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SUBJECT: Class Deviation No. 2026-01 from the Transportation Acquisition Regulation for TAR Part 1201 in Support of Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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TO: Department of Transportation Chiefs of the Contracting Offices

- I. Purpose:** This memorandum approves a class deviation to the Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) part 1201 for the purpose of implementing, in the TAR, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation (CD) (No. 2025-03) for FAR part 1 in support of Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, “Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement.”
- II. Effective Date:** Immediately.
- III. Background:** On April 15, 2025, [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275, 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 Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative will make the FAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements. This also applies to agency supplements to the FAR.

Under this initiative, 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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.

The RFO FAR part 1 model deviation text upon which this RFO TAR part 1201 deviation is also based, establishes bedrock principles. The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued [FAR CD 2025-03](#) for FAR part 1 on May 29, 2025.

To ensure alignment with recently issued E.O.s and the RFO FAR part CD, it is necessary to issue this RFO TAR CD in advance of a proposed rule to implement these requirements to

ensure DOT policies and procedures align with these requirements. DOT intends on conducting further analysis and developing a rule for publication in the Federal Register for public comment after the release of this CD, and after FAR proposed and final rules are published.

IV. Summary of Changes:

Change	Description
New/Retained/Updated	General – Updated TAR content and headings to align with RFO FAR Part 1 • Subpart 1201.1—Framework (New title) ○ 1201.101, Framework. Revised title to align with FAR. ○ 1201.103, Authority. Revised title and renumbered. ○ 1201.103-70, Unique DOT authorities. [New] A new header added above previous content at paragraphs (c, d, and e), with new paragraphs (a), (b), and (c). Detail agency authorities. ○ 1201.104, Publication and code arrangement. [New] Renumbered from 1201.105-1 to align with FAR; revised for clarity. Condensed and streamlined text, removing internal content. Includes how to cite the TAR within and outside the TAR. ○ 1201.105, OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. Renumbered from 1201.106. Identified DOT website where approved numbers will be moved to, like the RFO FAR part 1 approach. ○ 1201.109, Regulatory sunset. [New] Adds regulatory sunset timeframe when all TAR sections will expire if not required by statute, aligning with RFO FAR approach. • Subpart 1201.2—Agency Acquisition Regulations [New title] ○ Moved from Subpart 1201.3 to 1201.2 as Subpart 1.2, Administration removed. ○ 1201.201, Policy. [New]. Streamlined and combined former 1201.301 text to align with FAR 1.201. • Subpart 1201.3—Deviations from the FAR [New title] ○ Moved from Subpart 1201.4 to 1201.3. ○ Updated title of subpart to align with FAR. ○ 1201.302, Policy [New] – adds policy statement to align with initiative. ○ Renumbered sections on Individual and Class deviations. • Subpart 1201.4—Career Development, Contracting Authority, and Responsibilities [New title] ○ Updated number/designation to align with RFO FAR part 1. ○ Moved content from Subpart 1201.6 to 1201.4, renumbering other sections accordingly. ○ 1201.401, Contracting functions. [New] - states DOT contracting function organizations are set forth in the TAM. ○ 1201.403, Selecting, appointing, and terminating the appointment for contracting officers. Renumbered/retitled to align with FAR.

	○ 1201.404, Contracting officer’s representative. Header/no text. Moved from prior subpart 1201.6 and revised to align with the FAR. ○ 1201.404-70, Contract clause. Moved from prior subpart 1201.6 to align with FAR. Prescribes clause 1252.201-70, Contracting Officer’s Representative, and streamlined the clause prescription. • Subpart 1201.5, Determinations and Findings. [New title] ○ Added 1201.506, Signatory authority, to align with RFO FAR approach. Adds policy authority on who may sign or delegate various D&Fs. • Clause TAR 1252.201-70, Contracting Officer’s Representative (APR 2026)(RFO DEVIATION) – updated citation and streamlined content.
Removed	General – Text has been revised/deleted in the sections below to remove non-statutory guidance. • 1201.102-70, DOT statement of guiding principles for the Department of Transportation Acquisition System. • 1201.104, Applicability. • 1201.5, Issuances. Removed header with no text as now unnecessary. • 1201.105-2, Arrangement of regulations. Other content condensed under 1201.104, Publication and code arrangement. • 1201.105-3, Copies. Removed as unnecessary because link to online access available at 1201.104, Publication and code arrangement. • Subpart 1201.2, Administration. Including underlying sections 1201.201 and 1201.201-1. • Subpart 1201.3, Agency Acquisition Regulations. ○ Includes removal of some content from 1201.301, paragraphs (a) – (b), and sections 1201.301-70, 1201.301-71, 1201.301-72, and 1201.304. • Subpart 1201.6, Career Development, Contracting Authority, and Responsibilities. Most content moved to new Subpart 1201.4, same title.

