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SUBJECT: Class Deviation No. 2026-05 from the Transportation Acquisition Regulation for TAR Part 1205 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 1205 for the purpose of implementing, in the TAR, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviations (CD) (No. 2025-16 and 2026-22) for FAR part 5 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 5 model deviation text upon which this RFO TAR part 1205 deviation is also based, establishes bedrock principles. The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued FAR CD 2025-16 for FAR part 5 on September 9, 2025, and FAR CD No. 2026-22, Supplement to Certain Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Deviations (Part 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 23) on January 12, 2026. Both documents can be accessed [here](#).

To ensure alignment with recently issued E.O.s and other TAR parts, 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
Removed	Entire TAR Part 1205—Publicizing Contract Actions is removed, including underlying subparts and sections as reflected below. • Subpart 1205.1—Publicizing Contract Actions - removed the subpart in its entirety including underlying section 1205.101, Methods of disseminating information. • Subpart 1205.4—Release of Information - removed the subpart in its entirety including underlying sections. Coverage in FAR removed as it was largely duplicative of the general posting requirements adequately covered elsewhere in FAR part 5. ○ 1205.402, General public. ○ 1205.403, Requests from Members of Congress. • Subpart 1205.6—Publicizing Multi Agency Use Contracts - removed the subpart in its entirety including the underlying section. Aligns with RFO FAR part 5 as it is duplicative and outdated. ○ 1205.601, Governmentwide database of contracts. No coverage is required in this part.

- V. **Required Actions:** Contracting Officers shall follow the RFO TAR part 1205 deviation text, in lieu of TAR part 1205 as codified at 48 CFR, chapter 12. The RFO TAR deviation text is shown in the Attachment.

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 and existing solicitations, contracts or orders:

- Do not include any applicable deviated (removed) provisions or clauses to TAR part 1205.

For open solicitations:

- The contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to amend the solicitation and remove any applicable provisions or clauses as a result of this deviation. The contracting officer may be required to revise the draft contract at the time of contract award if a deviated clause removed by this class deviation was not removed during the solicitation stage.

- 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 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 TAR CD No. 2025-16 and 2026-22, 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 1205 Deviation Text - Bold/Bracketed/Line-in Line-Out (BB-LILO)

Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) Class Deviation (CD) No. 2026-05

Attachment A

RFO TAR Part 1205

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 1205—Publicizing Contract Actions (RFO DEVIATION)

Subpart 1205.1—Dissemination of Information

~~1205.101—Methods of disseminating information.~~

Subpart 1205.4—Release of Information

~~1205.402—General public.~~

~~1205.403—Requests from Members of Congress.~~

Subpart 1205.6—Publicizing Multi-Agency Use Contracts

~~1205.601—Governmentwide database of contracts.~~

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

PART 1205—PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS (RFO DEVIATION)

Subpart 1205.1—Dissemination of Information

1205.101 Methods of disseminating information.

(a) The DOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 publishes a Procurement Forecast of planned procurements each fiscal year on their website at <https://www.transportation.gov/osdbu/procurement-forecast/summary/>.

Subpart 1205.4—Release of Information

1205.402 General public.

(a) Upon request, and consistent with DOT Freedom of Information Act rules and regulations in 49 CFR part 7 and 1224.203, DOT will furnish the general public with the following information on proposed contracts and contract awards—

(1) After the opening of sealed bids, names of firms that submitted bids; and

~~(2) After contract award, the names of firms that submitted proposals.~~

~~(b) DOT will process requests for other specific information in accordance with the DOT Freedom of Information Act rules and regulations in [49 CFR part 7](#) and [1224.203](#).~~

~~1205.403 Requests from Members of Congress.~~

~~The HCA is authorized to approve the release of certain contract information to Members of Congress under FAR 5.403.~~

~~Subpart 1205.6—Publicizing Multi-Agency Use Contracts~~

~~1205.601 Governmentwide database of contracts.~~

~~(b) The OA HCA is responsible for complying with the requirements of FAR 5.601(b).~~