





Sharing Quality Services: Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness of Administrative Services Across Government

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Goal Structure – Sharing Quality Services

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Enhance Mission Effectiveness

by creating a shared government where the tools and expertise for administrative services are available/pooled across agencies. Sharing administrative capabilities will reduce taxpayer costs by 20% annually once implemented or an estimated over \$2B over 10 years while also increasing satisfaction with those services. Changing how we manage administrative activities will reduce the resources needed and result in faster hiring to secure the border, faster payments to small businesses so the economy can continue to grow and thrive, and simplifying grants applications so more resources are directed to results rather than compliance.



Establish a Strategic Foundation

that creates a flexible, competitive environment for shared government-wide capabilities. Setting and adopting government-wide standards will allow better partnerships with the private sector and supports long-term innovation. Identifying targeted functions and capabilities over a 10 year period creates stability for agency and industry planning.







Goal Statement

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Challenges

- Outdated processes, old technology, and a culture of compliance have created a complicated and inflexible administrative environment.
- Common administrative services such as processing hiring transactions, managing Federal finances, contracts, and payroll costs taxpayers an estimated \$28.6B annually. Rather than economizing by sharing across the Federal government, we duplicate contracts, people, and technology across hundreds of locations.
- Fifty-percent of Federal leaders report low satisfaction with administrative support.
- Industry innovation has outpaced Federal capabilities.
- Past efforts have focused on the short-term rather than a strategic vision that creates an architecture for an innovative, flexible, and competitive environment.



Opportunities for transformation include converging around common standards for administrative activities to reduce "unique" requirements and duplicate contracts and:

- 1. Leveraging commercial solutions and innovative practices, to include separating technology from services in order to maintain innovation and competition (see Modernizing IT to Increase Productivity and Security).
- 2. Providing the Federal workforce with modern tools and access to experts that will improve delivery of services for citizens (see Shifting from Low-Value to High-Value Work and Developing a Workforce for the 21st Century).
- 3. Establishing a 10-year plan for continuous improvement and delivery of quality services and technology for administrative services by:
 - a) Expanding the number and use of common solutions to reduce duplication and costs. This includes common technology or contracts that increase choices that can be shared by multiple agencies (see *Increase Adoption of Category Management Solutions*).
 - **b) Improving the quality and delivery** of shared services by using common solutions, standard administrative operations, and core performance metrics.
 - c) Increasing availability and use of centralized services for highly standardized processes or outcomes to eliminate redundancy and reduce risks.



The Executive Branch will reduce the performance and innovation gap between commercial and government administrative services by (1) expanding the number and use of common solutions; (2) improving the quality and delivery of shared services; and (3) increasing the availability and use of centralized services.

Common Solutions	Shared Services	Centralized Services			
Technology and/or contracts that can be used by more than one Federal agency. May be government-to-government or citizen-to-government.	Consolidating routine or standard operations to a limited number of organizations. Uses common solutions (technology and contracts) and sharing of human resource expertise either within an agency or across agencies.	Creating a single Federal-wide location for highly standardized activities, allowing organizations and users to benefit from consistent and uniform processes.			
Why a common solution?	Why a shared service?	Why a centralized service?			
√ When replicable and repetitive outcomes are expected across multiple agencies.	√ When replicable and repetitive outcomes are expected across multiple agencies.	√ When the expected outcome is driven primarily by Federal statute, regulation, or policy that is the same across the Federal government.			
√ When commercial solutions or services are available and leveraging the government's buying power will save taxpayer dollars.	√ When the primary outcome is transaction processing or expertise in Federal unique practices.	√ When lack of a central location will increase burden or costs.			
 Examples include shared contracts that leverage Federal purchases of IT, professional services, and other 	√ When it is in the best interest of the taxpayer to have more than one location for expert services	Examples include medical certification for commercial pilots and USAjobs for federal job announcements.			
common spending.	Example: managing Federal payroll.				





(1) Summer 2017 President's Management Council answered a set of questions to identify sharing opportunities.

- How Standard is this Process?
- How Likely is it to be Performed Elsewhere?
- How Significant for Cost or Duplication Reduction?
- What is the Single Factor that is the Greatest Barrier to Standardization?
- How Standard is this Process vs. How Likely to be Performed Elsewhere?
- How Standard is this Process vs. How Significant for Cost Reduction?

(2) The answers from the PMC were added to a list of activities already in process such as:

- Researching what is available
- Identifying what agencies need
- Reviewing Existing Policies

(3) Several agencies then offered to do more sharing in certain areas.

Initiatives aligned with agency mission and reform efforts

Opportunities

- Contract Writing
- Purchase Cards
- Electronic Payments
- Grants
- Employee Lifecycle Management

- E-Invoicing
- Payroll/ Employee Lifecycle management
- "Core" Financial Management

- Fleet
- IT Data Exchange
- Employee Digital Record
- Travel
- Financial management
- Grants





Goal Structure – Sharing Quality Services-Aligning ideas with strategies.

