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MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads of Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: FAR Class Deviation (Number 25-24) for FAR Part 51 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 51 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation text to FAR Part 51.
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 51, Use of Government Sources By Contractors, is removed in its entirety. All statutory text and essential text retained to support sound procurement will be moved to FAR part 8.
4. **Instructions.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 51 deviation text instead of FAR Part 51 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 51 model deviation text is available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-51>, and

is incorporated into this class deviation. Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps. See Attachment 1 for changes to FAR Part 51 solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

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 **Effective Date.** This class deviation is effective November 3, 2025, and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated in the FAR.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.

Attachments:

1. FAR Part 51 Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses Revisions

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

Subpart 52.2—Text of Provisions and Clauses

52.251-1 [Reserved] (August 2025) (DEVIATION 25-24)

52.251-2 [Reserved] (August 2025) (DEVIATION 25-24)