Class Deviation for Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 48 in accordance with Executive Order 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to the Federal Procurement"
(2026-0045)

1. Purpose: To issue a class deviation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 48 for purposes of implementing the FAR Council's model deviation text to FAR Part 48.

2. Effective Date: Immediately.

3. Expiration Date: Expires when the FAR Council's model deviation text to FAR Part 48 is incorporated into the FAR or this class deviation is otherwise rescinded.

4. Background: On April 15, 2025, the Executive Order (EO) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement, was signed. Section 2 of the EO 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- Remove duplicative or outdated language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 more plain language
- Revise language for the new FAR framework
- Retain language necessary for governmentwide acquisition standards.

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative.

5. 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 requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR Part 48 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

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

Change	Description
Retained	• Sections 48.101, "General", and 48.102, "Policies", are retained and significantly streamlined. • Prescriptive information previously covered within section 48.104, "Sharing arrangements" is retained in the following clauses:

	52.248-1 covers information previously at 48.104-1, “Determining sharing period” 52.248-1(f) and (g) covers information previously at 48.104-2, “Sharing acquisition savings” 52.248-1(j) covers information previously at 48.104-3, “Sharing collateral savings” 52.248-1(i)(5) covers information previously at 48.104-4, “Sharing alternative-no-cost settlement method” - Prescriptive information previously covered in section 48.105, “Relationship to other incentives” is retained in clause 52.248- 1(k). - All clauses are retained with no changes to the text. 52.248-1 Value Engineering 52.248-2 Value Engineering—Architect-Engineer 52.248-3 Value Engineering—Construction
Removed	- Section 48.000, “Scope of Part” is removed as the content is self-evident and did not add value. - The following terms are removed from section 48.001, “Definitions” as they were duplicative of definitions in clause 52.248-1, Value Engineering: - Government costs - Negative instant contract savings - Net acquisition savings 48.101(b) covering the two value engineering approaches and 48.103 Processing value engineering change proposals (covered in the clauses at 52.248-1 and 52.248-3) are removed. Information on implementing approaches and principles is now covered in the FAR Companion Guide. 48.102(e) information on calculating profit or fees for value engineering change proposal savings is now covered in the FAR companion Guide. - Information in section 48.102(f) on calculating profit or fees for value engineering change proposal savings will be covered in the FAR Companion Guide. - Section 48.103, “Processing value engineering change proposals” 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. - Information within section 48.104, on establishing sharing periods and rates will be covered in the FAR Companion Guide.

The preceding table does not contain an exhaustive list.

6. Required Action: The CFPB acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 48 and corresponding 52 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 48 and 52 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 1. The Council's RFO Part 48 model deviation text is available at Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul and is incorporated into this class deviation.

Contracting activities must review templates and related standard operating procedures to align with this deviation and remove unnecessary processes and steps.

7. Applicability: This class deviation applies to all CFPB procurements.

8. Authority: This deviation is issued under the authority of Executive Order 14275, OMB Memo M-25-26, 48 CFR 1.4 and RFO FAR 1.304.

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