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**SUBJECT:** Class Deviation No. 2025-29 from the Federal Acquisition Regulation for FAR Part 48 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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**TO:** Department of Transportation Chiefs of the Contracting Offices

- I. Purpose:** This class deviation (CD) is issued under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 1 and Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) part 1201 and authorizes a class deviation to FAR part 48 for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR part 48.
- II. Effective Date:** Immediately.
- III. 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  - Remove duplicative or outdated language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 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.

FAR part 48, concerning 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 other requirements retained in the RFO FAR part 48 model deviation include, but are not limited to:

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

The following table is not an exhaustive list but includes notable updates to FAR part 48.

Change	Description
<b>Retained</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sections 48.101, “General”, and 48.102, “Policies”, are retained and significantly streamlined.</li> <li>• Prescriptive information previously covered within section 48.104, “Sharing arrangements” is retained in the following clauses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 52.248-1 covers information previously at 48.104-1, “Determining sharing period”</li> <li>○ 52.248-1(f) and (g) covers information previously at 48.104-2, “Sharing acquisition savings”</li> <li>○ 52.248-1(j) covers information previously at 48.104-3, “Sharing collateral savings”</li> <li>○ 52.248-1(i)(5) covers information previously at 48.104-4, “Sharing alternative-no-cost settlement method”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prescriptive information previously covered in section 48.105, “Relationship to other incentives” 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, “Scope of Part” is removed as the content is self-evident and did not add value.</li> <li>• The following terms are removed from section 48.001, “Definitions” 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> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Information within section 48.104, on establishing sharing periods and rates will be covered in the FAR Companion Guide.</li> </ul>

- IV. Required Actions:** All DOT Operating Administrations (OAs), the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), excluding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) per TAR 1201.104(d) shall follow the [RFO part 48 model deviation text](#) and corresponding [RFO part 52 model deviation text](#) instead of FAR parts 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 by reference into this CD. A line-out version of the changes may also be found [here](#) for reference.

Heads of the Contracting Activities (HCAs) must ensure this deviation is disseminated to the acquisition workforce and ensure compliance with the requirements in the revised FAR part 48 guidance.

- V. Applicability:** This CD applies to all DOT OAs, OST, and OIG, excluding the FAA in accordance with TAR 1201.104(d).
- VI. Expiration Date:** This CD will remain in effect until it is incorporated into the FAR or is otherwise rescinded, whichever occurs first.
- VII. Point of Contact:** Questions or comments regarding this deviation may be directed to [DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov](mailto:DOTAcquisitionPolicy@dot.gov).