COURSE SYLLABUS

Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO): FAR Basics Course (Self-Paced)

This course prepares federal acquisition professionals to understand and operate under the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO), the most significant reform of the Federal Acquisition Regulation since 1984. Participants learn what changed, why it changed, and how to apply the modernized FAR and Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG) framework to their day-to-day acquisition responsibilities.

> Group classes (Live Online) and onsite training are available for this course. For more information, email onsite@graduateschool.edu or visit: https://www.graduateschool.edu/courses/revolutionary-far-overhaul-rfo-far-basics-course-self-paced



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Course Outline

Module 1: Why the FAR Was Overhauled: Strategic Context & Intent

- Describe the original purpose and statutory foundation of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).
- Explain the strategic rationale and driving forces behind the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul.
- Identify the governance roles of OFPP and the FAR Council in leading the reform.

Module 2: What Changed: Anatomy of the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul

- Identify major categories of requirements removed or streamlined under RFO.
- Describe how the FAR has been restructured, reorganized, and rewritten in plain language.
- Recognize the practical implications of RFO changes for agencies and contractors.

Module 3: Navigating and Operating in the Modernized FAR

- Describe the modernized FAR structure and how key content has been centralized.
- Identify changes to FAR Part 8 and procedures affecting day-to-day acquisition activities.
- Apply practical navigation strategies for working effectively in the streamlined regulatory framework.

Module 4: Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG): Applying Judgment Beyond the FAR

- Explain the purpose and role of Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG) in the modernized framework.
- Differentiate between regulatory requirements and non-regulatory SAG tools.
- Identify key SAG components — including the FAR Companion Guide, Practitioner's Albums, and Category Guide — and how to apply them.

Module 5: Category Management & Government-Wide Contracting

- Describe OFPP direction on category management and enterprise buying strategies.

- Differentiate between best-in-class and preferred government-wide contract vehicles.
- Understand mandatory-use expectations and the conditions under which exceptions apply.

Module 6: Operational Impact, Small Business, and What's Next

- Identify the operational impacts of RFO on acquisition planning and execution.
- Describe how RFO expands market access for small businesses and innovative vendors.
- Anticipate upcoming RFO focus areas — including emerging technologies, pricing transparency, and agency accountability — and their implications for practitioners.