Mission Support Service	a. Expanding the number and use of common solutions.	b. Improving the quality and delivery of shared services.	c. Increasing availability and use of centralized services.			
Human Resources transactions	Increase use of common solutions (Increase Adoption of Category Management Solutions) Establish and begin implementing modern commercial technology for processing HR transactions for payroll, time and attendance, and employee lifecycle management.	7. Designate Federal organization(s) responsible for payroll. Increase satisfaction with human resource transactions. Transition to common solutions.	8. Eliminate paper employee records by creating a standard employee digital record. 9. Designate Federal organization responsible for HR transactions and storefront.			
Financial Management	Establish and begin implementing modern commercial technology solutions for core financial management. Increase use of purchase cards as payments and rebates.	Increase satisfaction with financial management. Transition to common solutions.	Designate Federal organization responsible for financial management storefront. Increase Federal electronic payments.			
Procurement	Implement common solutions for contract closeout. Implement common solutions for contract writing.	Increase satisfaction with procurement. Adopt common solutions.	 12. Centralize aspects of management of Federal purchase cards to reduce burden and costs. 13. Implement electronic invoicing for Federal contracts. 15. Designate Federal organization responsible for contracting storefront. 			
Grants Management	See Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants	Adopt centralized services.	 14. Centralize certifications and representations for those interested in Federal grant awards. 15. Designate Federal organization responsible for grants management storefront. 			
Operations Support		Transition to centralized services.	Consolidate Federal fleet management to reduce costs.			
See Modernizing IT to Increase Productivity and Information Security and Improving Business, Financial and Acquisition Outcomes through Federal IT Cost Transparency		Transition to common solutions. Increase satisfaction with IT.	Designate Federal agency to provide IT infrastructure for administrative support services. See IT Modernization CAP goal for embracing cloud email, single log-in for citizens and CDM.			





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Key Milestones – Expand the Number and Use of Common Solutions

Key Milestones	Milestone Due Date	Milestone Status	Change from last quarter	Owner	Anticipated Barriers or other Issues Related to Milestone Completion	
Benchmark industry performance to identify gap with Federal performance	3Q2018	On track	No change	GSA	Availability of comparative data	
Establish common contract for modern commercial technology for payroll and time & attendance solutions	1Q2019	At risk	No change GSA		Finalization of authoritative sources needed. Completion of standards, availability of commercial technology, common IT infrastructure designation	
Establish common solutions to enable data capabilities for advanced data analytics.	3Q2019	On track	No change	GSA	See CAP goal for Improving Business, Financial and Acquisition Outcomes through Federal IT Cost Transparency	
Establish common solution for multiple contract closeout services	2Q2020	On track	No change	GSA	Completion of standards, timely contract award, contractor access to Federal systems	
Establish common contract for modern commercial technology for financial management solutions (accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, and reporting)	2Q2020	On track	No change	GSA	Completion of standards, availability of commercial technology, common IT infrastructure designation	
Establish common solution(s) for contract writing technology	3Q2020	On track	No change	GSA	Completion of standards, availability of commercial technology, common IT platform	
Increase use of purchase cards for contract payments and rebates	4Q2020	On track	No change	PMC	Identify and overcome barriers to use of purchase cards, IT interfaces may need to be developed/changed, contract identifier implementation in financial management systems	



Key Milestones – Improve Quality and Delivery of Shared Services

Key Milestones	Milestone Due Date	Milestone Status	Change from last quarter	Owner	Anticipated Barriers or other Issues Related to Milestone Completion
Benchmark industry performance to identify gap with Federal performance	3Q2018	On track	No change	GSA	Availability of comparative data
Increase satisfaction of Federal officials with administrative support services	2Q2019 - 4Q2020	On track	No change	Service & solution Managers	Adoption of standards, availability and adoption of solutions
Increase Federal electronic payments	4Q2020	On track	No change	Treasury, GSA, DoD, PMC Agencies	Analysis of appropriate scope, completion of high-level architecture, adoption of standardized processes
Transition HR transaction processing for payroll and time & attendance to modern commercial technology	4Q2020 (phase 1)	On track	No change	USDA, GSA, Interior, DOD	Resources and expertise for agencies to transition, strategy for modular implementation, timely contract award, adoption of standards



Key Milestones – Increase Availability and Use of Centralized Solutions

Key Milestones	Milestone Due Date	Milestone Status	Change from last quarter	Owner	Anticipated Barriers or other Issues Related to Milestone Completion
Benchmark industry performance to assess gap in Federal performance	3Q2018	On track	No change	GSA	Availability of data
Identify central capabilities that support Federal agencies transitioning to modern solutions	1Q2019	On track	No change	GSA	
Create a single location for Federal grantees to provide required representations and certifications	2Q2019	On track	No change	GSA	Adoption of policy and workforce changes
Centralize defined aspects of managing Federal purchase cards to reduce burden and costs	4Q2020	On track	No change	GSA	Adoption of standard processes, data sharing, completion of analysis of opportunities, implementation of Smartpay3
Eliminate paper employee records by creating a standard employee digital record	4Q2020	On track	No change	OPM & Lead Tech Agency	Completion of prototype, identification of common IT platform, establishment of modular approach for modern commercial technology for employee lifecycle management
Implement electronic invoicing for Federal contracts	4Q2020	On track	No change	Treasury, DOD, PMC Agencies	Standards for certain Federal contract invoices, interoperability of IT, data sharing across Federal agencies
Consolidate Federal fleet management to reduce costs.	2Q2019- 4Q2020	On track	No change	GSA, PMC Agencies	Data and resources available for transitioning management of fleet



Key Indicators – Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness of Administrative Services across Government.

