

# FAR & DFARS QUICK REFERENCE CHEAT SHEET

*For Government Contractors & Proposal Teams*

## **Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)**

The FAR is the primary rulebook governing how civilian federal agencies acquire goods and services. It establishes uniform procurement policies across the federal government.

- FAR Part 2 – Definitions used throughout solicitations
- FAR Part 9 – Contractor responsibility & qualifications
- FAR Part 12 – Commercial item acquisitions
- FAR Part 13 – Simplified acquisition procedures
- FAR Part 15 – Negotiated procurements (RFPs)
- FAR Part 19 – Small business programs & set-asides
- FAR Part 52 – Solicitation provisions & contract clauses

## **Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS)**

DFARS supplements the FAR with Department of Defense–specific acquisition rules. It applies only to DoD contracts and includes additional compliance and reporting requirements.

- DFARS Part 204 – DoD systems & reporting requirements
- DFARS Part 212 – Commercial items (DoD-specific rules)
- DFARS Part 215 – Contracting by negotiation
- DFARS Part 219 – Small business programs for DoD
- DFARS Part 252 – DoD solicitation provisions & clauses

## **Key Differences at a Glance**

- FAR applies to all civilian federal agencies; DFARS applies only to DoD
- DFARS adds cybersecurity, supply chain, and defense-specific clauses
- DoD solicitations typically reference both FAR and DFARS clauses

## **How Contractors Should Use FAR & DFARS**

- Identify applicable clauses in each solicitation
- Understand proposal requirements and evaluation criteria
- Prepare for post-award compliance and reporting obligations

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