48 CFR chapter 1. The Council's RFO part 30 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul) and is incorporated by reference into this CD. A line-out version of the changes may also be found [here](#) for reference.

Heads of the Contracting Activities (HCAs) must ensure this deviation is disseminated to the acquisition workforce and ensure compliance with the requirements in the revised FAR part 30 guidance.

- V. **Applicability:** This CD applies to all DOT OAs, OST, and OIG, excluding the FAA in accordance with TAR 1201.104(d).
- VI. **Expiration Date:** This CD will remain in effect until it is incorporated into the FAR or is otherwise rescinded, whichever occurs first.
- VII. **Point of Contact:** Questions or comments regarding this deviation may be directed to [DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov](mailto:DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov).