

Cross Agency Priority Goal

Quarterly Progress Update

Smarter IT Delivery

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Goal Statement

- Eliminate barriers and create new incentives to enable the federal government to procure, build, and provide world-class, cost-effective information technology (IT) delivery for its citizens, and hold agencies accountable to modern IT development and customer service standards.

Problem

- Too many federal IT projects do not meet citizen expectations, arrive late and over budget, and/or are outright abandoned. Further, the chasm between what citizens expect and government's capacity to deliver continues to widen as the private sector regularly produces simpler, more convenient, and more readily-available offerings.

Vision

- The Federal Government will deliver world-class IT services allowing customers to easily access and complete digital transactions. We will accomplish this by attracting, hiring, and retaining the best talent inside government; partnering with the best companies; and putting processes and practices in place to drive outcomes and accountability and to allow people and companies to do their best work while responsibly investing taxpayer dollars.

Progress Update

Targeting High Priority Projects

In FY15Q4, USDS launched the College Scorecard alongside the Department of Education and 18F. The Scorecard provides students, parents, and counselors with the information they need to make more informed choices about college. USDS specifically helped deliver a public-facing website, an API that allows for other groups to easily create tools using the complete set of backing data, and a tool for data researchers.

Additionally, a team of visual and user experience designers at USDS and 18F created the U.S. Web Design Standards, which launched in September 2015. These standards set a new bar for simplicity across U.S. government websites, and they aim to make government tools more consistently built and more easily accessible to everyday people.

Bringing in the Best Talent

The U.S. Digital Service has made strong progress in recruiting and hiring more of the country's best digital talent to work on some of the nation's most important technology projects. To date, over 4,000 people have applied to serve in the U.S. Digital Service.

Process

USDS has made progress in training existing talent in order to get the best companies and partners to work with us by working with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) to create and launch the Digital Service Contracting Professional Training and Development Program. This training program is teaching Contracting Officers the best practices in the procurement of digital services and the important role Contracting Officers can play in building meaningful, successful services.

This quarter agencies submitted their FITARA self-assessment and implementation plans to OMB for review and approval. These plans are required by [M-15-14](#), *Management and Oversight of Federal Information Technology* and detail how each agency will ensure that all [FITARA Common Baseline](#) responsibilities are to be implemented by the end of December 2015.

Action Plan Summary

Sub-goal	Major Actions to Achieve Impact	Key Indicators
I. Attract, recognize, hire and retain more of the best talent working inside government in order to increase the government’s internal technical capacity and bring federal IT culture in line with private sector best practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Service Expert (DSE) hiring evaluation board in place• Centralized digital presence to attract new talent and allow them to indicate interest/apply to positions• Direct Hire Authority in place for initial digital service teams• U.S. Digital Service at OMB fully-staffed and operational• 18F at GSA fully-staffed and operational• Veteran Digital Service at VA fully-staffed and operational• Hiring “MythBusters” group available for agency troubleshooting• DSE classification fully operationalized (permanent classification at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM); reported in standard human resources (HR) metrics; surveyed for satisfaction)• Ability to hire DSEs available to all agencies• DSE hiring collateral (e.g. sample position descriptions) available to all agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• % of DSE hires with contributions to digital services in production by agencies• # agencies with at least one DSE hire

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<p>II. Get more of the best companies and partners working with government to rapidly deliver innovative solutions and systems that meet or exceed customer and agency expectations in terms of cost, time, experience, and capabilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand up “buyers clubs” in agencies to promote innovative and more efficient IT contracting practices, through testing, documenting and sharing results, and scaling • Streamlining the process to register to do business with the federal government. • Tools to meaningfully collate and present past performance metrics to allow agencies to “shop” (similar to private sector applications like Yelp) and select the best provider for their needs. • Transform existing vendor performance measurements to 21st century standards, including increased transparency regarding deliverables (such as vendors developing new applications in the open) and comparables. • Increase access to and promote use of commercially-proven strategies to shorten the time to value for IT investments. • Procurement “MythBusters” group available for agency troubleshooting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average time in days to register as a new business with the federal government (SAM.gov), as a small business with Small Business Administration (SBA), as a service-disabled Veteran-owned business with VA, and to obtain special classification (e.g. woman-owned) • % new IT award dollars going to small businesses • # of agencies that have stood up “buyers clubs” to promote innovative and more efficient IT contracting practices
<p>III. Put the right processes and practices in place to drive outcomes and accountability through High Impact List (HIL) engagements, PortfolioStat and Digital Services pilot engagements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options for streamlining the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requirements under certain terms for Digital Services projects • PortfolioStat FY2014 sessions and analysis • High Impact List scorecards and action plans • Get every agency to publish a workflow/checklist for putting an application into production • Conduct “Mythbusters” tour regarding IT/security requirement adherence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of IT projects within 10% of their budgeted cost • % of IT projects within 10% of their delivery schedule • Number of days between user facing functionality deployments

Work Plan

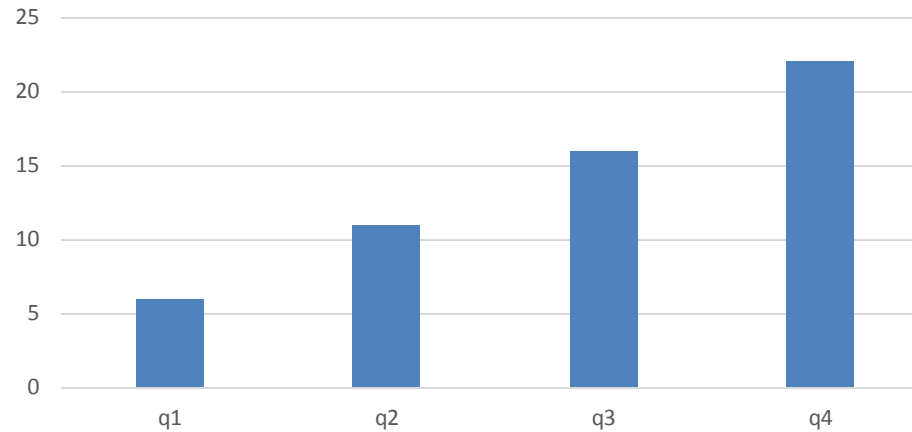
Milestone Summary				
Key Milestones	Milestone Due Date	Milestone status	Owner	Anticipated Barriers or other Issues Related to Milestone Completion
Begin development of an Innovation Marketplace for target marketing to innovative Small Businesses.	4/15	Complete	GSA 18F	
Launch a pilot for agile contracting	4/15	Complete	GSA 18F	
Scale excepted service hiring authority for digital services experts across government	5/15	Complete	CIOC/OMB/ OPM	Schedule A authority for temporary appointments released by OPM May 2015
PortfolioStat FY2015 sessions	9/15	Complete	OMB OFCIO	FY15 PortfolioStat consisted of quarterly sessions as described in M-15-14
Issue policy to agencies on procuring workstations	9/15	Complete	OMB OFCIO/OFPP	
Complete FY16 Q1 PortfolioStat Session	11/15	On track	OMB OFCIO	
Develop an open source software policy that, together with the Digital Services Playbook, will support improved access to custom software code developed for the Federal government.	12/15	On track	EOP	
Issue policy to agencies on procuring commodity software	12/15	On track	OMB OFCIO/OFPP	
Issue policy to agencies on optimizing data centers	1/16	On track	OMB OFCIO	
CAP goal refresh to include new indicators	2/16	On track	OMB	
Measurable impact on at least 5 of the government's most important digital services	12/16	On track	OMB USDS	

Key indicators

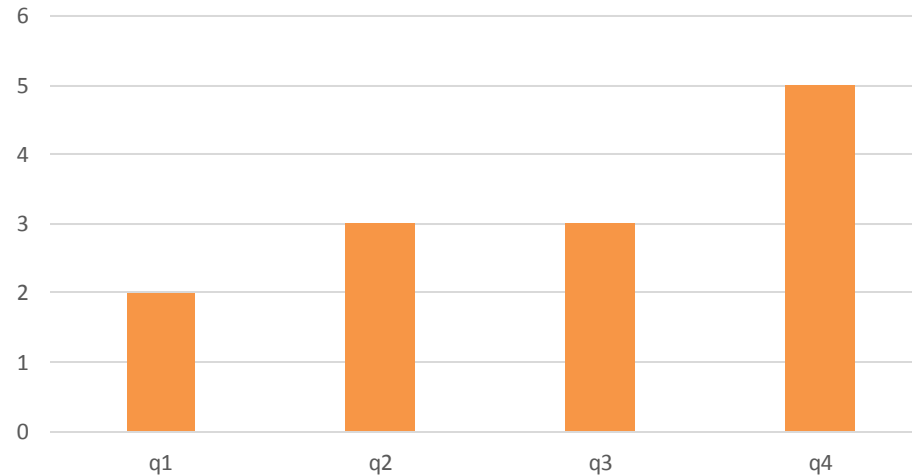
	Key Implementation Data						
Sub-Goal	Indicator	Source	Baseline	Target?	Frequency	Latest data	Trend (since baseline)
People	# of digital projects in production that a digital services expert has been involved with	Agencies	Q1 FY15: 6 projects	N/A	Quarterly	22 projects (Sept 2015)	⬆
	# agencies with at least one digital services expert hire	Agencies	Q1 FY15: 2 agencies	24 (all CFO act)	Quarterly	5 agencies (VA, GSA, SSA, DHS, DOD)	⬆
Partners	Average time (in days) to register to do business (contract with) federal government in SAM.gov	SAM.gov	Q1 FY15: 3 days	N/A	Quarterly	3 days (Q4 FY15)	=
	% new IT award dollars going to small businesses	USASpending	FY14: 36%	N/A	Yearly	36% (FY15)	=
	# of agencies that have stood up “buyers clubs” to promote innovative and more efficient IT contracting practices	OMB	FY14: 1	N/A	Yearly	3 (FY15)	⬆
Processes and Outcomes	% of IT projects within 10% of their budgeted cost	ITDB	Feb 2014: 77%	100%	Quarterly	80.3% (Aug 2015)	⬆
	% of IT projects within 10% of their delivery schedule	ITDB	Feb 2014: 78%	100%	Quarterly	79.3% (Aug 2015)	⬆

