



September 22, 2025

Mr. Mathew Blum
Acting Administrator
Office of Federal Procurement Policy
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Subject: Feedback on Federal Acquisition Regulation Overhaul – Part 5

Dear Mr. Blum,

On behalf of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), representing the nation's leading aerospace and defense companies, we appreciate the opportunity to provide informal feedback on the proposed revisions to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 5 (Publicizing Contract Actions). We commend the Administration's continued efforts to modernize and streamline the FAR and have offered feedback on several revisions released to date.¹ Our member companies have reviewed the proposed changes to FAR Part 5 and offer the comments and recommendations below.

1. Protection of Competitive Information: The revised FAR Part 5 eliminates language which requires contracting officers to ensure that information provided by potential contractors for use in preparing government estimates is not publicized or discussed with other potential contractors. This provision helps protect proprietary and sensitive business information, fostering trust between industry and government. To preserve contractor confidence and safeguard competitive data, AIA recommends retaining the original language (Citation: original FAR Subpart 5.401(a))

2. Disclosure Restrictions: The revised FAR Part 5 eliminates guidance regarding what information may be disclosed to the public. Removal of such guidance could lead to ambiguity regarding disclosure boundaries, potentially compromising sensitive contractor information. To maintain clarity and ensure proper handling of contractor data, AIA recommends retaining the original language (Citation: original FAR Subpart 5.401(b)-(c)).

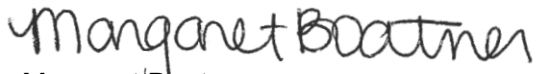
3. Long-Range Acquisition Estimates: The revised FAR Part 5 eliminates guidance regarding the release of long-range acquisition estimates. By publicizing this information as far in advance as possible, industry is better positioned to plan for and meet the requirements. The removal of such guidance may hinder contractors' ability to make informed investment and supply chain decisions. To promote proactive industry engagement and readiness, AIA recommends retaining the substance of this section in the revised FAR Part 5 (Citation: original FAR Subpart 5.404).

AIA applauds efforts to streamline, simplify, and modernize the federal procurement process. AIA and its member companies stand ready to partner with the Office of Management and Budget on the FAR Overhaul, and we look forward to reviewing and providing feedback on the revised FAR Parts as the effort progresses.

¹ [AIA Feedback on Revised FAR Parts 1, 10, 34](#); [AIA Feedback on Revised FAR Parts 11, 18, 39, 43](#); [AIA Feedback on Revised FAR Part 6](#); [AIA Feedback on Revised FAR Parts 29, 31](#); [AIA Feedback on Revised FAR Part 35](#); [AIA Feedback on Revised FAR Part 50](#)

Thank you in advance for considering our views. Please direct any questions to the undersigned at margaret.boatner@aia-aerospace.org or 703-358-1085.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Boatner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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