

Navigating the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Updates

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6. What are some of the barriers to entry when doing business with NASA?

Opening Remarks



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NASA FAR Supplement Updates



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FAR Changes



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Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO)

- RFO Background
- RFO Goals
- RFO Timelines
- Executive Orders 14271 and 14369

NASA FAR Supplement (NFS)

- NFS Background
- NFS RFO Impacts

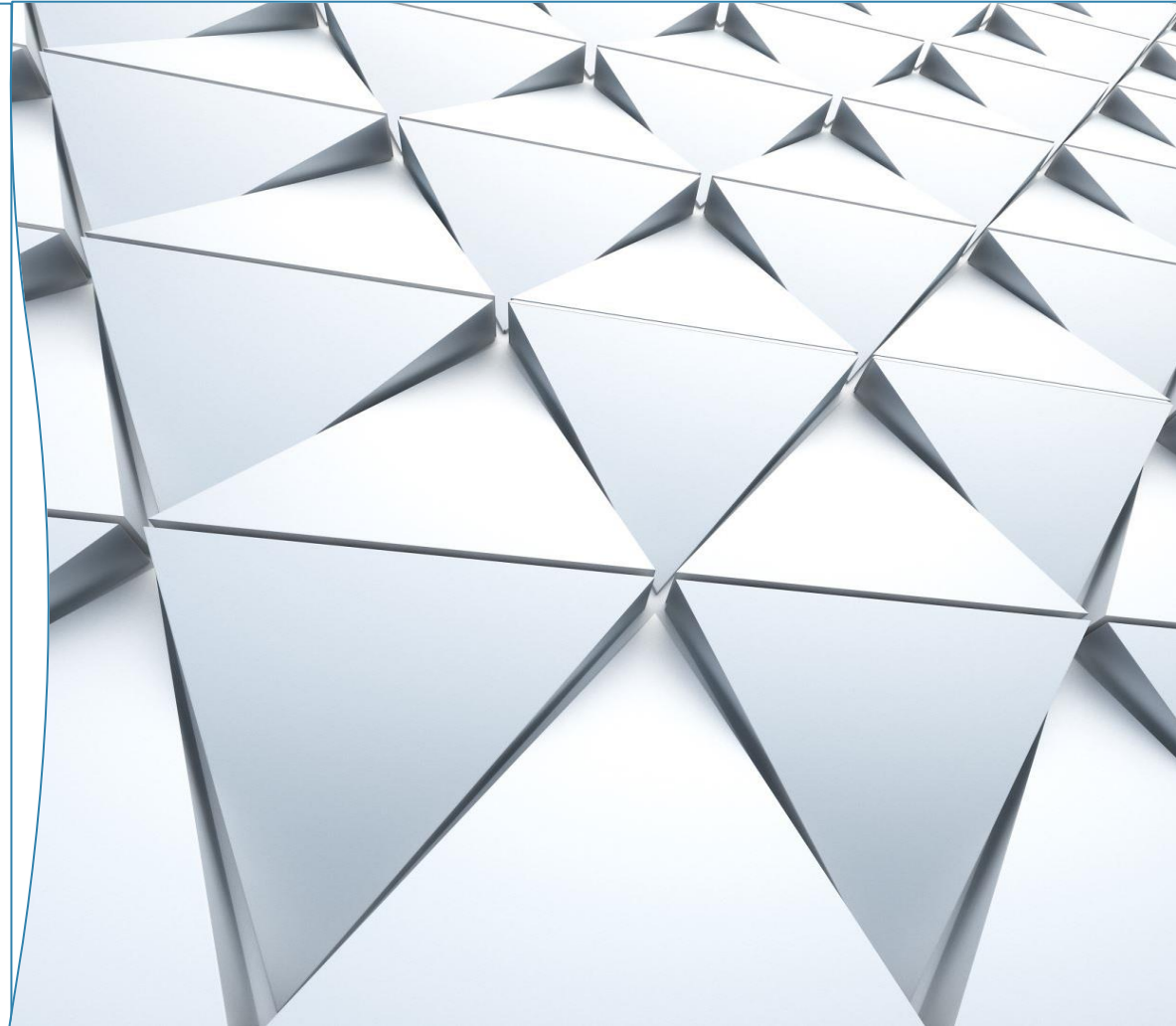
RFO Small Business Changes

- Key updates to FAR Part 19
- Key updates to FAR Part 44

Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO)



- ❖ On April 15, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, [“Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement”](#), to reform the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and align Agency Supplements by removing undue costly burdens and barriers, such as unnecessary regulations, that prevent agencies from accessing the best market solutions.
- ❖ To implement E.O. 14275, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) is leading the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This effort is managed and being executed by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (the Council) member agencies (i.e., NASA, GSA, DOD). In line with the E.O., the initiative aims to eliminate unnecessary regulations and policies across all levels of the federal government.



