



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3834
Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research
and Development Act of 2012**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
on February 7, 2012*

H.R. 3834 would expand the activities of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) program, which coordinates the federal government's advanced computing, networking, and software development goals. The bill would codify the activities of the program's existing national coordination office. Activities currently include creating a strategic plan, soliciting input from various stakeholders, and coordinating periodic reviews of agencies' information technology activities. H.R. 3834 also would establish an interagency working group to examine potential uses of cloud computing. Finally, the legislation would require that a task force of industry and academic experts develop certain information technology systems.

Based on information from the NITRD program office, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3834 would cost about \$2 million over the 2012-2017 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes the costs to support the task force and the interagency working group. Enacting H.R. 3834 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 3834 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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