

Reducing Unnecessary Agency Plans and Reports

Requirements

Each year, based on guidance provided by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the agency Chief Operating Officer (COO) is to:

- compile a list of all plans and reports the agency produces for Congress;
- analyze the list to identify, and refine the list to, duplicative or outdated plans and reports;
- consult with Congressional committees that receive the duplicative/outdated plans and reports to see if they are no longer useful and could be consolidated or eliminated; and
- submit a total count of all plans and reports, and the list of duplicative and outdated ones, to OMB.

31 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

OMB is to include each agency's list of duplicative and outdated plans and reports in the Budget of the United States Government for consolidation or elimination. In addition, OMB may concurrently submit to Congress legislation to eliminate or consolidate the plans and reports. 31 U.S.C. §§ 1105(a)(37), 1125(c).

During the first year of implementing these requirements (2012), each agency's list of outdated/duplicative plans and reports is to be at least 10 percent of all plans and reports the agency produces for Congress. In subsequent years, OMB is to determine the minimum percentage of plans and reports to be identified as outdated or duplicative. 31 U.S.C. § 1125(b).

Select Legislative History

The Act requires each agency's COO to compile a list of all plans and reports the agency produces for Congress, either by law or as directed in congressional reports, and identify outdated or duplicative requirements. The Act then provides that the President submit to Congress, concurrent with the submission of the budget of the United States government, a list of the plans and reports that the agencies identified as outdated or duplicative and authorizes the Director of OMB to concurrently submit a legislative proposal to eliminate or consolidate these outdated and duplicative plans. S. Rept. No. 111-372, at 12 (2010).