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# Overview

- Data Act
- Improper Payments
- U.S. Government Financial Audit

# Implementation of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act)

- Initial installment of data standards issued by OMB and Treasury
- GAO's oversight strategy and work with the accountability community
- Effective implementation holds great promise to enhance federal management, oversight, and decision-making.

# IMPROPER PAYMENTS

- FY 2014 estimate: \$124.7 billion (about \$19 billion increase)
- Higher error rates in 3 major programs drove the increase
- IGs reported 2 major areas of noncompliance for FY 2013

# Inability to Account for and Reconcile Intragovernmental Activity and Balances

- Major impediment to issuing an opinion on US Government's consolidated financial statements.
- Material amounts of unreconciled transactions and differences
- Treasury continues actively working to resolve differences
- Strong and sustained commitment by federal entities is critical

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## On the Web

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