GAO Duplication Report – Highlights

Key quotes from the introduction

"Overlap and fragmentation among government programs or activities can be harbingers of unnecessary duplication. Reducing or eliminating duplication, overlap, or fragmentation could potentially save billions of taxpayer dollars annually and help agencies provide more efficient and effective services."

"In some cases, there is sufficient information available today to show that if actions are taken to address individual issues, which are summarized in the report, financial benefits ranging from the tens of millions to several billion dollars annually may be realized by addressing that single issue. For example, while the Department of Defense is making limited changes to the governance of its military health care system, broader restructuring could result in annual savings of up to \$460 million."

"Considering the amount of program dollars involved in the issues we have identified, even limited adjustments could result in significant savings."

Missions	Number of Estimated Duplicative and Overlapping Programs or Initiatives	Number of Departments and Agencies Involved	Estimated Cost Programs with Duplicative and Overlapping Purposes	Notable Findings & Quotes
TSA Security	2 agency efforts	TSA's security	Increased	GAO found TSA and DOT do not
Assessments (pg.		assessments for	coordination of	have a process in place to share
105)		hazardous material	security reviews of	information on the results of their
		trucking	material trucking	security programs; and notes that
		companies and	companies would	increased coordination of security
		DOT's Federal	save, over the next	reviews could save money and also
		Motor Carrier	five years,	improve their relationships with
		Safety	anywhere from	the commercial trucking industry.
		Administration	\$164,000 to over	
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Sharing Security	Three federal	2 agencies -DHS	American Public	"GAO found that this potential for
Information (pg.	efforts to facilitate information	and TSA	Transportation Association	overlap could overwhelm public transit agencies with similar
111)	sharing with the		received \$1.2	information" (pg 111).
	public transit		million during FYs	information (pg 111).
	industry		2009-2010	"Taking steps to streamline information sharing with public
			DHS could not	transit agencies could reduce the
			break out costs for	volume of similar information
			its public transit	public transit agencies receive,
			portal – the	making it easier for them to
			primary	discern relevant information and
			mechanism for	take appropriate actions to enhance
			sharing such	security" (pg. 113).
			information – but	
			its information	GAO argues that "developing and

			network cost \$62 million in FYs 2009-2010 and its estimate lifecycle costs are \$451 million TSA's portal cost \$2.5 million in FYs 2009-2010	tracking verifiable cost data specific to each information-sharing mechanism as it relates to services provided to the public transit sector could assist TSA in identifying potential cost savings resulting from consolidating such mechanisms" (Pg. 114).
FEMA preparedness grants (pg. 116)	FEMA grants for preparedness	17 grants	Over fiscal years 2002-2010, Congress appropriated \$34 billion for such programs; and the number of programs over this timeframe grew from 8 to 17.	"FEMA does not compare and coordinate grant applications across its preparedness programs to identify potential duplication. In addition, FEMA has not established measureable goals or performance measures for preparedness capabilities to identify gaps to assist in effectively prioritizing national investments through preparedness grant programs" (pb. 116).
Development Efforts in Afghanistan (pg. 120)	2 (USAID assistance program and DOD Commander's Emergency Response Program)	Primarily DoD and USAID	\$16 billion since FY 2002	"Agencies involved in the implementation of development projects – principally USAID and DOD – have not adopted a centralized data system that tracks all U.S. government-funded Afghan development efforts and is accessible by all relevant federal agencieswithout a centralized data systemthe government may not be able to fully leverage available resources and risks duplicating efforts and wasting taxpayer dollars, as a result of fragmented or overlapping structures" (Pg. 120).
Arms Control and Nonproliferation Bureaus (pg. 123)	2 Bureaus within State (International Security and Nonproliferation – ISN – and Verification, Compliance and Implementation – VCI)	2 Bureaus within State (International Security and Nonproliferation – ISN – and Verification, Compliance and Implementation – VCI)	FY 2010, VCI received \$31 million and ISN received \$48.9 million	Finds despite efforts to reorganize, a lack of clear guidance contributes to fragmentation, overlap and redundancies between bureaus. "As a result, concerns about mission overlaps persist. State employees stated that some offices remain overworked while others are underworked. The section of the manual detailing the roles and responsibilities of these bureaus had never been drafted and approved" (emphasis added, pg. 124).