- V. **Required Actions:** Contracting Officers shall follow the RFO TAR part 1201 deviation text, including the corresponding part 1252 deviation text, in lieu of TAR part 1201 and part 1252 as codified at 48 CFR, chapter 12. The RFO TAR deviation text is shown in the Attachment including any cognizant TAR part 1252 solicitation provisions or contract clauses prescribed in TAR part 1201.

Chiefs of the Contracting Offices (COCOs) must ensure this deviation is disseminated to the acquisition workforce and ensure compliance with the requirements in the CD.

For new solicitations, contracts or orders:

- Include applicable deviated provisions and clauses (marked **(APR 2026)(RFO Deviation)**) as attached.

For open solicitations:

- The contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. Note that without some of the removed provisions or clauses,

the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in an awarded contract.

For existing contracts and orders:

- No action required for the clause associated with this class deviation.

- VI. Applicability:** This CD applies to 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) in accordance with RFO TAR 1201.103-70(b).
- VII. Authority:** This CD is issued under the authority of RFO FAR 1.304, Class deviations; TAR 1201.404, Class deviations; and the revised citation based on this CD at RFO TAR 1201.304, for the purpose of implementing policy in the TAR to comply with requirements of certain E.O.s, statutes, and other directives in DOT FAR CD No. 2025-03 and as described below.
- VIII. Expiration Date:** This CD will remain in effect until it is incorporated into the TAR, superseded, or is otherwise rescinded, whichever occurs first.
- IX. Point of Contact:** Questions or comments regarding this deviation may be directed to DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov.

Attachment:

- A. RFO TAR Part 1201 & Applicable Part 1252 Deviation Text – Bold/Bracketed/Line-in Line-Out (BB-LILO)

Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) Class Deviation (CD) No. 2026-01

Attachment A

RFO TAR Part 1201 and 1252 Deviation Text

TAR Text Baseline is 48 CFR chapter 12 as of March 26, 2026.

Additions are shown as **[bolded and bracketed]** and deletions are shown in strikethrough ~~deletions~~.
TAR Text unchanged shown as asterisks.

Part 1201—Federal Acquisition Regulations System (RFO Deviation)

Subpart 1201.1—~~Purpose, Authority, Issuance~~**[Framework]**

1201.101 ~~Purpose~~**[Framework]**.

1201.102-70 ~~DOT statement of guiding principles for the Department of Transportation Acquisition System.~~

[1201.103 Authority.]

[1201.103-70 Unique DOT authorities.]

1201.104 ~~Applicability.~~

1201.105 ~~Issuance.~~

1201.10[4]5-1 ~~Publication and code arrangement.~~

1201.105-2 ~~Arrangement of regulations.~~

1201.105-3 ~~Copies.~~

1201.10[5]6 ~~OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.~~

[1201.109 Regulatory sunset.]

[Subpart 1201.2—Agency Acquisition Regulations

1201.201 Policy.]

~~Subpart 1201.3—Agency Acquisition Regulations~~

1201.301 ~~Policy.~~

1201.301-70 ~~Amendment of the Transportation Acquisition Regulation.~~

1201.301-71 ~~Effective dates for Transportation Acquisition Circulars (TACs).~~

1201.301-72 ~~Transportation Acquisition Circular numbering.~~

1201.304 ~~Agency control and compliance procedures.~~

Subpart 1201.[3]470—Deviations From the FAR and TAR

[1201.302 Policy.]

