

FACING FITARA CHALLENGES

The federal government is spending over \$80 billion per year on its information technology (IT), but federal managers say that 47 percent of their budget goes to maintain obsolete and deficient IT resources, and estimates suggest that the cost to the taxpayer is as high as \$20 billion wasted each year.¹

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Enter FITARA. The goal of the Federal IT Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA), enacted on December 19, 2014, is to mitigate this problem by enabling federal entities to acquire IT in ways that

SAVE MONEY

MAXIMIZE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

REDUCE OPERATIONAL RISK

IMPROVE SERVICES TO CITIZENS



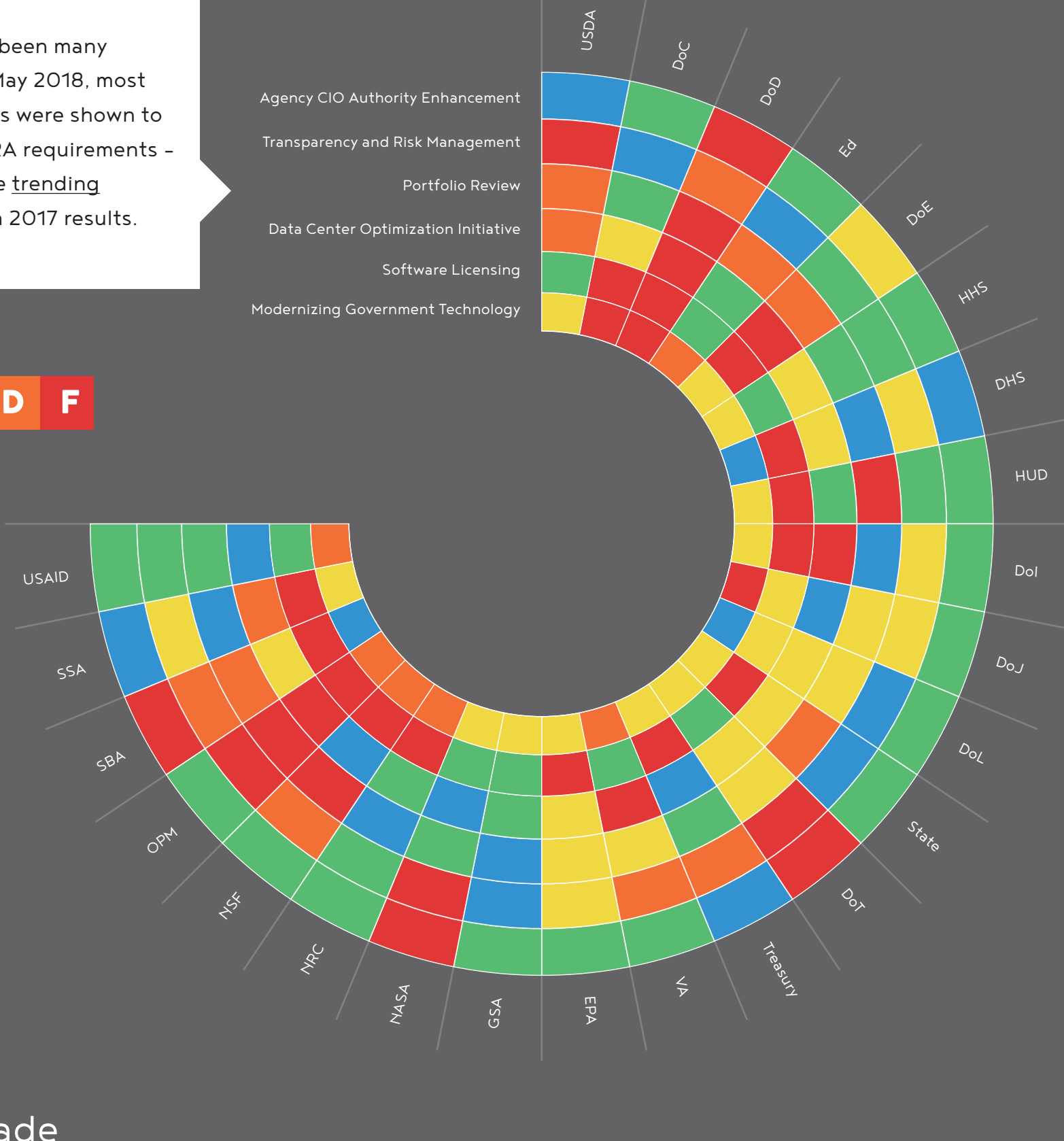
FITARA outlines specific requirements related to:

