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**SUBJECT:** Class Deviation No. 2026-53 from the Transportation Acquisition Regulation for TAR Part 1253 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 1253 for the purpose of implementing, in the TAR, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation (CD) (No. 2026-20) for FAR part 53 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 53 model deviation text upon which this RFO TAR part 1253 deviation is based, establishes bedrock principles. The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued [FAR CD 2026-20](#) for FAR part 53 on October 27, 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| New/Retained/Updated | <p>Updated TAR content and headings to align with RFO FAR Part 53</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TAR part 1253—Forms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revised title to align with FAR.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Subpart 1253.1—General (New)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1253.101, Policy. (New) Added to consolidate “forms” guidance under this new section to conform with the RFO FAR part 53.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Removed              | <p>General – Text has been revised/deleted in the sections below to remove non-statutory guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subpart 1253.2, Prescription of Forms.</b> Including underlying sections 1253.204-70, 1253.227, and 1253.227-3.</li> <li>• <b>Subpart 1253.3, Forms Used in Acquisitions.</b> Including underlying section 1253.300-70.</li> </ul>                                                                                    |

- V. **Required Actions:** Contracting Officers shall follow the RFO TAR part 1253 deviation text, in lieu of TAR part 1253 as codified at 48 CFR, chapter 12. The RFO TAR part 1253 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.

- 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 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. 2026-20 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](mailto:DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov).

#### Attachment:

- A. RFO TAR Part 1253 – Bold/Bracketed/Line-in Line-Out (BB-LILO)

**Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) Class Deviation (CD) No. 2026-53**

**Attachment A**

**RFO TAR Part 1253 Deviation Text**

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

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

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**Part 1253—Forms (RFO Deviation)**

**[Subpart 1253.1 – General  
1253.101 Policy.]**

**~~Subpart 1253.2 – Prescription of Forms~~**

~~1253.204-70 Administrative matters—agency specified forms.~~

~~1253.227 Patents, data, and copyrights.~~

~~1253.227-3 Patent rights under Government contracts.~~

**~~Subpart 1253.3 – Forms Used in Acquisitions~~**

~~1253.300-70 DOT agency forms.~~

**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](#).

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## PART 1253—FORMS

### [Subpart 1203.1 – General.

#### 1253.101 Policy.

(b) *Forms list.* A list of DOT authorized forms specified by the TAR for use in acquisitions is available at <https://www.transportation.gov/assistant-secretary-administration/procurement/senior-procurement-executive>.]

### Subpart 1253.2—Prescription of Forms

#### ~~1253.204-70 Administrative matters—agency specified forms.~~

The following forms are prescribed for use in the closeout of applicable contracts, as specified in 1204.804-570:

(a) ~~*Department of Transportation (DOT) Form DOT F 4220.4, Contractor's Release.*~~ Form DOT F 4220.4 is authorized for local reproduction and a copy may be obtained at <https://www.transportation.gov/assistant-secretary-administration/procurement/tar-part-1253-forms>.

(b) ~~*Form DOT F 4220.45, Contractor's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, Credits, and Other Amounts.*~~ Form DOT F 4220.45 is authorized for local reproduction and a copy may be obtained at <https://www.transportation.gov/assistant-secretary-administration/procurement/tar-part-1253-forms>.

(c) ~~*Form DOT F 4220.46, Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation Statement.*~~ Form DOT F 4220.46 is authorized for local reproduction and a copy may be obtained at <https://www.transportation.gov/assistant-secretary-administration/procurement/tar-part-1253-forms>.

(d) ~~*Department of Defense DD Form 882, Report of Inventions and Subcontracts.*~~ DD Form 882 can be found at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/>.

#### ~~1253.227 Patents, data, and copyrights.~~

#### ~~1253.227-3 Patent rights under Government contracts.~~

The following form is prescribed as a means for contractors to report inventions made during contract performance, as specified in 1227.305-4: Department of Defense DD Form 882, Report of Inventions and Subcontracts. DD Form 882 can be found at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/>.

## **Subpart 1253.3—Forms Used in Acquisitions**

### **1253.300-70 DOT agency forms.**

This subpart identifies, in numerical sequence, agency forms that are specified by the TAR for use in acquisitions. See table 1 to [1253.300-70](#). Forms are also accessible in Adobe PDF and Microsoft Word files on the DOT Office of Senior Procurement Executive website at <https://www.transportation.gov/assistant-secretary-administration/procurement/tar-part-1253-forms>.

| Table 1 to <a href="#">1253.300-70</a> —Forms Used in DOT Acquisitions   |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Form name</b>                                                         | <b>Form No.</b> |
| Contractor's Release Form                                                | 4220.4          |
| Contractor's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, Credits, and other Amounts. | 4220.45         |
| Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation Statement                            | 4220.46         |

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