Capability	Milestone	Scope of Measure	Metric
Overall measure	Increase satisfactions scores for administrative services.	PMC Agency	Annual customer service satisfaction benchmark.
Human Resource Transactions	Faster hiring time Develop and deploy an automated hiring assistant for managers. Enable paperless transfers through a standard employee digital record.	PMC Agency	 % of hires supported by automated assistant % of standard digital employee records in Federal government
Grants management	Use digital tools to modernize compliance processes.	Federal-wide	% grantee certifications through central solution
Financial Management	Increase Federal electronic payments.		% invoices through electronic solutions % increase use of and rebates for card and cardless payments
Procurement	Increase Adoption of Category Management Solutions	PMC Agency	Spend under management by agency





Administrative Services Satisfaction-2017

Customer Satisfaction Scores

Function Area Scores among 24 CFO Act Agencies



SATISFACTION RESPONSE KEY

1 Strongly Disagree 2 Disagree 3 Somewhat Disagree 4 Neutral 5 Somewhat Agree 6 Agree 7 Strongly Agree

Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS): In early 2017, GSA surveyed all senior supervisory employees (GS-13 to GS-15 supervisors, SES and equivalents) at 23 of the 24 CFO Act agencies, asking about their satisfaction with mission-support services across the previous 12 months. Collectively, the 43,000+ responses provide a detailed picture of satisfaction with 18 service areas within Contracting, Financial Management, Human Capital, and IT services. An additional 250,000+ responses were gathered from non-supervisory employees on their satisfaction with IT services. Please note that at DOD, the survey was deployed only to senior supervisory employees. Also note: USAID conducted their survey separately and results were incorporated into CSS results where applicable.





Progress in use of Centralized & Common Solutions

	FY 2018				FY 2019				
Agency	HR - % employee digital records	FM - % Increase in electronic payments	Grants - % reps and certs done centrally	Procurement - Spend Under Management	HR - % employee digital records	FM -% Increase in electronic payments	Grants- % reps and certs done centrally	Procurement - Spend Under Management	
Commerce									
DHS									
DoD									
DOT									
ED									
Energy									
EPA									
GSA									
HHS									
HUD									
Interior									
Justice									
Labor									
NASA									
NRC									
NSF									
OPM									
SBA									
SSA									
State									
Treasury									
USAID									
USDA									
VA									
Federal-wide									





Appendix – **Strategic Vision Governance & Operating Model**

OMB

President's Management Council (PMC):

OMB and GSA serve as the Mission Support CAP Goal Leaders

Governance Objectives

Define overall strategy for mission support services and identify key priorities.

Shared Solutions

PIC

CFO Council

CHCO Council

CAO Council

CIO Council Set Council goals specific to community of practice (FM, HR, etc.) and in alignment with PMC goals and CAP goal leaders.

Advise on cross-functional implementation of mission support services goals, includes GSA for implementation stratēgies.

Provide subject matter expertise and cross-functional integration of standards

Define and coordinate government-wide standards through the management of Change Control Boards

Governance Board (SSGB)

Business Standards Council

GSA Services **Grants** Mgmt

Treasury FIT

OPM HRLOB

Acquisition

IT

Service Area Leads run Cross-Agency Working Groups and Change Control Boards to establish and manage standards following a common framework

Federal Agencies

Provide expert representatives to Service Area specific Working Groups and Change Control Boards (as designated by CXO Councils)

Identify ongoing and emerging operational needs via the working groups and change control boards









Appendix – Strategic Vision Governance & Operating Model

Vendor G

Vendor H

Vendor I

USSM/SSGB/PMC/OMB Governance (see above slide) Federal Agency Users Task Order Review Board Service Management Office (SMO) Services Service Subject Matter **Customer Service** IAAs Vendor Mamt Standardization Expertise Integration SMO Demand Develop Software Auth Configuration **PMO** Official Mamt Microservices Manager Implementation & Help Desk and **Technology Integration Support Transaction Support** Contracts* Contracts* Contracts*

Vendor D

Vendor E

Vendor F

Roles and Responsibilities

Define overall strategy for mission support services and identify key priorities.

Purchase mission support services through the Service Management Office. Adopt and implement standards.

Review all task orders for compliance with standards, approve any Federal-unique requirement, and coordinate with SMO.

Federal storefront to the commercial service providers. Subject Matter Experts drive standardization (per FIBF), respond to user concerns, manage the creation of Federal unique microservices, and manage the integration of commercial suppliers. Accountable for overall performance of service.

COMMON SOLUTIONS: Deliver services to the Federal government that enable the SMO to scale, innovate, and help drive standardization and cost reductions in mission support functions.

* Number of vendors is notional; however competition is necessary.



Vendor A

Vendor B

Vendor C