- ▶ Agency Chief Information Officer (CIO) Authority Enhancements
- ▶ Enhanced Transparency and Improved Risk Management in IT Investments
- ▶ Portfolio Review
- ▶ Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative
- ▶ Expansion of Training and Use of IT Cadres
- ▶ Maximizing the Benefit of the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative
- ▶ Governmentwide Software Purchasing Program

Other recent mandates and executive orders – such as the recent executive order from President Trump empowering CIOs – have also made it clear that it's time for agencies to step up their IT efficiency game.

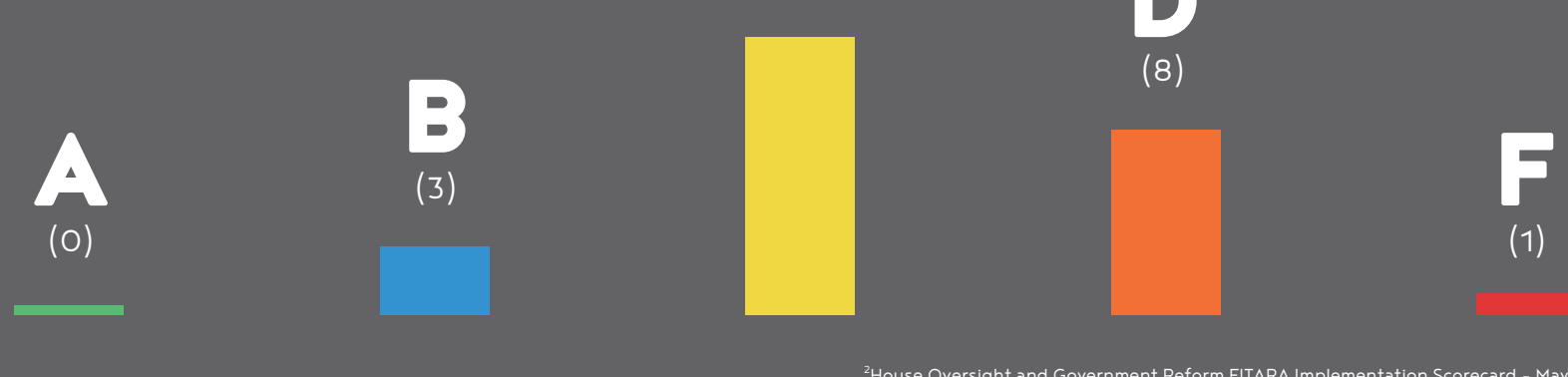
But there have been many challenges. In May 2018, most federal agencies were shown to be failing FITARA requirements – and in fact were trending downward from 2017 results.

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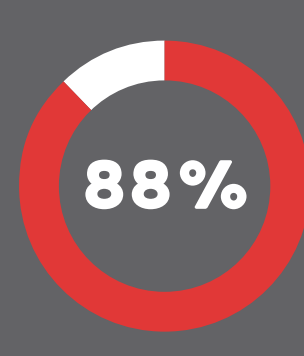
Overall Grade

Breakdown by Agency

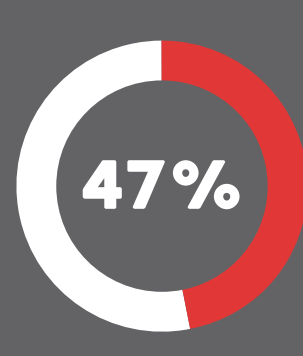


¹House Oversight and Government Reform FITARA Implementation Scorecard - May 2018

These challenges were reflected in a recent GovLoop survey of 149 federal employees.