1201.[3]403 ~~Individual deviations.~~

1201.[3]404 ~~Class deviations.~~

Subpart 1201.[4]6—Career Development, Contracting Authority, and Responsibilities

1201.[4]60[1]2 ~~Contracting [functions] officers.~~

1201.602-2 ~~Responsibilities.~~

1201.602-3 ~~Ratification of unauthorized commitments.~~

1201.[4]603 ~~Selection, appointment, and termination of~~ **[Selecting, appointing, and terminating the]**
appointment for contracting officers.

1201.[4]603-1 ~~General.~~

[1201.404 Contracting officer's representative.
1201.404-70 Contract clause.]
~~1201.604 Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).~~
~~1201.604-70 Contract clause.~~

[Subpart 1201.5—Determinations and Findings
1201.506 Signatory authority.]

Authority: [5 U.S.C. 301](#); [41 U.S.C. 1121\(c\)\(3\)](#); [and] [41 U.S.C. 1702](#); and ~~[48 CFR 1.301](#)~~ through ~~[1.304](#)~~.

PART 1201—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM (RFO DEVIATION)

Subpart 1201.1—~~Purpose, Authority, Issuance~~[Framework]

1201.101 ~~Purpose~~[Framework].

The Department of Transportation (DOT), Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR), establishes uniform acquisition policies and procedures that implement and supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The TAR provides regulatory or policy instruction when coverage is needed for DOT-specific subject matter not covered in the FAR. ~~The TAR also includes policy statements that DOT considers important to both internal and external TAR audiences.~~ The Transportation Acquisition Manual (TAM) contains internal operating procedures, providing supplementary guidance and instructions for carrying out FAR and TAR requirements.

~~1201.102-70 DOT statement of guiding principles for the Department of Transportation Acquisition System.~~

~~(a) **Vision.** The TAR applies to all Department acquisitions unless otherwise excluded by statute. DOT strives to make its acquisition process effective, efficient, and transparent, and to ensure that the process embodies fairness and Governmentwide best practices.~~

~~(b) **Mission.** The TAR is a key component of DOT's acquisition process and is designed to provide clear and current regulatory and policy oversight to supplement or support implementation of the FAR.~~

~~(c) **Role of the Office of the Senior Procurement Executive.** The Office of the Senior Procurement Executive (OSPE) applies leadership and best in industry acquisition practices to establish acquisition policies and procedures. The OSPE supports the DOT's mission by providing timely, effective, and ethical business policies, practices, products, innovative programs, strategies, and services.~~

1201.10[3]4 ~~Applicability~~[Authority].

(a) [The TAR is prepared and issued by the Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) under the authority of 41 U.S.C. 1702 and 41 U.S.C. 1707.] ~~Applicable statutes, the FAR, [48 CFR chapter 1](#), and the TAR, in this chapter, apply to all acquisitions within the Department unless otherwise specifically excluded by statute, the FAR, or the TAR.~~(b) The following order of precedence applies to resolve any question of applicability concerning an acquisition regulation or a procedure found within the TAR, or the TAM which comprises the Department's internal operating procedures and guidance—

(1) U.S. Statutes;

(2) The FAR;

(3) The TAR;

(4) DOT Orders; and

(5) The TAM.

[1201.103-70 Unique DOT authorities.]

~~([a]e)~~ The Maritime Administration may depart from the requirements of the FAR and TAR as authorized by [40 U.S.C. 113\(e\)\(15\)](#), but ~~shall~~**[should]** adhere to those regulations to the maximum extent practicable. ~~Deviations from the FAR or TAR requirements shall be documented according to Maritime Administration procedures or in each contract file, as appropriate.~~

~~([b]d)~~ The FAR, TAR, and TAM do not apply to the Federal Aviation Administration as provided by [49 U.S.C. 40110\(d\)](#).

~~([c]e)~~ For purposes of the FAR, TAR, and TAM, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology ~~shall~~**[has]**~~have~~ the same authority as an Operating Administration as defined in 1202.1, and the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology **[is delegated]** ~~shall have~~ the same authority as a Head of the Operating Administration as defined in 1202.1.

~~1201.105 Issuance.~~

1201.10[4]5-1 Publication and code arrangement.

(a) The TAR is published or available in—

- (1) The Federal Register;
- (2) Cumulative form in the CFR; and
- (3) Online via the internet at <https://www.acquisition.gov/tar>.

