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The updated ordering guide explains the features and benefits of the FAR 51 deviation to both our customers and the contractor community. The revised ordering guide is completely web-based to allow the user to quickly link to references and citations throughout the guide. In addition, the guide contains a process map that displays the interactions involved for each participant and provides an explanation of steps.

Visit <http://www.gsa.gov/far51deviation> to find out how the FAR 51 deviation can benefit you.