Domestic Food Assistance (pg. 125)	18 programs	USDA, HHS, DHS	\$62.5 billion (FY 2008)	"The availability of multiple programs with similar benefits helps ensure that those in need have access to nutritious food, but can also increase administrative costs, which account for approximately a tenth to more than a quarter of total costs among the largest of these programs" (emphasis added, pg. 125). "GAO's previous work has shown that overlap among programs can
				lead to inefficient use of federal funds, duplication of effort, and confusion among those seeking services" (pg. 125).
				"Program rules related to determining eligibility often require the collection of similar information by multiple entitiesThis can create unnecessary work for both providers and applicants and may result in the use of more administrative resources than needed" (pg. 126).
				"Little is known about the effectiveness of [11 of the 18 programs] because they have not been well studied" (emphasis added, pg. 126).
Homeless Programs (pg. 129)	20 programs	7 agencies	\$2.9 billion (FY 2009)	Congress is often to blame: "Fragmentation and overlap in some of these programs may be due in part to their legislative creation as separate programs under the jurisdiction of several agencies" (pgs. 129-130).
				"Fragmentation can create difficulties for people in accessing services as well as administrative burdens for providers who must navigate various application requirements, selection criteria, and reporting requirements" (pg. 130).
				"Fragmentation has also resulted in the collection of data with "limited usefulness" (pg. 130).

Transportation	80 programs	8 agencies	FY 2010, but could	"GAO and others have reported
for the	oo programs	o agencies	not identify a	that the variety of federal programs
Transportation			funding total	providing transportation services
Disadvantaged			"because agencies	to the transportation disadvantaged
(pg. 134)			often do not	has resulted in fragmented services
(Pg. 154)			separately track	that can be difficult for clients to
			transportation	navigate and narrowly focused
			costs from other	programs that may result in service
			program costs" (pf.	gaps. Further, services can be
			135). 23 of these	costly because of inconsistent,
			programs,	duplicative, and often restrictive
			however, cost \$1.7	program rules and regulations"
			billion in FY 2009.	(Pg. 134).
Job Training and	47 programs	9 agencies	\$18 billion (FY	The duplication report does not
Employment (pg.	offered, 44 of		2009)	restate findings of the broader
140)	which overlap			GAO report on job training issued
	with at least one			in January 2011: Only five of the
	other program			47 job training and employment
				programs GAO surveyed had an
				impact study ¹¹ completed since 2004 to evaluate whether
				outcomes (i.e., such as program
				participants actually securing a
				job) resulted from the program and
				not another cause. About half the
				programs had no performance
				review since 2004. As a result,
				GAO finds "little is known about
				the effectiveness of most
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Teacher Quality	82 distinct	10 agencies	\$4 billion (FY	53 of the 82 programs received
	programs on		2009)	less than \$50 million, yet many
	teacher quality. Many duplicate			had their own separate administrative processes.
	sub-goals (i.e., 9			administrative processes.
	of the 82 support			"there is no government wide
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	improved teacher quality in STEM			strategy to minimize fragmentation, overlap or
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				officials, it is typically not cost effective to allocate the funds necessary to conduct rigorous evaluation of small programs; therefore, small programs are unlikely to be evaluated" (pg 145). GAO also notes the increased administrative costs of separately administered programs.
Financial Literacy	56 programs	20 agencies	No estimate available; "most federal agencies do not have an estimate for spending on 'financial literacy' per se" (pg. 153)	"Fragmentation across federal agencies has the potential to result in inefficient, uncoordinated, or redundant use of resources. In the cases of financial literacy programs, there are numerous funding streams and little good data on the amount of federal funds devoted to financial literacy" (pg. 152). GAO notes that while there isn't an estimated savings, "[s]treamlining federal financial literacy resources would have other benefits – it would make the best use of scarce resources and focus efforts on programs and initiatives that have been shown to be the most effective in improving the financial literacy of the American people" (pg. 153).
Food safety (pg. 8)	15 federal agencies administer over 30 food related laws	15	\$1.6 billion (budget obligation for the two primary food safety agencies – FDA and USDA FSIS)	15 federal agencies administer over 30 food-related laws. Some of the oversight doesn't make sense. For example, the US Farm Bill assigned the United States Department of Agriculture responsibility for monitoring catfish, thus splitting seafood oversight between USDA and FDA. The GAO report found that food safety oversight is fragmented. For example, "FDA is general responsible for ensuring that eggs are safe, wholesome and properly labeled" and USDA FSIS is responsible for the safety of eggs processed into egg products." Also USDA is responsible for

