

FACING FITARA CHALLENGES

The federal government is spending over \$80 billion per year on its information technology (IT), but estimates say as much as \$20 billion¹ 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

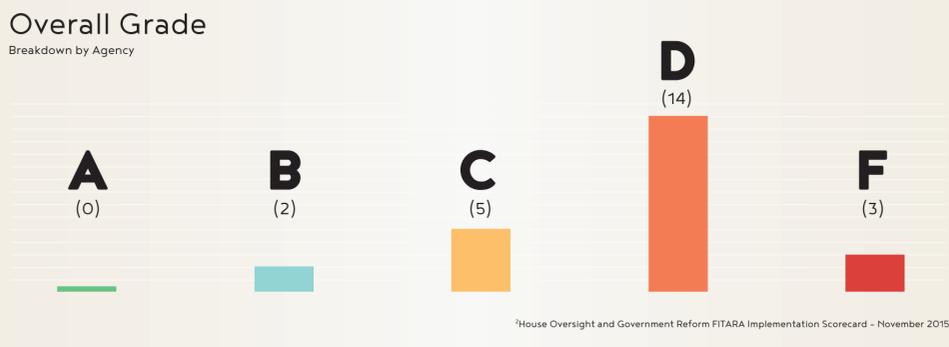
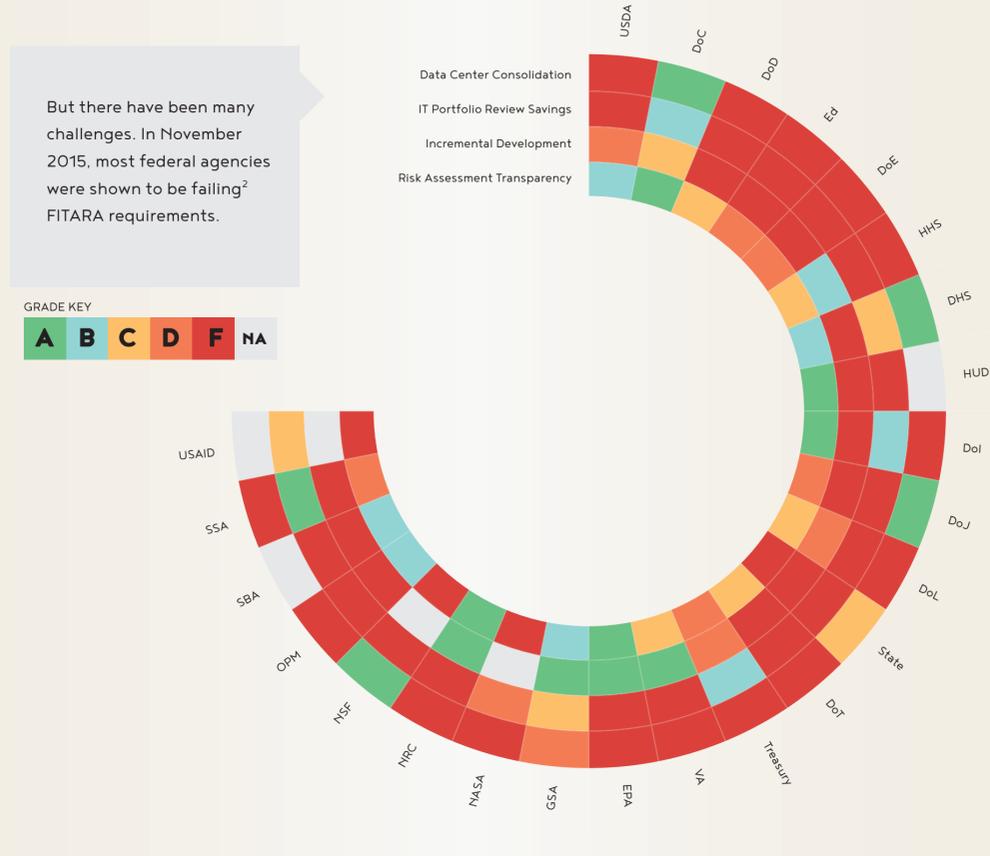
MAXIMIZE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

REDUCE OPERATIONAL RISK

IMPROVE SERVICES TO CITIZENS

FITARA outlines specific requirements related to:

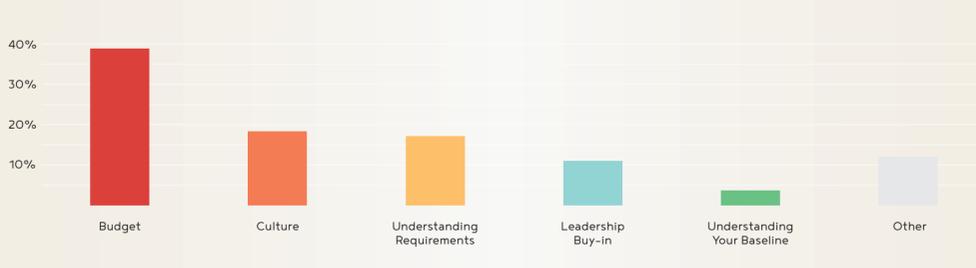
- ▶ Agency Chief Information Officer (CIO) Authority Enhancements
- ▶ Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative
- ▶ Portfolio Review
- ▶ Expansion of Training and Use of IT Cadres
- ▶ Management in IT Investments
- ▶ Maximizing the Benefit of the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative
- ▶ Governmentwide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



These challenges were reflected in a recent GovLoop survey of 150 public sector workers.



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



One way to reduce the challenges your agency faces in implementing FITARA? Better track your IT assets and acquisition. But doing this is another challenge that public sector survey respondents faced:

Does your agency have adequate visibility, tracking and analysis of IT assets and acquisition activities?

68% NO

32% YES

25%

54% state their agency would benefit from having a central view of available vendors along with their C-PARs and other performance information.

44% state their agency would benefit from having more "scorecard"-type data about the vendors it is working with or considering doing business with, based on other federal agencies experiences.

And only 25% of respondents say 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.

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.)

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