The federal government is spending over $80 billion per year on its information technology (IT), but estimates say as much as $20 billion 1 of this is wasted through poorly managed acquisition and implementation.

Enter FITARA. The goal of the Federal IT Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA), enacted on December 19, 2014, is to mitigate this problem by enabling federal entities to acquire IT in ways that

- SAVE MONEY
- MAXIMIZE RETURN ON INVESTMENT
- REDUCE OPERATIONAL RISK
- IMPROVE SERVICES TO CITIZENS

Does your agency need help in meeting and tracking FITARA requirements?

RSA offers tools and web-based applications that federal agencies can deploy in the cloud to support a variety of use cases (supply chain and vendor management, COOP, managing audits, cyber activity, incident management, and more.)

FITARA outlines specific requirements related to:

- Agency Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- Authority Enhancements
- Enhanced Transparency and Improved Risk Management in IT Investments
- Portfolio Review
- Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative
- Expansion of Training and Use of IT Cadres
- Maximizing the Benefit of the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative
- Governmentwide Software Purchasing Program

But there have been many challenges. In November 2015, most federal agencies were shown to be failing 2 FITARA requirements.

These challenges were reflected in a recent GovLoop survey of 150 public sector workers. 89% are unsure of the path forward when it comes to FITARA. 83% have not yet begun or are only in very early stages of FITARA implementation.

What is your agency's biggest challenge when it comes to FITARA?

- 30%  40%  10%
- Budget
- Other
- Culture
- Understanding Requirements
- Understanding Your Baseline
- Leadership
- Buy-in

One way to reduce the challenges your agency faces in implementing FITARA? Better track your IT assets and acquisition with automated software.

But doing this is another challenge that public sector survey respondents faced: And only 25% of respondents said their agency has a tool for tracking and comparing acquisitions to help them better understand waste and redundancy.

One way to overcome these tracking challenges, according to survey respondents? A platform that tracks governance, risk, and compliance in one central location.

Visit RSA Archer's page on Governance, Risk, and Compliance. To request more information contact rsasales@4points.com.

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1 According to a recent MeriTalk study
2 House Oversight and Government Reform FITARA Implementation Scorecard - November 2015