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				"health of young chicks," and the
				FDA "oversees the safety of the
				feed that they eat."
Military and		Four military	\$49 billion (up	Each military service has the same
veterans health		agencies and	from \$19 billion in	health infrastructure (i.e. buildings,
service (pg. 13)		services (Office of	2001)	computers, and personal) when
		the Assistant		they all can be merged together.
		Secretary of		
		Defense for health		"The responsibilities and
		affairs, Army,		authorities for DOD's military
		Navy and Air		health system are distributed
		Force)		among several organizations
				within DOD with no central
				command authority or single
				entity accountable to minimizing
				costs and achieving results." In
				2006 a DOD working group
				developed a proposal to create a
				unified medical command among
				other alternatives. It was, however,
				unsuccessful in obtaining a
				consensus among the services of
				how to proceed. Thus, nothing
				happened. If the DOD "had
				chosen to implement one of the
				three alternatives studied by the
				working group," it could have
				saved between \$281 million to
				\$460 million, according to the
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DOD – Urgent	GAO identified at	Defense-wide	At least \$76.9	The military's experience with
Need Processes	least 31 entities		billion since 2005	threats in Iraq and Afghanistan has
For Developing,	involved.			led to the expanded use of urgent
Modifying and				needs processes and bureaucracy
Fielding new				needed to deal with them. DOD,
military				however, has not dealt with the
capabilities, such				opportunities to consolidate these
as ISR (pg. 18)				services across the military, even
				through the GAO and Defense
				Science Board raised concerns
				about potential overlap and
				duplication. The report found that
				there are "numerous places for a
				warfighter to submit" an urgent need request, GAO found eight
				entities that respond to ISR
				capabilities, five to counter IED
				technology, and six to
				communication and computer
				technology. GAO also found that
				DOD does not have a tracking
				system for this program, nor does
				it perform any metrics.
Counter-IED	DOD created	Defense-wide	\$17 billion has	GAO has identified several
	JIEDDO (multi	Detense-wide	been approved by	instances in which "DOD entities
efforts (pg. 23)	· ·		Congress for FY	operated independently and may
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Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities (pg. 26)	fight IEDs) to lead and coordinate all military IED efforts, but all of the military services involved have built their own programs	Defense-wide	2010. The Armed Services has also spent at least \$1.5 billion. \$6.1 billion alone for unmanned aircraft programs (2010). Other sources of funds: \$27 billion (military intelligence program budget) \$53.1 billion (notional	have developed duplicated counter-IED capabilities." For example, both the Army and the Marine Corps continue to develop their own counter-IED mine roller with some or full JIEDDO support. The "Marines mine roller per unit cost is about \$85,000 versus a cost range of \$77,000 to \$225,000 per unit for the Army Mine Roller." There is still disagreement on which one works better. "ISR activities cut across services and defense agencies and no single entity at the department level has responsibility, authority, and control over the investments to prioritize resources." Two challenges: (1) money for these programs comes from numerous sources, including classified spending and (2) "each service identifies its [ISR] requirements and prioritizes spending for its equipment and personnel needs". Each agency tracks ISR funds differently.
			(national intelligence program budget	differently. The lack of collaboration among the services leads to higher costs. "In 2005, the Army initiated a development program with the same contractor for a variant of the Air Force Predator estimated to cost \$570 million, although the predator was already successfully providing capabilities to the
Military purchasing of tactical wheeled vehicles (pg. 31)		Defense wide	MRAPS - \$12.5 billion Joint Light Tactical Vehicles - \$18.5 billion	warfighter." "DOD's acquisition of two similar tactical wheeled vehiclescreates to risk of unplanned overlap in capabilities that could increase" costs. Currently, "DOD does not have a unified tactical wheel strategy that considers timing, capabilities, and affordability." Small cuts could save a lot of taxpayer money. Reducing the number of Joint Light Tactical Vehicles by 5% could save \$2.5 billion.
Military Prepositioning Programs (pg.34)		Defense-wide	Billions (no specific number given)	"The Department of Defense (DOD) prepositions equipment and supplies worth billions of dollars." Items include major items such as combat vehicles and repair parts at