Key indicators – People

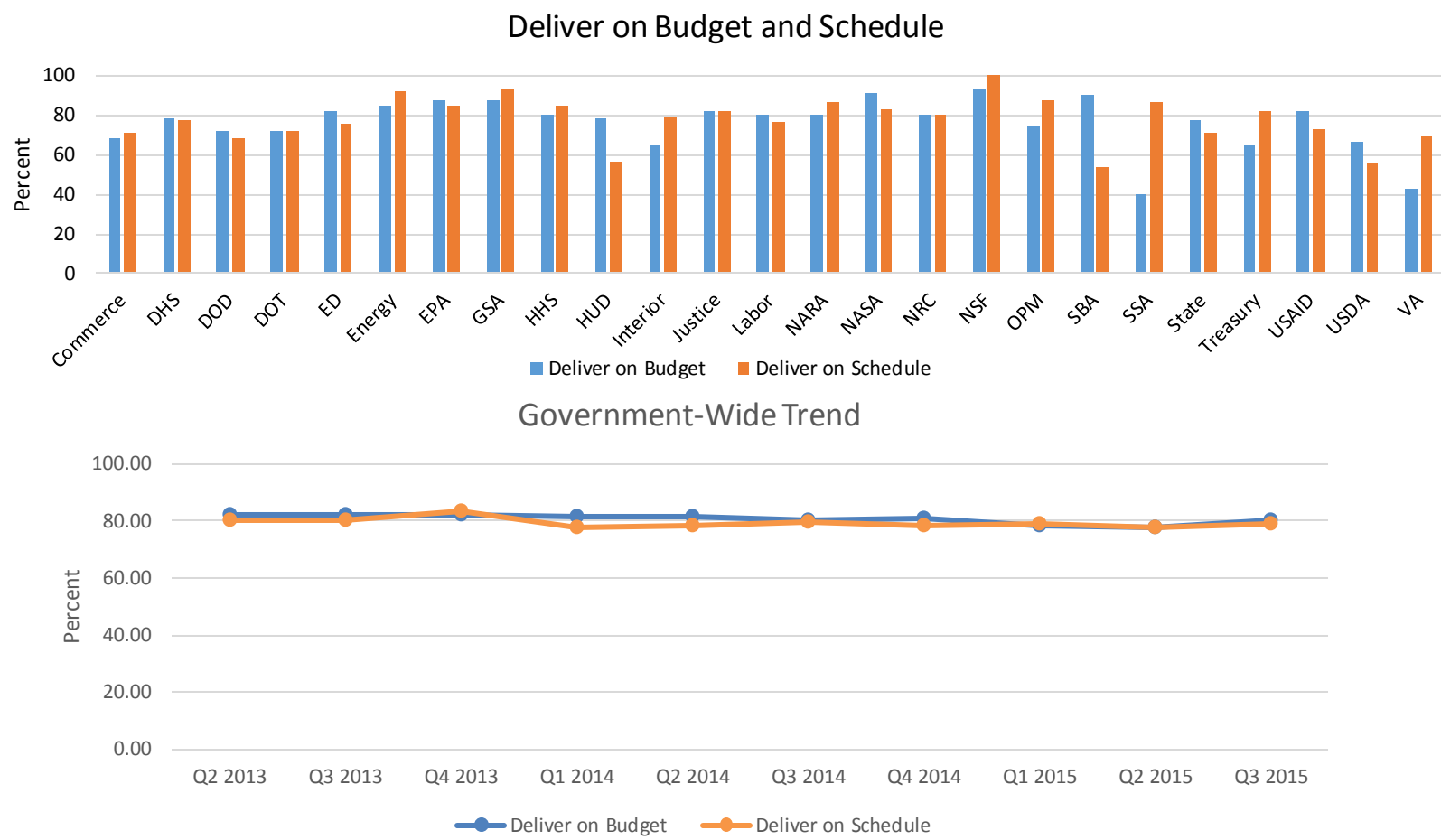
Digital Projects in Production that Digital Services Experts have contributed to



of Agencies with Digital Services Expert Hires



Key indicators – processes and outcomes



Deliver on Budget: % of IT projects within 10% of their budgeted cost
Deliver on Schedule: % of IT projects within 10% of their delivery schedule
The line graph illustrates the government average.
Source: Federal IT Dashboard, Projects Data Feed

Contributing Programs

General Services Administration

- Government-wide Policy Program
- Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies Program
 - 18F
- Integrated Award Environment Program
 - Systems for Award Management

Department of Homeland Security

- US Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Department of Veterans Affairs

- Veteran Digital Services team

Acronyms

- CIOC – Chief Information Officer Council
- CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- DHS – Department of Homeland Security
- DOD – Department of Defense
- DOT – Department of Transportation
- DSE – Digital Service Expert
- ED – Department of Education
- EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
- GSA – General Services Administration
- HIL – High Impact List
- HR – Human Resources
- HUD – Department of Housing and Urban Development
- IT – Information Technology
- NARA – National Archives and Records Administration
- NRC – Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- NSF – National Science Foundation
- OMB – Office of Management and Budget
- OPM – Office of Personnel Management
- PRA – Paperwork Reduction Act
- SBA – Small Business Administration
- SME – Subject Matter Expert
- SSA – Social Security Administration
- USACE – United States Army Corps of Engineers
- USAID – U.S. Agency for International Development
- USCIS – U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service
- USDA – Department of Agriculture
- USDS – U.S. Digital Services
- VA – Department of Veterans Affairs