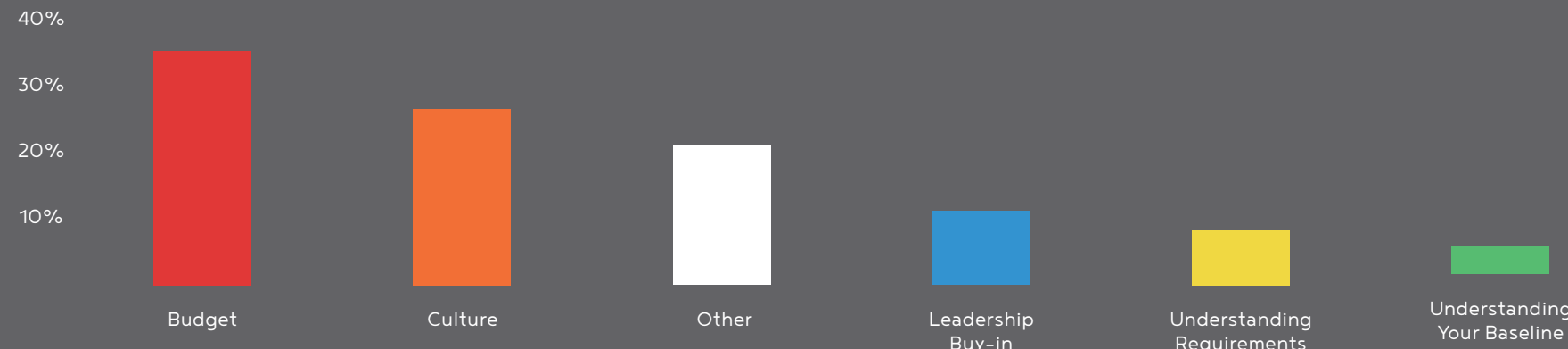


88% are unsure of the path forward when it comes to FITARA.



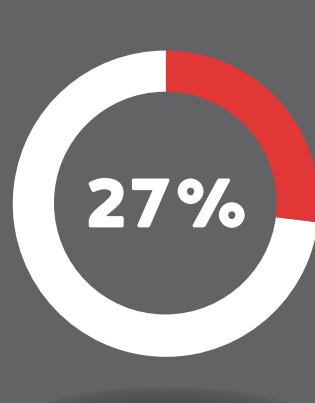
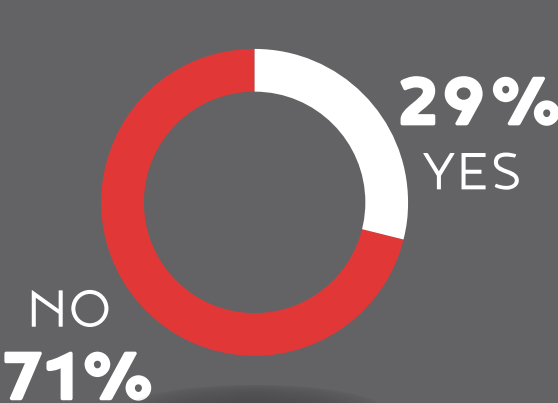
47% have not yet begun or are only in very early stages of FITARA implementation.

What is your agency's biggest challenge when it comes to FITARA?



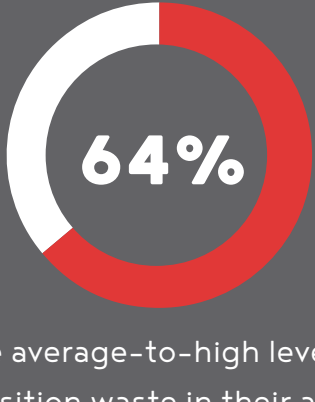
One way to reduce the challenges your agency faces in implementing FITARA? Better track your IT assets and acquisition with automated software. But doing this is another challenge agencies face:

Does your agency have adequate visibility, tracking and analysis of IT assets and acquisition activities?



And only 27% of respondents said their agency has a way for tracking and comparing acquisitions to help them better understand waste, redundancy and risk.

That presents a problem, given the high amounts of acquisition waste and lack of understanding of project risk we found:

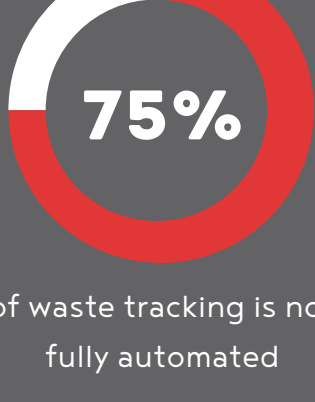


64% have average-to-high levels of acquisition waste in their agency



72% do not have a good idea of their agency/project risk

Additionally, of those agencies that are tracking waste and risk, they are often doing it manually, which can lead to errors and lack of visibility



75% of waste tracking is not fully automated



59% of risk is tracked manually

One way to overcome these tracking challenges? By implementing a platform that tracks governance, risk, and compliance in one central location, with automation capabilities.

This survey and the latest FITARA scorecard show agency gaps in current measures.

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