				strategic places around the world. Although the services are expected to cooperate some, prepositioning is fragmented among the millitary, with the potential for unnecessary duplication. "For example, the Army and Air Force transportable base equipment including mobile housing and dining facilities" could be shared by both services, but are not.
Defense Business Operations and Systems (pg. 38)		Defense-wide	Over \$10 billion on business systems annually	Modernizing defense business systems is a key ingredient to transforming DOD business operations. "This includes timeworn and duplicative systems that support" operations such as civilian personnel, procurement, and transportation. This includes about "2,300 investments, which are supported by billions in annual appropriations." The report later states: "the potential for identifying and avoiding these costs associated with duplicative functionality across the business system investments is significant."
Economic Development Programs (pg. 42)	80 programs	Commerce, HUD, USDA and SBA	\$6.5 billion (\$3.2 of which was grants, loans guarantees and direct loans)	There are 80 programs at 4 agencies doing economic development work for the federal government; 52 of which help with "entrepreneurial efforts," and 19 with tourism. Other highlights: Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), which runs "8 of the programs GAO is reviewing continues to rely on a potentially incomplete set of variables and self reported data to assess the effectiveness of grants." The poor data "may lead to inaccurate claims about the success of the program." "USDA Office of Rural Development, which administers 31 of the programs GAO is reviewing, has yet to implement the USDA Inspector General (IG) 2003 recommendations related to

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				ensuring that data exist to measure the accomplishments of one of its
				largest rural business programs."
Surface	Over 100 separate	Department of	\$58 billion in 2010	"The current approach to surface
Transportation Programs (pg. 48)	programs	Transportation		transportation was established in 1956 to build the Interstate Highway System, but has not evolved to reflect current priorities" in transportation planning.
				In response to numerous concerns, the number of transportation programs began to grow. This has resulted in a "fragmented approach as five DOT agencies with 6,000 employees run 100 separate programs with separate funding streams for highways, transit, and rail and safety functions."
US – Mexico Border Region Water Needs (pg. 52)		7 agencies	\$1.4 billion (2000- 2008)	Almost 10 years ago, federal agencies figured out that better coordination would be necessary to fix the water problem of the US/Mexico border. Unfortunately, "these program remain uncoordinated and fragmented, and their delivery continues to be inefficient and ineffective." One of the key problems is "because most of the seven federal agencies that provide assistance have not comprehensively assessed the needs of the region. Federal agencies have assembled data and conducted limited studies of studies of drinking water and wastewater conditions in the border region, but the resulting patchwork of data does not provide a comprehensive assessment of the region's needs." GAO also found examples where money was outright wasted: "[W]here HUD provided a utility in Hudspeth County, Texas over \$860,000 in grant funds from 2004 to 2006 to extend water distribution and waste collection lines for residents of a community. However, through September 2009, the distribution lines

				utility did not have enough water
				to serve the additional households."
Reducing the reliance on petroleum fuel for the federal government's vehicle fleet (pg. 55)	5	Over 20 agencies	Undetermined	"These statutes and [executive] orders were enacted and issued in a piecemeal fashion and represent a fragmented rather than integrated approach to meeting key national goals." "The federal government's vehicle fleet has over 600,000 civilian and nontactical military vehicles and consumes over 963,000 gallons of petroleum-based fuel per day." "In fiscal year 2009, the federal government spent approximately
				\$1.9 billion on procuring new
Domestic ethanol production (pg. 59)	4	At least 2	\$5.7 billion in foregone revenues in 2011	vehicles." "The ethanol tax credit is largely unneeded today to ensure demand for domestic ethanol production." "The fuel standard is now at a level high enough to ensure that a
				market for domestic ethanol production exists in the absence of the ethanol tax credit and may soon itself be at a level beyond what can be consumed by the nation's existing vehicle infrastructure."
Enterprise architecture (modernization blueprint for information technology) (pg 62)	2	27 federal departments and agencies (governmentwide)	Undetermined	"Knowing whether benefits and results are in fact being achieved requires having associated measure and metrics. In this regard, it is important for agencies to satisfy the core element associated with measuring and reporting enterprise architecture results and outcomes. Examples of results and outcomes to be measured include costs avoided through eliminating duplicative investments or by reusing common services and applications and improved mission performance through reengineered business processes and modernized supporting systems. GAO's work has shown that over 50 percent of the departments and agencies assessed had yet to fully satisfy this element."
Federal data centers (data	Over 2,100 data centers	24 federal agencies	Up to \$450 million annually	"The federal government could save \$150 billion to \$200 billion

