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Class Deviation RFO-2025-28

MEMORANDUM TO: Acquisition Management Division and Buyers in the Regions

FROM: Nicole Stevenson, Acting Director  
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Office of Administration

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Signed by Stevenson, Nicole  
on 09/15/25

SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation for FAR Part 28 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 28 - "Bonds and Insurance" for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 28 to prioritize plain language, resulting in more direct, active, and accessible text. Changes include minimal deletions and minor plain language updates to all existing subparts: 28.1 - Bonds and Other Financial Protections; 28.2 - Sureties and Other Security for Bonds; and 28.3 - Insurance. All clauses and provisions (52.228-1 through 52.228-17) are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved), with no changes to the text.
- BACKGROUND:** [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#) signed April 15, 2025, mandates a comprehensive review and simplification of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (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.

- SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** All content in FAR Part 28, Bonds and Insurance, has been retained with minimal deletions and minor updates made for plain language. No changes were made to provisions or clauses.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 28 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 15 U.S.C. §§ 694a et seq, Surety Bond Guarantees
- 31 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq, Prompt Payment
- 31 U.S.C. §§ 9301 et seq, Sureties and Surety Bonds
- 40 U.S.C. §§ 3131 et seq, Bonds
- 42 U.S.C. §§ 1651 et seq, Defense Base Act
- Pub. L. 103-355 Sec 2091, Government-wide Application of Payment Protections for Subcontractors and Suppliers
- Pub. L. 114-92 Sec 874, Surety Bond Requirements and Amount of Guarantee

**4. INSTRUCTIONS:**

- The NRC acquisition workforce must follow the RFO Part 28 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 28 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 28 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul) and is incorporated into this class deviation.

**5. APPLICABILITY:** This class deviation applies to all NRC procurements.

**6. AUTHORITY:** This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, [OMB M- 25-26](#), and 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.

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