

**USBR Value Program  
Value Study Requirements<sup>1</sup>  
Preliminary Screening Table  
Final 11/20/03**

| <b>Screening Question</b>  | <b>Answer</b> | <b>Action</b>  |
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| A. Is the “project, program or activity” (PPA) funded, all or in part, by Federal Treasury dollars?          | Yes           | Go to “B” (see Department of Interior [DOI] DM369.1.1.4.G for definition of PPA)   |
|  | No            | Go to “J”  |
| B. Is it a USBR PPA?   | Yes           | Go to “C”  |
|  | No            | Go to “I”  |
| C. Is it a “construction, repair, rehabilitation, or renovation” (CRRR) project, either in whole or in part? | Yes           | Go to “D” (see DOI DM369.1 for definition of CRRR)   |
|  | No            | Go to “E”  |
| D. Is the CRRR project, or portion, estimated to cost \$1 million or more?                                   | Yes           | Falls under DOI /Office Management and Budget (OMB) mandatory study program, value study required (OMB Cir A-131; DM369.1.1.7.A); waiver not applicable. Arrange for study to be performed (in-house; A/E contract; mandatory VECP [FAR 48.201]). STOP |
|  | No            | Go to “F”  |
| E. Is it a supply or service contract?   | Yes           | Maybe exempt from mandatory value study (DM 369.1.1.7.B; FAR 48.201(a)). Should be examined for possible benefits of a value study (DM 369.1.1.8.B). If potential benefits warrant, arrange for value study. STOP                                      |
|  | No            | Go to “G”  |
| F. Is the CRRR project, or portion, estimated to cost more than \$0.5 million?                               | Yes           | Eligible for waiver (DM 369.1.1.7.A). Arrange for study to be performed, or justify and submit waiver to your Value Program Coordinator (CMP PO 5.4). STOP   |
|  | No            | Value study not required. VECP Clause required for contracts \$0.1 mil or more (DM 369.1.1.8.B; FAR 48). STOP  |

<sup>1</sup> Refer to [www.usbr.gov/pmts/valuprog](http://www.usbr.gov/pmts/valuprog) for full text of guidance documents: OMB Circular A-131; DOI Dept. Manual 369.1; USBR Manual Policy CMP P05; USBR Directives & Standards CMP 06-01 and USBR VE Handbook. The FAR is available at [www.arnet.gov/far/](http://www.arnet.gov/far/)

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| G. Is it a PPA where the estimated Return On Investment (ROI) is >5.1 for a value study?   | Yes | A value study should be performed (DM 369.1.1.8.B). STOP  |
|  | No  | Go to “H”   |
| H. Is the ROI > 1:1 for a value study, or is there a potential benefit to the PPA from a value study which is not measured by ROI? | Yes | Should seriously consider performing a value study (DM 369.1.1.8.B). STOP   |
|  | No  | Use VECP clause for contracts \$0.10 mil or more (FAR 48). STOP   |
| I. Are the funds grant funds?  | Yes | Encourage use of value study (DM 369.1.1.2). STOP   |
|  | No  | Other agency VE Program requirements control study use. They are required to report to OMB. Determine client desire for use of value study and offer / provide study services. STOP   |
| J. Is the US Government fiscally responsible for PPA execution or O&M in case of a default of the funding entity?                  | Yes | Either future Federal Funds will be used for completion of the activity, and/or the capital plant and equipment will default to Federal O&M in case of a default by others. Go to “C” |
|  | No  | Use VECP clause (FAR 48). STOP  |

**Acronyms:**

- DOI – Department of Interior
- FAR – Federal Acquisitions Regulations
- OMB – Office of Management and Budget
- PPA – Project, Program or Activity
- ROI – Return on Investment
- USBR – US Bureau of Reclamation
- VE – Value Engineering (Value Management, Value Analysis, Value Planning)
- VECP – Value Engineering Change Proposal