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Dear Defense Industrial Base and Acquisition Stakeholders:

The Department of War (DoW) invites you to suggest Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) changes to help achieve three key objectives: 1) Field technology and modernizing systems at a rate that outpaces our adversaries; 2) Increase production capacity to deliver wartime surge capacity for key capabilities; and 3) put the entire acquisition system and the industrial base on a wartime footing.

Our warfighting ecosystem is at a historic inflection point with unprecedented alignment between the Administration, Congress, DoW, and the Defense Industrial Base. We all seek to collaboratively transform acquisition. This effort is guided by Executive Order (EO) 14275, *Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement*, establishing 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.” To implement this EO, the Department is closely aligned with the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) on the OFPP-led Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO). Additionally, EO 14265, *Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base*, directed the Secretary of War to eliminate or revise any unnecessary supplemental regulations or any other internal guidance, such as irrelevant parts of the DFARS. The Secretary’s Acquisition Transformation Strategy: *Rebuilding the Arsenal of Freedom*, calls for maximized acquisition flexibility through reduced regulations and processes. As Secretary Hegseth said relative to the changes, “The DoW is undertaking a complete and revolutionary overhaul...to right size the regulatory environment in collaboration with interagency partners.” These initiatives call for a robust pivot from regulatory norms.

The Principal Director, Defense Pricing, Contracting, and Acquisition Policy, recently posted the first tranche of RFO Phase 1 class deviations (https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars_far_overhaul_class_deviations.html). This issuance demonstrates remarkable progress we have made to date with this monumental undertaking. As he indicated, these class deviations represent actions we can take unilaterally, in advance of formal rulemaking, to reduce regulatory burden on both our own workforce and on industry.

Now, as we embark on Phase 2 of the RFO, **we are seeking your input** to help shape the substantive content of the proposed rules that will overhaul all parts of the DFARS and influence FAR changes. This is a pivotal moment to offer your ideas. Your insights are essential to shaping reforms that are practical, effective, and aligned with the needs of those who rely on them. Please submit input to Mr. John Tenaglia and Ms. Kimberly Ziegler at osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dfars@mail.mil.

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