~~(b) The TAR is issued as this chapter.~~

~~1201.105-2 Arrangement of regulations.~~

~~(a) **General.** The TAR, which encompasses both Department and Operating Administration (OA)/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R) specific guidance (see subpart 1201.3), conforms with the arrangement and numbering system prescribed by FAR 1.104. Guidance that is OA-specific contains the OA's acronym directly after the heading.~~

(b) [The TAR conforms with the arrangement and numbering system prescribed by FAR 1.104.]
~~Numbering—~~

~~(1) **Department-wide guidance.**~~

~~(i)~~ The numbering illustrations at FAR 1.10[4]5-2(b) apply to the TAR. ~~(ii)~~ Coverage within the TAR is identified by the prefix “12” followed by the complete TAR citation. For example, 1201.**[104]**~~201-1~~**([a]b)**.

~~(iii)~~ Coverage in the TAR that supplements the FAR will use**[s]** part, subpart, section, and subsection numbers ending in “70” through “89” (e.g., 1201.301-70). A series of numbers beginning with “70” is used for provisions and clauses.

(iv) Coverage in the TAR, other than that identified with a “70” or higher number, that implements the FAR uses the identical number sequence and caption of the FAR segment being implemented, which may be to the paragraph level. Paragraph numbers and letters are not always shown sequentially, but may be shown by the specific FAR paragraph implemented. For example, TAR 1201.201-1 contains only paragraph (b) because only this paragraph, correlated with the FAR, is implemented in the TAR.

~~(2) **Operating Administration unique guidance.**~~ Supplementary material for which there is no counterpart in the FAR or TAR shall be identified using chapter, part, subpart, section, or subsection numbers of “90” and higher.

(c) ~~**References and citations.**~~ The Department of Transportation Acquisition Regulation may be referred to as the TAR. Cross reference to the FAR in the TAR will be cited by “FAR” followed by the FAR numbered citation, and cross reference to the TAM in the TAR will be cited by “TAM” followed by the TAM numbered citations. References to specific citations within the TAR will be referenced by the numbered citation only, *e.g.*, 1201.105-3.

(3) Using the TAR coverage at 1201.10[4]5-2(b) as a typical illustration, reference to the—[part would be “TAR part 1201” outside the TAR and “part 1201” within the TAR. Reference to the section would be “TAR 1201.104” outside the TAR and “1201.104” within the TAR. Reference to the subpart would be “TAR subpart 1201.1” outside the TAR and “subpart 1201.1” within the TAR.]

(i) Part would be “TAR part 1201” outside the TAR and “part 1201” within the TAR.

(ii) Subpart would be “TAR subpart 1201.1” outside the TAR and “subpart 1201.1” within the TAR.

(iii) Section would be “TAR 1201.105” outside the TAR and “1201.105” within the TAR.

(iv) Subsection would be “TAR 1201.105-2” outside the TAR and “1201.105-2” within the TAR.

(v) Paragraph would be “TAR 1201.105-2(b)” outside the TAR and “1201.105-2(b)” within the TAR.

1201.105-3 Copies.

(a) Copies of the TAR as published in Federal Register and as set forth in the CFR may be purchased from the Government Publishing Office (GPO), U.S. Government Online Bookstore on the internet at <https://bookstore.gpo.gov/>.

(b) The TAR and Transportation Acquisition Circulars (TACs) are available on the internet at <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

1201.10[5]6 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The information collection and recordkeeping requirements contained in the TAR have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Details concerning any TAR- related OMB approved

control numbers are specified in the TAM [at <https://www.transportation.gov/assistant-secretary-administration/procurement/senior-procurement-executive>].

[1201.109 Regulatory sunset.

All TAR sections that are not required by statute expire 4 years after the effective date of the sections, unless renewed by the Office of the Senior Procurement Executive (OSPE).]

Subpart 1201.2—Administration

~~1201.201 Maintenance of the FAR.~~

~~1201.201-1 The two councils.~~

~~(b) The Senior Procurement Executive is responsible for providing a DOT representative to the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC).~~

Subpart 1201.[2]3—Agency Acquisition Regulations

1201.[2]301 Policy.

