



SSA POLICY 8015.01

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION APPROVAL

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1. Purpose. This policy:

- a. Implements Chapter 11319 of Title 40, United States Code (U.S.C.) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-15-14.
- b. Establishes the policy for the Chief Information Officer (CIO) to approve or delegate approval of Information Technology (IT) acquisitions at the Social Security Administration (SSA).

2. Applicability. This policy applies to the SSA CIO and designated IT acquisition approving officials.

3. Policy.

a. Approving Acquisition Strategies, Plans, or Requisitions

- (1) The CIO shall primarily consider the factors detailed in OMB Memorandum M-15-14 when reviewing acquisition strategies and acquisition plans.
- (2) In accordance with Chapter 11319 of Title 40, U.S.C. and OMB Memorandum M-15-14, the CIO shall:

- i. Review and approve acquisition strategies or plans and requisitions that include IT and are associated with the major investments. The agency CIO cannot delegate this authority.
 - ii. Review and approve acquisition strategies or plans and requisitions that include IT for the non-major and standard investments and meet the thresholds found in the CIO Approval Responsibilities and the Deputy Commissioner of Systems (DCS) Concurrence and Approval Table. The CIO can delegate this authority.
- b. Exceptions to the review and approval process for acquisition strategies or plans as defined in OMB Memorandum M-15-14 can be found in the SSA's Acquisition Handbook.

4. Approval.



Rajive Mathur
Chief Information Officer

REFERENCES

Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-15-14, “Management and Oversight of Federal Information Technology,” June 10, 2015

SSA Office of Acquisition and Grants Contracting Policy, “Acquisition Handbook,”

<http://sharepoint.ba.ssa.gov/DCBFQM/oag/policy/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

SSA Repository for CIO, “CIO Approval Responsibilities,”

<http://sharepoint.ba.ssa.gov/dcs/oitbs/OITFMS/Repository%20for%20CIO/>

SSA Repository for CIO, “DCS Concurrence and Approval Table,”

<http://sharepoint.ba.ssa.gov/dcs/oitbs/OITFMS/Repository%20for%20CIO/>

United States Code, Title 40

GLOSSARY

All definitions and acronyms can be found in SSA Manual 8200.01 Issuance Library Glossary.



CHANGE HISTORY

Version	Date	Description of Change
Initial	09/27/2017	CIO-Approved Version
8015.01 V2	06/06/2018	Migrated to new template. Updated thresholds.
8015.01 V3	10/05/2018	Added reference to DCS Concurrence and Approval Table. Updated name of CIO Assignment Plan.

