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## MEMORANDUM FOR GSA CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES

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SUBJECT: GSA Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) Class Deviations in Response to Executive Order 14275.

### 1. Purpose.

- This memorandum approves a set of class deviations to the General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) within the General Services Acquisition Manual (GSAM) System for purposes of implementing Section 5 of [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275](#), *Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement*.
- Refer to **Attachment A** for the effective date for each GSAR deviation.

### 2. Background.

- In accordance with the E.O. and [OMB Memorandum M-25-26](#), agencies must minimize regulations that are not based in statute or executive order, essential to sound procurement, or aligned with the FAR Council's Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) model deviation language.
- The GSAR is the regulatory part (i.e., shaded text) of the General Services Administration Acquisition Management (GSAM) System and contains acquisition policies and procedures that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of GSA and have impact on contractors or offerors. As with the FAR Overhaul, changes to the GSAR initially will be accomplished as deviations. Formal rule-making will follow including a full notice and comment period.
- Changes to the non-regulatory GSAM (i.e., unshaded text) regarding internal acquisition policy that applies to the GSA acquisition workforce will be completed separately via [ADM 2800.12B, Change 200](#).

### 3. Summary of Changes.

Changes to the GSAR are intended to make the GSAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements.

- Until rulemaking, GSA will post a PDF to [Acquisition.gov](#), under the "[FAR Overhaul](#)" link. As new parts become effective, GSA will add more language and continuously update the PDF. The PDF will also be accompanied by a feedback form the public can use to submit input prior to rulemaking.



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- Each class deviation only affects previously shaded language in the GSAR, and may add new language in order to align with the RFO model deviation language now in effect or language required via E.O. or OMB memorandum.
- For ease of reference, and citations, these changes will use the abbreviation “RGO” (Revolutionary GSAR Overhaul) to show the relationship to the “RFO” (Revolutionary FAR Overhaul). This more easily distinguishes deviations within the FAR system for the workforce, our industry partners, and the public.

#### 4. Instructions.

- The GSA acquisition workforce must follow the applicable RGO part deviation text instead of the corresponding GSAR part as codified at 48 CFR chapter 5. GSA RGO deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov](https://www.acquisition.gov), under the [“FAR Overhaul” link](#), and is incorporated into this class deviation.
- The GSA acquisition workforce will be notified when new RGO part deviations are available.
  - A tentative schedule showing when individual GSAR parts are expected to be moved to RGO-01 is available on the [GSA Office of Acquisition Policy Dashboard](#).
- For new solicitations or contracts, per GSAR conventions 501.107(d) GSAR changes apply on or after the effective date of the change. The contracting officer has discretion to implement the GSAR changes ahead of the effective date. When using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RGO deviation language within GSAR part 552 of the PDF posted to [Acquisition.gov](https://www.acquisition.gov).
- For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to implement the GSAR changes. Note that without some of the provisions or clauses, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.
- To ensure alignment with the E.O. and OMB memorandum, any non-OGP issued acquisition policy, procedure, or guidance (collectively “policy”) that is designated as “mandatory” must be canceled or rescinded within 60 days of the deviation. These policies may be kept for discretionary use only after being updated to conform with RFO updates.
  - This instruction and requirement applies to all levels at GSA (e.g., service-level, portfolio, program, regional, zonal, contracting activity, etc). If you’d like the Office of Acquisition Policy to consider adopting or utilizing your policy GSA-wide, contact [GSAPILOTS@gsa.gov](mailto:GSAPILOTS@gsa.gov).

**5. Applicability.** This class deviation applies to all GSA contracting activities and procurements.

#### 6. Points of Contact.




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- *For the GSA Acquisition Workforce.* Try asking [GSAi](#) first (upload the new RGO deviation language and then ask your question). If you still need clarification, you may email the GSA Acquisition Policy Division at [GSARPolicy@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARPolicy@gsa.gov).
- *For the GSA Acquisition Workforce and the Public.* To streamline our efforts, GSA does not anticipate posting the line out / strikethrough changes for each GSAR part. We encourage you to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to help compare the current codified GSAR language against the new RGO language.
- *For questions (or additional instructions) related to the cancellation of mandatory policy not issued by OGP.* You may direct questions to [GSAPILOTS@gsa.gov](mailto:GSAPILOTS@gsa.gov).

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**Attachment A**

**Overview.** The table tracks class deviations made to existing GSAR parts; the effective date of the deviation, and the publication version of part. The table identifies information associated with the initial deviation and any subsequent change to the deviation. The table only identifies GSAR parts where regulation currently exists.