(a)

(1) ~~Acquisition regulations~~—

~~(i) **Department-wide acquisition regulations.**~~ The Department of Transportation's (DOT's) Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) is the individual having authority[**authorized**] to issue or authorize the issuance of agency regulations that implement or supplement the FAR to include agency-unique policies, procedures, contract clauses, solicitation provisions, and forms that govern the contracting process. This authority is re-delegated from the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the SPE.

[(c) The SPE may issue or authorize the issuance of internal agency guidance at any organizational level. DOT internal operating procedures are contained in the TAM. OA procedures necessary to implement or supplement the FAR, TAR, or TAM may be issued by the head of the contracting activity (HCA), who may delegate this authority to any organizational level deemed appropriate.]

~~(ii) **Operating Administration (OA) acquisition regulations.**~~ OA supplemental acquisition regulations proposed to be inserted in the TAR as a TAR supplement regulation shall be reviewed and approved by the SPE. If approved by the SPE, the Office of the Senior Procurement Executive will prepare the rule for publication in the Federal Register in accordance with FAR 1.501. OA regulations may be more restrictive or require higher approval levels than those required by the TAR unless otherwise specified.

~~(2) **Acquisition procedures.**~~ The SPE issues or authorizes the issuance of internal agency guidance at any organizational level. DOT internal operating procedures are contained in the TAM. OA procedures necessary to implement or supplement the FAR, TAR, or TAM may be issued by the head of the contracting activity (HCA), who may delegate this authority to any organizational level deemed

appropriate. OA procedures may be more restrictive or require higher approval levels than those permitted by the TAM unless otherwise specified.

(b) The authority of the agency head under FAR 1.301(b) to establish procedures to ensure that agency acquisition regulations are published for comment in the Federal Register in conformance with the procedures in FAR subpart 1.5 is delegated to the Office of the General Counsel, Assistant General Counsel for Regulation.

~~1201.301-70 Amendment of the Transportation Acquisition Regulation.~~

(a) Changes to the TAR may be the result of recommendations from internal DOT personnel, other Government agencies, or the public. Proposed changes shall be submitted in the following format to the Office of the Senior Procurement Executive (OSPE), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590 or DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov and must include the following elements:

(1) **~~Problem.~~** Succinctly state the problems created by current TAR language and describe the factual or legal reasons necessitating regulatory change.

(2) **~~Recommendation.~~** Identify the recommended change by using the current language (if applicable) and striking through the proposed deleted words with a horizontal line. Insert proposed language in bold and brackets. If the change is extensive, reflect proposed deleted language in strikethrough and proposed new or revised language with complete paragraphs in bold and brackets.

(3) **~~Discussion.~~** Explain why the change is necessary and how it will solve the problem. Address any cost or administrative impact on Government activities, offerors, and contractors, to include potential impact to small businesses. Provide any other information and documents, such as statutes, legal decisions, regulations, and reports, that may be helpful.

(4) **~~Point of contact.~~** Provide a point of contact who can answer questions regarding the recommendation.

(b) The TAR is maintained by the SPE through the TAR/TAM change process. This process consists of input from various DOT elements including representatives from DOT OAs specifically designated to formulate Departmental acquisition policies and procedures.

(c) Transportation Acquisition Circulars (TACs) (*see* 1201.301-72) will be used to publish the TAR throughout DOT.

~~1201.301-71 Effective dates for Transportation Acquisition Circulars (TACs).~~

(a) **~~Effective dates set forth in TACs.~~** Unless otherwise stated in the body of TACs, statements to the effect that the policy or procedures are “effective upon receipt,” or “upon a specified date,” or that changes set forth in the document are “to be used upon receipt,” mean that any new or revised provisions, clauses, procedures, or forms must be included in solicitations, contracts, or modifications issued thereafter.

(b) **~~Effective dates for in-process acquisitions.~~** Unless expressly directed by statute or regulation, solicitations in process or negotiations that are completed when a TAC is issued are not required to include or insert new requirements, forms, clauses, or provisions, as may be set forth in a TAC.

However, the chief of the contracting office must determine that it is in the best interest of the Government to exclude the new information and the determination and findings must be included in the contract file.

~~1201.301-72 Transportation Acquisition Circular numbering.~~

Transportation Acquisition Circulars (TACs) will be numbered consecutively on a fiscal year basis beginning with number “01” prefixed by the last two digits of the fiscal year (e.g., TACs 21-01 and 21-02 indicate the first two TACs issued in fiscal year 2021).

