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The Honorable Russell Vought Director, Office of Management and Budget 725 17th St., NW Washington, DC 20503

Subj: "When you come to a fork in the road..." Part 2

Dear OMB Director Vought:

This letter augments my letter to you on November 23, 2024, Subj: "When you come to a fork in the road..."

The previous letter provided recommendations to:

- 1. Reduce the accumulated regulatory burden.
- 2. Improve management of major acquisitions.
- 3. Implement Heritage Foundation Project 2025 Report recommendations:
  - a. Decentralize Defense Acquisition University (DAU) offerings and expand the DAU mission to include accreditation of non-DOD institutions.
  - b. Senior acquisition leaders should design a system that allows decision-makers to stay within the law but bypass unnecessary departmental regulations that are not in the best interest of the government and hamper the acquisition of capabilities that warfighters require.

Additional justification to boot EIA-748 follows. The accrediting organization for the draft EIA-748E, SAE International, has policies and procedures which specify that a standard include specific performance requirements for quality and broadly accepted engineering practices or specifications. EIA-748E does not meet those criteria. It failed to achieve approval on the first ballot and does not meet OMB Circular A-119 criteria for a voluntary consensus standard.

Additional justification and detailed recommendations with an implementation plan are in the white paper, *Earned Value Management: "When you come to a fork in the road...."* 

This letter and referenced documents may be downloaded from www.pb-ev.com at the Acquisition Reform and White Paper tabs..

Yours truly,

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