

Value Engineering – Suggested Checklist

1. Revise non-ureaformaldehyde based or MDF core to standard Particleboard
2. Revise casework interiors from plastic laminate or liner to melamine
3. Revise casework exteriors from plastic laminate GP .05grade to 1/32" vertical grade
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5. Revise casework modules from 24-30" with 2 doors to 32-36" (i.e. 3 modules 32" wide is less expensive than 4 modules 24", both = 96")
6. Delete concealed backing for casework resting on floor and minimum of 1 row for wall cabinets
7. Revise color core laminate to regular plastic laminate with PVC edges
8. Revise brand name hardware to generic brands
9. Revise veneer core substrate to particleboard
10. Revise FSC certified material to standard non-FSC. Occasionally surcharges exists or limit quantity of material which inflate prices
11. Allow manufacturers to use standard manufacturing methods and material to gain same or very close detail or finish to that as specified
12. Revise SSM finish to plastic laminate
13. Revise SSM color group to less expensive selection (i.e. Grade E to B)
14. Specify exactly where locks and grommets are to be location or specify a quantity allowance. Specifications are usually open to wide interpretation.

Note: Results may vary by manufacturer. Also review specifications for additional items, as this is a generic list and intended to be a complete.