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TO: All Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation for FAR Part 48 in Support of Executive Order on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

1. Introduction: The purpose of this Acquisition Alert is to issue a FAR class deviation to part 48 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's model deviation text to that part. **The purpose of this amendment is to revise the effective date. Changes implemented as part of this amendment are outlined in red font.**

2. Background: On April 15, 2025, Executive Order (E.O.) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement was signed. Section 2 of the E.O. establishes the policy that the FAR "should only contain provisions required by statute or essential to sound procurement, and any FAR provisions that do not advance these objectives should be removed."

The FAR is being updated to:

- Remove language that is not required by statute;
- Remove duplicative or outdated language;
- Clarify or provide plain language;
- Revise language for the new FAR framework; and
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, OMB M-25-25, and 48 CFR 1.4.

Deviation Summary

FAR part 48, Value Engineering, has undergone a comprehensive revision that includes a complete structural reorganization to align with the acquisition lifecycle, eliminating obsolete requirements, and strategically consolidating policies. The new language includes the following:

- Subpart **48.1 - Policies and Procedures** is reduced only in size and retains reduced language regarding the General and Policies sections.
- Subparts **48.103 - 48.105** have been deleted.
- Subpart **48.2 Contract Clauses** is substantially unchanged, but does include some language modifications.
- The FAR Companion Guide will provide best practices for the following:
 - coordination with cognizant Federal agency officials;
 - calculating profit or fees for value engineering change proposal savings;
 - establishing sharing periods and rates;
 - exemptions; and
 - waivers.
- All clauses and provisions for this part have been retained with plain language or streamlining updates to:
 - 52.248-1, Value Engineering
 - 52.248-2, Value Engineering Architect-Engineer
 - 52.248-3, Value Engineering-Construction
- Statutory requirements to create and maintain value engineering procedures in 41 U.S.C. 1711 are retained.

Corresponding DOSAR Deviation Summary

Based on the Council's model deviated language, a class deviation is hereby issued to the Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR) to make the following corresponding changes:

- Removing the following phrase "or to extend future contract savings or sharing pursuant to FAR 48.102(g)" in DOSAR part 648.102 to mirror the removal of subparagraph (g) from FAR subpart 48.102.

3. Acquisition Impact: The changes resulting from this class deviation affect all DoS procurements issued on or after the effective date of the AA.

4. Action Required: The acquisition workforce must follow the RFO part 48 model deviation text instead of FAR part 48 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council's RFO model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul), and is incorporated into this class deviation.

- a. For new solicitations or contracts, when using any provisions or clauses that have been revised, utilize the RFO model deviation language at RFO FAR part 52. Do not include any of the removed provisions or clauses in future solicitations and contracts.
- b. For open solicitations or awarded contracts, the contracting officer has discretion regarding the need to enforce or amend the provisions or clauses. Note that without some of the removed provisions or clauses, the contracting officer may be required to separately address certain aspects in the contract.

5. Effective Date: The model deviated language was released on August 28, 2025; however, this deviation is effective **January 30, 2026, or 30 days following the end of the current lapse in appropriations; whichever is later.**

6. Expiration Date: This Acquisition Alert expires upon incorporation into the FAR, DOSAR, and/or DOSAM.

7. Additional Information: Questions regarding this Acquisition Alert may be directed to AcquisitionPolicy@state.gov.

8. Attachments: [DOSAR Part 648 Deviation Line In/Line Out Document](#)

9. Referenced Documents, Checklists, Guides and Templates:
[FAR Part 48 Practitioner Album](#)