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SUBJECT: Class Deviation No. 2026-11 from the Transportation Acquisition Regulation for TAR Part 1211 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 1211 for purpose of implementing, in the TAR, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation (CD) (No. 2025-09) for FAR part 11 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 on 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 11 model deviation text upon which this RFO TAR part 1211 deviation is also based, establishes bedrock principles. The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued [FAR CD 2025-09](#) for FAR part 11 on July 17, 2025.

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: The following table is not an exhaustive list but includes notable updates to TAR part 1211:

Change	Description
Removed	Entire TAR Part 1211—Describing Agency Needs is removed, including underlying subpart and sections as reflected below. • Subpart 1211.2—Using and Maintaining Requirements Documents - removed the subpart in its entirety including underlying sections. RFO FAR CD removed FAR subpart 11.2 in its entirety as it is outdated, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary. The prescriptive procedures or caution about accuracy of the Index is best left to requirements documents and this TAR approach is now aligned with the RFO FAR approach that removed similar FAR clauses. ○ 1211.204, Solicitation provisions and contract clauses. ○ 1211.204-70, Contract clauses.

V. Required Actions: Contracting Officers shall follow the RFO TAR part 1211 deviation text, in lieu of TAR part 1211 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 1211.

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. 2025-09, 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 1211 Deviation Text - Bold/Bracketed/Line-in Line-Out (BB-LILO)

Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) Class Deviation (CD) No. 2026-11

Attachment A

RFO TAR Part 1211

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 1211—Describing Agency Needs (RFO DEVIATION)

Subpart 1211.2—Using and Maintaining Requirements Documents

1211.204—Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

1211.204-70—Contract clauses.

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 1211—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS (RFO DEVIATION)

Subpart 1211.2—Using and Maintaining Requirements Documents

1211.204 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

1211.204-70 Contract clauses.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 1252.211-70, Index for Specifications, when an index or table of contents may be furnished with the specification.

Part 1252 – Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

Subpart 1252.2—Texts of Provisions and Clauses

~~1252.211-70 Index for Specifications. (RFO DEVIATION)~~

Subpart 1252.2—Texts of Provisions and Clauses

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~~1252.211-70 Index for Specifications. (RFO DEVIATION)~~

~~As prescribed in 1211.204-70, insert the following clause:~~

~~Index for Specifications (NOV 2022)~~

~~If an index or table of contents is furnished in connection with specifications, such index or table of contents is for convenience only. Its accuracy and completeness is not guaranteed, and it is not a part of the specification. In case of discrepancy between the index or table of contents and the specifications, the specifications shall govern.~~

~~(End of clause)~~

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