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**MEMORANDUM FOR MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION (UDALL FOUNDATION)
CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES**

DATE: September 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Class Deviations for FAR Part 46 in support of Executive Order 14275, *Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement*

FROM: David P. Brown, Executive Director

1. **Purpose.** This memorandum approves a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 46 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's ("the Council's" or "RFO") model deviation text to FAR Part 46.
2. **Background.** On April 15, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement" to reform the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). This E.O. further advances the intent of E.O. 14192, "Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation," signed on January 31, 2025, which established that the policy of the executive branch is to be prudent and financially responsible in the expenditure of funds and to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people. E.O. 14275 orders the Administrator of the Office of Federal Public Procurement Policy (OFPP), in coordination with the other members of the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (FAR Council), the heads of agencies, and appropriate senior acquisition and procurement officials from agencies, to amend the FAR to ensure that it contains only provisions that are required by statute or that are otherwise necessary to support simplicity and usability, strengthen the efficacy of the procurement system, or protect economic or national security interests. This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

On May 2, 2025, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released Memorandum M-25-26, "Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation," that directs all agencies to "Generally issue individual or class deviations to implement the FAR Council's deregulated coverage within 30 days after the Council releases its model deviation text[and] Provide copies of class deviations to the FAR Secretariat at gsaregsec@gsa.gov for public posting on Acquisition.gov."

Also on May 2, 2025, the Acting Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy at OMB released a Memorandum, "Deviation Guidance to Support the Overhaul of the Federal Acquisition Regulation." This Memorandum advises that agencies using the RFO model class deviation text do not need to further coordinate with the Council; class deviations that differ from the RFO model text require Council approval unless the difference is necessary to address agency-specific statutory direction.

On August 21, 2025, the FAR Council issued completed revisions for FAR Part 46, Quality Assurance, and FAR Part 52 provisions and clauses. The text has updated for clarity and usability.

Statutory requirements retained in the RFO FAR Part 46 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 41 U.S.C. § 1711, Value Engineering
- 41 U.S.C. § 3307, Preference for Commercial Products and Commercial Services
- Pub. L. 103-355, Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FASA)
- Pub. L. 112-81 Sec 818, Detection and Avoidance of Counterfeit Electronic Parts

Change	Description
Retained	• Subparts 46.1, 46.2, 46.3, 46.4, 46.5, 46.6, 46.7, 46.8 and the sections therein remain mostly intact and are streamlined, with some shifting and reorganizing of sections and subsections throughout. • All “Definitions” at 46.101 are retained. • All existing clauses are retained (or remain reserved if previously reserved) with no changes to the text.
Removed	• Section 46.105, “Contractor Responsibilities” is deleted and marked reserved, as the content was redundant to contract clauses. • Section 46.704, “Authority for use of warranties” is deleted and marked reserved. This section stated that warranty use must be approved by agency procedures. This language does not need to be included in the FAR.

This table is not an exhaustive list.

3. **Determination.** To fully comply with E.O. 14275, OMB implementation guidance, and direction related to use of model deviations, and the model deviations for revised FAR Part 46, the Udall Foundation shall follow the RFO Part 46 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 46 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 46. The FAR Council’s RFO Part 46 model deviation text is available at Acquisition.gov, under the “FAR Overhaul” link. This deviation applies to all solicitations and new contracts as of the date of the Memorandum. This deviation does not apply to contracts signed and executed on or before the date of this Memorandum.
4. **Instructions.** The Udall Foundation acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 46 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 46 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 46 and the RFO Part 52 model deviation text of FAR Part 52 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 52. The Council’s RFO Parts 46 and 52 model deviation text are available at Acquisition.gov, under the “FAR Overhaul” link, and are incorporated into this class deviation.

The Udall Foundation acquisition workforce shall review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this deviation and remove unnecessary processes or steps.

A copy of this Class Deviation will be provided to the FAR Secretariat at gsaregsec@gsa.gov.

5. **Applicability.** This class deviation applies to all Udall Foundation procurements.

6. **Authority.** This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB Memo M-25-26, and 48 CFR 1.4, and RFO FAR 1.304.
7. **Effective Date.** This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

Points of Contact. Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to the Udall Foundation General Counsel, Gwendolyn Franks, at franks@udall.gov.