

Legislative imperatives and guidance

OMB Circular I30	OMB Circular A-11	Clinger-Cohen Act	GAO's IT investment management framework
<p>This circular directs agencies to prepare and maintain a portfolio of major systems with the goals of avoiding redundancy, sharing resources, and projecting the impact of alternative IT investment strategies and funding levels. To view it, go to www.gcn.com and enter I57 in the Quickfind search box.</p>	<p>Section 53 delineates the whys, wherefores and how-tos of reporting on IT investments, including how to be sure projects support the President's Management Agenda. To read the 20 pages of Section 53, including a sample chart of an agency portfolio, go to www.gcn.com and enter I58 in the Quickfind search box.</p>	<p>Section 5115 covers capital planning and investment controls. It includes a directive to develop a process for analyzing, tracking and evaluating the risks and results of all major capital investments in IT as part of the budget process. To view the pertinent IT sections of Clinger-Cohen, go to www.gcn.com and enter I59 in the Quickfind search box.</p>	<p>The guide, subtitled "A Framework for Assessing and Improving Process Maturity," includes a section on developing a complete investment portfolio as Stage 3 in a five-stage process related to IT investment management. To view the GAO guide online, go to www.gcn.com and enter I60 in the Quickfind search box.</p>