~~1201.304 Agency control and compliance procedures.~~

(a) DOT shall control the proliferation of acquisition regulations and any revisions thereto (except as noted in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section) by using an internal TAR change process.

(b) Specific OA unique regulations will not be processed through the TAR/TAM change process but shall be reviewed by OA legal counsel and submitted to the OSPE for review and approval. (See 1252.101 for additional instructions pertaining to provisions and clauses.)

Subpart 1201.[3]470—Deviations From the FAR and TAR

[1201.302 Policy.

DOT acquisition offices may deviate from the TAR when necessary to meet specific needs (e.g., to encourage developing and testing of new techniques and methods of acquisition).]

1201.[3]403 Individual deviations.

The head of the contracting activity (HCA), or designee with a rank that is no lower than that of a Senior Executive Service (SES) official, may authorize individual deviations to the FAR and TAR [(see]; unless FAR [1.302(b) and (c), and FAR] 1.[3]405(e) applies)].

1201.[3]404 Class deviations.

The SPE may authorize and approve class deviations from the FAR and TAR [(see FAR 1.302(b) and (c), and FAR 1.305).]; unless FAR 1.405(e) applies.

Subpart 1201.[4]6—Career Development, Contracting Authority, and Responsibilities

[1201.401 Contracting functions.

DOT contracting function organizations are set forth in the TAM.]

~~1201.602 Contracting officers.~~

~~1201.602-2 Responsibilities.~~

~~(d) Each DOT OA is responsible for establishing Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) nomination and appointment procedures consistent with the DOT Acquisition Workforce Career Development Program.~~

~~1201.602-3 Ratification of unauthorized commitments.~~

~~(b) *Policy.* DOT policy requires that all procurement decisions shall be made only by Government officials having authority to carry out such acquisitions. Procurement decisions made by other than authorized personnel are contrary to Departmental policy and may be considered matters of serious misconduct on the part of the employee making an unauthorized commitment. Disciplinary action against an employee who makes an unauthorized commitment may be considered.~~

1201.[4]603 Selecti[ng]on, appoint[ing]ment, and terminati[ng]on of [the] appointment for contracting officers.

1201.[4]603-1 General.

Each DOT OA is **[delegated authority to appoint]** responsible for appointing its contracting officers. Each HCA **[will]** ~~shall~~ appoint one Chief of the Contracting Office (COCO) for each OA. ~~Individuals designated as COCOs are considered contracting officers and shall be appointed by their respective HCA.~~ The HCA may select, appoint, and terminate the appointment of contracting officers. The HCA may re-delegate this authority to a level no lower than that of the COCO.

1201.[4]604 Contracting O[fficer's R[epresentative] (COR).

1201.[4]604-70 Contract clause.

~~The contracting officer shall~~ **[I]** insert the clause at 1252.201-70, Contracting Officer's Representative, in solicitations and contracts ~~that are identified as~~ other than firm-fixed-price, and for firm-fixed-price solicitations and contracts when appointment of a contracting officer's representative is anticipated.

[Subpart 1201.5—Determination and Findings

1201.506 Signatory authority.

Authority to sign or delegate signature authority for the various D&Fs as required by the FAR is shown in the applicable TAR part or the corresponding TAM part, when required.]

Part 1252 – Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

Subpart 1252.2—Texts of Provisions and Clauses

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1252.201-70 Contracting Officer's Representative. (RFO Deviation)

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1252.201-70 Contracting Officer's Representative.

As prescribed in 1201.4]604-70, insert the following clause:

Contracting Officer's Representative (NOV 2022[APR 2026])[(RFO DEVIATION)]

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate Government personnel to act as the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to perform functions under the contract such as review and/or inspection and acceptance of supplies, services, including construction, and other functions of a technical nature. The Contracting Officer will provide a written notice of such designation to the Contractor ~~within five working days after contract award or for construction, not less than five working days prior to giving the contractor the notice to proceed.~~ The designation letter will set[s] forth the authorities and limitations of the COR under the contract.

(b) The Contracting Officer cannot authorize the COR or any other representative to sign documents (*i.e.*, contracts, contract modifications, etc.) that require the signature of the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

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