OFPP's Goals for the RFO:

Speeding Acquisition

- We must and will deliver capability at mission speed against needs.
- We will complete Phase II of the RFO, additional reform will take place, and we will **continue removing non-value-added regulation**. Simultaneously, agencies will issue deviations to streamline their supplements to the FAR.

Reducing Costs

- We will step up efforts to **restore the commercial first policy of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act** by stopping the wasteful expenditure of taxpayer dollars on costly custom products where a suitable or superior commercial solution could meet the Government's needs.
- We will refresh and strengthen our category management practices for **leveraging existing governmentwide contract vehicles** to get even better value for the taxpayer, especially when addressing needs that can be satisfied commercially.

Increasing Competition

- We will **increase competition by reducing regulatory and compliance burdens** and **increase our attention on non-regulatory tools**, such as the FAR Companion, the Practitioners Albums and the Category Management Buying Guides.
- We will work across agencies to **prioritize outcome-based approaches** rather than unnecessarily prescriptive requirements.
- We will **strengthen communication with all partners** to ensure requirements are clearly articulated and the path to meeting mission needs is understood across the enterprise.



Phase One

Model deviations

Agency Issued
Deviations

Issue class deviations to immediately adopt and use overhauled FAR.

Phase Two

Rulemaking

New codified FAR

Conduct formal rulemaking to codify streamlined regulations.

PHASE I OVERVIEW

- Remove most non-statutory content from the FAR
- Convert to plain language, including shift from “shall” to “must.”
- Post FAR model deviations to follow until formal rulemaking complete.
- Agencies post deviations (NASA FAR Supplement Procurement Class Deviations) post within 30 days of release of “new” language.
- Public comments taken on deviations to inform Phase II.

PHASE II OVERVIEW

- Review public comments from Phase I and adjudicate as appropriate.
- Release draft rule to Civilian Acquisition Agency Council, Defense Acquisition Regulation Council, OIRA and OFPP. Adjudicate comments.
- Publish proposed rule on Federal Register.
- Public comments will be taken for ~30 days.
- Adjudicate public comments.
- Post final rule = new FAR text created.
- NFS will also go through rulemaking process to finalize revisions consistent with changes in the FAR

Rulemaking Timeline

RFO Case Timeline - 12 Rules

11.5-Month Timeline, Cases with Multiple Full FAR Parts



DRAFT PROPOSED RULE

8 WEEKS

FAR agencies are assigned rules. Draft changes versus the deviated FAR, incorporating new innovative changes, existing unpublished rules, other changes due to comments received on model deviations



Nov - Feb

INITIAL REVIEW

12 WEEKS

CAAC & DARC
OFPP
OIRA
FAR Secretariat



Jan - May

PUBLIC COMMENT

4.5 WEEKS

Public is tasked with reviewing the proposed rule, providing comments on effect or unintended consequences of changes and ways to better the FAR.

Note: public has previously commented on model deviations.



Apr - Jun

DISPOSITION OF COMMENTS & DRAFT FINAL RULE

12 WEEKS

Host agency reviews & dispositions comments. Makes any needed changes to the FAR text or associated Federal Register Notice. Expected significant numbers of comments due to scope of rules.

Some changes will require coordination & decision by FAR Council.



May - Aug

FINAL REVIEWS

12 WEEKS

Host agency presents disposition and changes to the CAAC & DARC, OFPP, OIRA for review.



Oct - Nov



E.O.14271, “Ensuring Commercial Cost – Effective Solutions In Federal Contracts”

April 15, 2025, E.O. 14271, Ensuring Commercial, Cost-Effective Solutions In Federal Contracts, directed agencies to procure commercially available products and services to the maximum extent practicable. The E.O. requires, that if an agency proposes to solicit a non-commercial product or service, contracting officers must obtain agency approval.



