

Executive Summary

The Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act (the Act) requires each Federal agency to include, in its annual budget justification, a report that identifies each public recommendation issued by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the agency's inspector(s) general (IGs) that has remained unimplemented for one year or more from the budget justification submission date. In compliance with the Act, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has included a report listing each public recommendation issued by GAO. Neither ONDCP nor the Executive Office of the President has an Office of the Inspector General so the recommendations listed in this report are exclusively public GAO recommendations.

For recommendations with which ONDCP agreed, this report provides timelines for full implementation of the planned corrective actions (PCA). For recommendations with completed PCAs, this report indicates the status as “Implemented and GAO Verified” or “Implemented and Awaiting GAO Verification.” For recommendations with which ONDCP disagreed or did not implement corrective actions due to budgetary constraints or other factors, this report indicates their status as either “Rejected” or “On Hold,” respectively. For recommendations where ONDCP did not formally respond or take action, this report indicates “No Action Taken.” We have included a separate appendix that describes the status of each public GAO recommendation.

See Appendix 1: A report listing GAO Recommendations and their implementation status.

Progress in Implementing GAO Recommendations

During the course of the Biden administration, ONDCP has implemented or closed out approximately 54 percent of GAO recommendations that were open at the beginning of the administration. This figure represents implementing or closing out 7 of the 13 that were unimplemented as of January 20, 2021.