



**Overlap and Duplication:**  
***Reducing Cost and Improving Efficiency***  
***in Delivering Federal Programs***

**Description**

The executive branch and Congress have made progress in addressing the approximately 440 actions across 180 areas that GAO identified in its past annual reports. These issues span the range of government services and programs, from the Medicare and Medicaid programs to transportation programs to weapon systems acquisitions. Executive branch and congressional efforts to address these actions over the past 4 years resulted in over \$20 billion in financial benefits, with about \$80 billion more in financial benefits anticipated in future years. Although progress has been made, fully addressing all the remaining actions identified in GAO's annual reports could lead to tens of billions of dollars of additional savings, with significant opportunities for improved efficiencies, cost savings, or revenue enhancements in the areas of defense, information technology, education and training, healthcare, energy, and tax enforcement.

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