E.O.14369, “Ensuring American Space Superiority”

NASA is aligning its priorities with E.O. 14369 by ensuring future acquisitions adhere to –

Make vs. Buy:
Preserving NASA's
Core Competencies

Requirements:
Flexible Where
Possible, Rigid
Where Necessary

Contract Type
Selection (aligning
with technical
maturity and risk)

Contract Insight vs.
Oversight

Turnaround Time
and Execution
Discipline

Vendor Incentives &
Accountability

NFS Background

What is the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) ?

- The NFS is an agency procurement regulation that supplements FAR policies and procedures. It includes agency requirements to satisfy NASA's specific needs
- Originally, the single official NFS version maintained by NASA was a comprehensive document that included acquisition requirements which required public comment (i.e., rulemaking) and internal Agency guidance and procedures that do not require public comment

Why did the NFS change ?

- E.O. 14275 requires agencies to eliminate unnecessary regulations and policies across all levels of the federal government. Specifically, by reforming the FAR and Agency supplements to remove undue costly burdens and barriers that prevent agencies from accessing the best market solutions



NFS RFO Impact

What changed ?

- The NFS is no longer a consolidated comprehensive document (i.e., containing regulatory and non-regulatory requirements). Non-statutory language such as internal agency procedures and guidance were removed
- The NFS now only consist of statutory and regulatory requirements that require public comment (i.e., rulemaking)

How did the NFS change ?

- In accordance with E.O. 14275, “Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement”, and OMB Memorandum 25-26, NASA issued Procurement Class Deviations (PCDs) (for each FAR & NFS Part) to implement the RFO
- Each PCD revised an NFS Part by removing non-statutory language to align with the RFO deviated model text
- Once the FAR completes formal rulemaking, in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1707, then the NFS will undergo rulemaking to codify its requirements in the code of federal regulations (CFR)

New NFS Documents Established

- January 2026 an “*Interim NFS*” was issued which consolidates all the RFO changes implemented by NASA PCDs
- Non-statutory language such as internal agency procedures and guidance now resides in a separate document referred to as the “*NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Companion Guide (CG)*”



FAR 19, Small Business and FAR 44, Subcontracting Policies and Procedures Updates

Key Updates to FAR Part 19 – Small Business

- ❖ Retitled from *Small Business Programs* to *Small Business*
- ❖ Reorganized by acquisition lifecycle (e.g., Presolicitation, Evaluation & Award, and Postaward)
- ❖ Rule of Two intact; more CO discretion
- ❖ Streamlined SBA program transitions
- ❖ No re-representation required at task order level.



Key Updates to FAR Part 19

Flexibility
across socio-
economic
programs

Competition
emphasized
over sole-
source

Order-level set-
asides non-
protestable

Key Updates to FAR Part 44

Reorganized Subpart Structure

44.001: Definitions consolidated

44.2: Evaluation & Award (consent + notification)

44.3: Postaward (CPSRs moved here)

44.4: Commercial subcontract policies streamlined

Key Updates to FAR Part 44

Revised CPSR Framework

Shift from dollar thresholds to risk-based evaluations

Streamlined post-award oversight

Impacts to Small Businesses

Easier-to-understand solicitations with clearer requirements

Faster procurement timelines requiring quicker response readiness

Higher thresholds creating more simplified acquisition opportunities

Increased importance of compliance as rules shift to new structures

Need for continuous monitoring due to rapid rollout via deviations

Impacts to Small Businesses



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(Part 44)

- ❖ Faster subcontract approvals
- ❖ Reduced compliance burden
- ❖ Increased CPSR scrutiny for small primes
- ❖ Improved competitiveness for commercial item suppliers



RFO FAR Resources:
<https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul>

Interim NFS:
<https://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/NFS.pdf>

Q&A Segment



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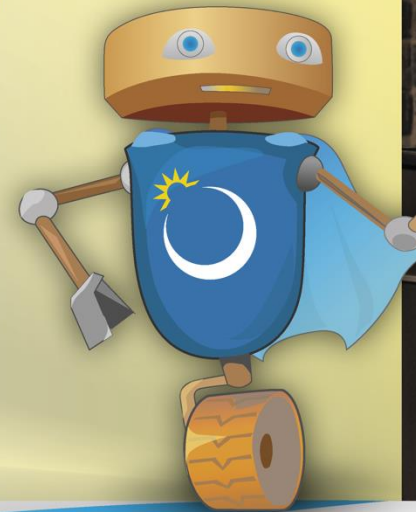
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