Interagency contracting (one agency uses another agency's contracting support services from another agency) (pg.70)	Agencies have created numerous interagency and agencywide contracts using existing statutes, the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and agency-specific policies.	Government-wide	Ranges from \$10,000 to \$1 million per contract	over the next decade, primarily through data center and server consolidation." "The number of federal data centers grew from 432 in 1998 to more than 2,000 in 2010." "Operating and maintaining such redundant infrastructure investments was costly, inefficient, and unsustainable, and had a significant impact on energy consumption." "Reported server utilization rates as low as 5 percent and limited reuse of these data centers within or across agencies lends further credence to the need to restructure federal data center operations to improve efficiency and reduce costs." Potential duplication among interagency and agency-wide contracts across government "can result in increased procurement costs, redundant buying capacity, and in increased workload for the acquisition workforce. Some vendors stated they offer similar products and services on multiple contracts resulted in extra costs to the vendor, which they pass to the government through increased prices." "Some vendors stated the increased cost of being on multiple contracts ranged from \$10,000 to \$1,000,000 per contract due to increased bid and proposal and administrative costs." "Eor fiscal year 2009 the U.S."
Tax expenditures (tax exclusions, credits, deductions, deferrals, and preferential tax rates) (pg. 75)	173 tax expenditures, some of which have related mission areas as spending programs.	Government-wide	Almost \$1 trillion	"For fiscal year 2009, the U.S. Department of the Treasury listed a total of 173 tax expenditures, some of which were the same magnitude or larger than related federal spending for some mission areas." "Tax expenditures, if well designed and effectively implemented, can be an effective

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				tool to further federal goals, [but] some tax expenditures may be
				ineffective at achieving their social
				or economic purposes."
				"In the case of higher education,
				the federal government offers
				seven tax expenditures and nine
				spending programs" for post- secondary education.
				secondary careamon.
				"Improved designs may enable
				individual tax expenditures to achieve better results for the same
				revenue loss or the same result
				with less revenue loss. Also
				reductions in revenue losses from eliminating ineffective and
				redundant tax expenditures could
				be substantial depending on the
				size of the eliminated provisions."
				"Data availability has been a
				challenge in assessing tax
				expenditure performance."
				"To date, the Office of
				Management and Budget (OMB)
				has not used its budget and performance review processes to
				systematically review tax
				expenditures and promote
				integrated reviews of related tax and spending programs."
Electronic health	At least 10	2	At least \$2.6	Although the Departments of
records systems	systems or		billion over the	Defense (DOD) and Veterans
for veterans, service members,	projects, 10 areas of business needs,		past 13 years and more than \$11.3	Affairs (VA) "have many common health care business needs, the
and their families	and over 97		billion over the	departments have begun separate
(pg. 79)	percent of		next 7 years.	modernizations of their electronic
	functional			health records systems. Reduced
	requirements for an inpatient			duplication in this area could save system development and operation
	electronic health			costs while supporting higher-
	record system.			quality health care for service members and veterans."
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				"In May 2010, the departments
				identified 10 areas - inpatient documentation, outpatient
				documentation, outpatient documentation, pharmacy,
				laboratory, order entry and
				management, scheduling, imaging and radiology, third-party billing,
				registration, and data sharing- in
				which they have common business

