

1.401 Definition.

Deviation means any one or combination of the following:

- (a) The issuance or use of a policy, procedure, solicitation provision (see definition in [2.101](#)), contract clause (see definition in [2.101](#)), method, or practice of conducting acquisition actions of any kind at any stage of the acquisition process that is inconsistent with the FAR.
- (b) The omission of any solicitation provision or contract clause when its prescription requires its use.
- (c) The use of any solicitation provision or contract clause with modified or alternate language that is not authorized by the FAR (see definition of "modification" in [52.101\(a\)](#) and definition of "alternate" in [2.101](#)).
- (d) The use of a solicitation provision or contract clause prescribed by the FAR on a "substantially as follows" or "substantially the same as" basis (see definitions in [2.101](#) and [52.101\(a\)](#)), if such use is inconsistent with the intent, principle, or substance of the prescription or related coverage on the subject matter in the FAR.
- (e) The authorization of lesser or greater limitations on the use of any solicitation provision, contract clause, policy, or procedure prescribed by the FAR.
- (f) The issuance of policies or procedures that govern the contracting process or otherwise control contracting relationships that are not incorporated into agency acquisition regulations in accordance with [1.301\(a\)](#).

Parent topic: [Subpart 1.4 - Deviations from the FAR](#)