
GAO's July 2009 High-Risk List

Addressing Challenges in Broad-Based Transformations

- Restructuring the U.S. Postal Service to Achieve Sustainable Financial Viability **(New in July 2009)**
- Modernizing the Outdated U.S. Financial Regulatory System^a **(New in January 2009)**
- Protecting Public Health through Enhanced Oversight of Medical Products **(New in January 2009)**
- Transforming EPA's Processes for Assessing and Controlling Toxic Chemicals^a **(New in January 2009)**
- 2010 Census
- Strategic Human Capital Management^a
- Managing Federal Real Property^a
- Protecting the Federal Government's Information Systems and the Nation's Critical Infrastructures
- Implementing and Transforming the Department of Homeland Security
- Establishing Effective Mechanisms for Sharing Terrorism-Related Information to Protect the Homeland
- DOD Approach to Business Transformation^a
 - Business Systems Modernization
 - Personnel Security Clearance Program
 - Support Infrastructure Management
 - Financial Management
 - Supply Chain Management
 - Weapon Systems Acquisition
- Funding the Nation's Surface Transportation System^a
- Ensuring the Effective Protection of Technologies Critical to U.S. National Security Interests^a
- Revamping Federal Oversight of Food Safety^a

Managing Federal Contracting More Effectively

- DOD Contract Management
- DOE's Contract Management for the National Nuclear Security Administration and Office of Environmental Management
- NASA Acquisition Management
- Management of Interagency Contracting

Assessing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Tax Law Administration

- Enforcement of Tax Laws^a
- IRS Business Systems Modernization

Modernizing and Safeguarding Insurance and Benefit Programs

- Improving and Modernizing Federal Disability Programs^a
 - Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Insurance Programs^a
 - Medicare Program^a
 - Medicaid Program^a
 - National Flood Insurance Program^a
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Source: GAO.

^aLegislation is likely to be necessary, as a supplement to actions by the executive branch, in order to effectively address this high-risk area.