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**To:** Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer (OCAO)

**Subject:** CLASS DEVIATION (CD) in Support of Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement" - Deviation to FAR Part 48, Value Engineering

## 1. Purpose

This Class Deviation (CD) implements the FAR Council's model deviation text for FAR Part 48, Value Engineering. This action aligns with Executive Order (EO) 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement," and the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

The revised FAR Part 48, Value Engineering, has been updated to be more direct, active, and accessible. The main objective was to rewrite the part in plain language. This part is reduced by nearly 3,000 words (70%) from the current language.

## 2. Background

EO 14275, signed on April 15, 2025, established a policy that the FAR should contain only provisions required by statute or those essential for sound procurement. To implement this EO, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) is leading the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative, supported by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council. The initiative aims to eliminate unnecessary regulations and policies across all levels of the federal government.

Further guidance was provided by OMB Memorandum M-25-26, "Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation," issued on May 2, 2025.

### FAR Streamlining

As part of the RFO, the FAR will be streamlined to include only statutory requirements. Non-statutory content moved to new buying guides, collectively known as the Strategic Acquisition Guidance (SAG). The Council will first issue model deviation guidance by FAR part, followed by formal rulemaking through the notice and comment process. Agencies have 30 days to issue class deviations based on the model text once released.

**A. Streamlining Agency Acquisition Supplements:** Agencies must streamline their FAR supplements by removing regulations not based on statute or executive orders and by aligning with the FAR Council's deviation guidance. Supporting policies must also be updated to reflect these changes. This is an excellent opportunity for NARA to formally publish a streamlined NARA FAR Supplement, ensuring consistency with the new FAR.

**B. FAR Buying Guides and Supplemental Companion Guides (CG):** As the FAR and agency supplements are streamlined, helpful non-regulatory content will be moved to these new FAR Buying Guides. These guides will offer practical instructions and best practices for implementing effective contracting methods, including those related to competition. The RFO Part 48 model deviation text is a plain language version that will be adhered to by all NARA contracting personnel.

**3. Summary of Changes.** FAR Part 48, Value Engineering, has been updated to be more direct, active, and accessible. The model deviation text removes nearly 3,000 words (70%) from the current language.

Statutory and executive requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 48 model deviation include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 41 U.S.C. § 1711, Value Engineering
- OMB Circular A-131, Value Engineering

Change	Description
<b>Retained</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sections 48.101, “<b>General</b>”, and 48.102, “<b>Policies</b>”, are retained and significantly streamlined.</li> <li>● Prescriptive information previously covered within section 48.104, “<b>Sharing arrangements</b>” is retained in the following clauses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 52.248-1 covers information previously at 48.104-1, “<b>Determining sharing period</b>”</li> <li>○ 52.248-1(f) and (g) covers information previously at 48.104-2, “<b>Sharing acquisition savings</b>”</li> <li>○ 52.248-1(j) covers information previously at 48.104-3, “<b>Sharing collateral savings</b>”</li> <li>○ 52.248-1(i)(5) covers information previously at 48.104-4, “<b>Sharing alternative-no-cost settlement method</b>”</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Prescriptive information previously covered in section 48.105, “<b>Relationship to other incentives</b>” is retained in clause 52.248-1(k).</li> <li>● All clauses are retained with no changes to the text. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 52.248-1 Value Engineering</li> <li>○ 52.248-2 Value Engineering—Architect-Engineer</li> <li>○ 52.248-3 Value Engineering—Construction</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Removed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Section 48.000, “<b>Scope of Part</b>” is removed as the content is self-evident and did not add value.</li> <li>● The following terms are removed from section 48.001, “<b>Definitions</b>” as they were duplicative of definitions in clause 52.248-1, Value Engineering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Government costs</li> <li>○ Negative instant contract savings</li> <li>○ Net acquisition savings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information in section 48.102(f) on <b>calculating profit or fees for value engineering change proposal savings</b> will be covered in the FAR Companion Guide.</li> <li>● Section 48.103, “<b>Processing value engineering change proposals</b>” is removed because required information is covered in the clauses at 52.248-1 and 52.248-3. Additional information on implementing approaches and principles will be covered in the FAR Companion Guide.</li> <li>● Information within section 48.104, on <b>establishing sharing periods and rates</b> will be covered in the FAR Companion Guide.</li> </ul>
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This table is not an exhaustive list.

#### 4. Instructions

- The NARA acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 48 and corresponding 52 model deviated text instead of FAR Parts 48 and 52 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The FAR Council’s RFO text is available at [FAR Overhaul - FAR Part 48 - Acquisition.gov](#) and is incorporated by reference into this deviation.
- Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this class deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

#### 5. Applicability

The requirements in this Class Deviation (CD) apply to all solicitations and contract actions issued or awarded on or after **February 1, 2026**.

#### 6. Authority

This class deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order 14275 and OMB Memorandum M-25-26, 48 CFR Subpart 1.4.

#### 7. Effective Date

This CD is effective as of the date signed and shall remain in effect until the provisions of the RFO are formally implemented in the FAR through a final rulemaking.

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