



## **Agencies Run into Roadblocks Reviewing Service Contracts**

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Federal agencies are having a slow-go of evaluating their use of service contracts, Federal News Radio reports, and some may, in fact, end up missing the June 30 deadline.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 directed the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on agencies' use of service contractors. As part of the guidelines, agencies were also required to provide an inventory of those types of contracts.

According to a recent Government Accountability Office review of nine agencies, seven of them had begun their analyses, but most weren't that far along, Federal News Radio reports.

GAO also found "mixed opinions" from agency officials as to whether compiling an inventory of service contracts would actually be helpful.

Also uncertain is what role the inventories will play in further efforts to balance the workforce as the in-sourcing debate sees renewed interest. Some agency officials worry that the inventories will be used to restructure agency