**Effective Date.** For each class deviation, GSA contracting activities may use the deviated language immediately, but must begin using the deviated language no later than the date listed in the table below. The class deviation for each part remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the GSAR.

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# Part 501 - General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation System

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## **501.000 Scope of part.**

This part describes the framework for the General Services Administration Acquisition System (the System).

## **Subpart 501.1 Framework**

### **501.101 Framework.**

(a) The System is a collection of regulatory and non-regulatory agency acquisition regulation and mandatory requirements, and consists of the following:

(1) *Regulatory*. The General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR), which consists of the following:

(i) Agency regulations that implement or supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) as authorized under FAR 1.101(a)(2).

(ii) Agency regulations that implement 40 U.S.C. 585, which authorizes GSA to enter into leasehold interests in real property. See part 570.

(iii) Agency regulations that implement 40 U.S.C. 502 and other authorities that authorize GSA to allow access to its sources, such as the GSA Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) program (see subpart 538.70), by eligible entities.

(iv) Agency regulations that implement other statutory procurement authority outside of the FAR such as Commercial Solution Openings, no-cost contracts, and other non-FAR based procurements.

(2) *Non-regulatory*. The GSA Acquisition Handbook (Handbook), which consists of mandatory requirements that apply internally to GSA personnel involved in the acquisition process. The Handbook is for internal use and is published on the GSA Acquisition Portal (access available to GSA employees only). A copy of the Handbook is available at <https://www.gsa.gov/rforesources>.

(b) The System does not include internal or external agency acquisition guidance supplementing the System.

### **501.103 Authority.**

The System is prepared and issued by the GSA Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) under the authority of the GSA Delegations of Authority Manual 5450.39 ADM.

#### **501.104 Publication and code arrangement.**

(a) The GSAR is codified in Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 5 available at <https://www.ecfr.gov>. A copy of the GSAR is also available at <https://acquisition.gov>.

(b) Numbering used in the GSAR corresponds to what is used in the FAR except that the first number starts with a 5. For example, section 501.104 corresponds to FAR 1.104. GSAR rules not implementing a specific section of the FAR include the number 70. For example, parts 570 and 571. The GSAR will have gaps in its numbering scheme when there is no corresponding GSAR requirement implementing or supplementing the FAR.

(c) Using the GSAR coverage at 501.101 as a typical illustration, reference to the part would be “GSAR part 501” outside the GSAR and “part 501” within the GSAR. Reference to the section would be “GSAR 501.101” outside the GSAR and “501.101” within the GSAR.

(d) If required by 41 U.S.C. 1707, proposed revisions to the GSAR must be published in the Federal Register for public comment.

#### **501.105 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.**

The list of information collections and recordkeeping requirements contained in the GSAR have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and can be found at <https://www.acquisition.gov/GSAacq-PRA>.

#### **501.106 Certifications.**

Unless allowed under 41 U.S.C. 1304, the GSAR must not require a certification from an offeror or contractor.

#### **501.107 GSAR conventions.**

(a) *Words and terms.* (1) Definitions used in part 2 of the FAR apply to the GSAR unless specifically defined in another part, subpart, section, provision, or clause of the FAR or GSAR.

(2) Undefined words retain their common dictionary meaning.

(b) *Delegation of authority.* Each authority is delegable unless specifically stated otherwise.

(c) *Dollar thresholds.* Dollar thresholds used in the GSAR follow the requirements of FAR 1.107(c).

(d) *Applying GSAR changes to solicitations and contracts.* Unless otherwise specified —

(1) GSAR changes apply to solicitations issued on or after the effective date of the change;



(2) Contracting officers may, at their discretion, include the GSAR changes in solicitations issued before the effective date, provided award of the resulting contract(s) occurs on or after the effective date; and

(3) Contracting officers may, at their discretion, include the GSAR changes in any existing contract with appropriate consideration.

(e) *Citations.* When the GSAR cites a statute, Executive order, Office of Management and Budget circular, Office of Federal Procurement Policy policy letter, GSA Directive, or relevant portion of the Code of Federal Regulations, the citation includes all applicable amendments, unless otherwise stated.

(f) *Required action.* When a sentence directs action, the contracting officer is responsible for the action, unless another party is expressly cited.

# Part 539 - Acquisition of Information and Communication Technology

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## **539.70 Policies.**

(a) Use of information technology (IT) at GSA, including software, must be coordinated and approved by the GSA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) pursuant to GSA Order CIO 2160.1, GSA Information Technology (IT) Standards Policy.

(b) Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at GSA, including software, must be coordinated and approved by the OCIO pursuant to GSA Order CIO 2185.1, Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at GSA.

(c) For interagency acquisitions, coordination is required with the requesting agency CIO and is the responsibility of the requesting agency.