		1		needs. Moreover, the results of a
				2008 study conducted for the
				departments found that over 97
				percent of functional requirements
				for an inpatient electronic health
				record system are common to both
				departments." Nevertheless, both
				departments have begun separate,
				costly efforts to modernize their
				systems.
Procurement of	Numerous	2	Approximately	"By fiscal year 2009, joint national
prescription drugs	contracts		\$10 billion	contracts for prescription drugs
by VA and DOD				accounted for only a small
(pg. 82)				proportion of VA and DOD
				spending on prescription drugs.
				Specifically, in fiscal year 2009,
				VA spent about \$3.7 billion and
				DOD spent about \$7.7 billion on
				prescription drugs, while spending
				under joint national contracts represented about 5 percent and
				less than 1 percent of those totals,
				respectively."
				respectively.
				With regard to brand name drugs –
				which account for more than 80
				percent of VA's and DOD's total
				drug spending –VA and DOD had
				no joint national contracts for
				brand name drugs in 2008 or 2009.
Public health	At least 25	Multiple agencies,	Development and	HHS "as not developed and
information	information	led by the	implementation	implemented an overall strategy
systems (pg. 88)	technology	Department of	cost approximately	that defines goals, objectives, and
	systems	Health and Human	\$40 million in	priorities and that integrates
		Services (HHS)	fiscal year 2009	related strategies to achieve the
				unified electronic nationwide
				situational awareness capability
				required."
				"Therefore, public health entities
				are limited in their ability to
				enhance public health situational
				awareness and improve the
				effectiveness of their efforts to
				prepare for and respond to public
				health emergencies."
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				"Absent more effective planning,
				HHS runs the risk of expending
				additional funds for continued fragmented efforts without
				realizing the mandated goal" of
				establishing an electronic network
				for national public health
				emergencies.
Defense against	4 "pillars"—	At least 5	\$6.48 billion in	In 2010, the bipartisan
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biological threats (pg. 92)	threat awareness, prevention and detection, surveillance and detection, and response and recovery	departments, at least 8 agencies, and more than two dozen presidential appointees	fiscal year 2011	Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (now known as the WMD Center), "gave the nation a failing grade in its efforts to enhance capabilities for rapid response to prevent biological attacks from inflicting mass casualties." "There are more than two dozen presidentially appointed individuals with some responsibility for biodefense. In addition, numerous federal agencies, encompassing much of the federal government, have some mission responsibilities for supporting biodefense activities. However, there is no individual or entity with responsibility, authority, and accountability for overseeing the entire biodefense enterprise." "There is no national plan to coordinate federal, state, and local efforts following a bioterror attack, and the United States lacks the technical and operational capabilities required for an adequate response." "Neither the Office of Management and Budget nor the federal agencies account for biodefense spending across the entire federal government. As a result, the federal government does not know how much is being spent on this critical national security priority." "A private sector analysis of the fiscal year 2011 federal budget for civilian biodefense estimates that the U.S. biodefense effort will total
				fiscal year 2011 federal budget for
Interagency forums for securing the northern border (pg. 96)	2 forums comprising 24 border enforcement teams and 3 border	DHS and other federal law enforcement	Undetermined	"In December 2010, GAO reported that DHS does not provide guidance or oversight to its component to establish or assess the results of interagency forums across northern border locations."

	enforcement task forces			The DHS Inspector General and an interagency working group have raised concerns about mission overlap and duplication and the need to clearly define roles and responsibilities. More than half of the partners interviewed by GAO "cited"
				concerns about mission overlap between these two forums that could result in duplication of efforts."
DOJ explosives investigations (pg. 101)	4	2 agencies	At least \$35 million in duplication in training and laboratories in fiscal year 2010	"GAO's ongoing work on law enforcement coordination found that disputes have occurred over the past 5 years between [ATF and FBI] regarding jurisdiction of explosives investigations and there is potential for overlap."
				"A 2009 report from Justice's Inspector General found there has been little progress since 2004 in addressing overlap and duplication."

¹ The five federal job training and employment programs that have had an impact study performed since 2004 include the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); WIA Adult Program; WIA Dislocated Workers; National Guard Youth Challenge Program; and Reintegration of Ex-Offenders.

ⁱⁱ According to the GAO, many researchers consider impact studies to be the best method for determining the extent to which a program is causing participating outcomes.