



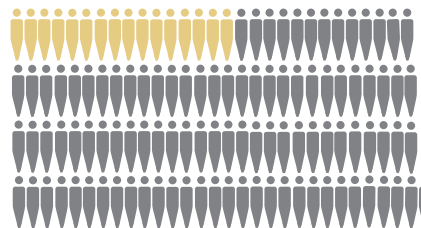
ACUS In Brief

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The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is an independent executive branch agency charged with convening expert representatives from the public and private sector to investigate, deliberate, and recommend improvements to administrative process and procedure.

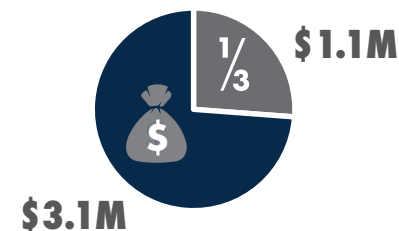
Organization ACUS is a small agency that makes every resource count.

ACUS augments its 15-person full time staff with over 150 volunteer experts.



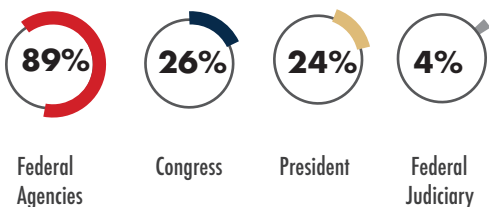
ACUS's members are drawn from over 70 federal agencies as well as academia and private legal practice.

The monetized value of time and expertise that ACUS members donate is over 1/3 the value of our annual appropriation.

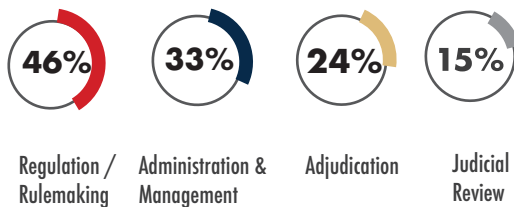


Impact ACUS initiatives promote efficiency, participation, and fairness in the promulgation of federal regulations and in the administration of federal programs. Since its reestablishment in 2010...

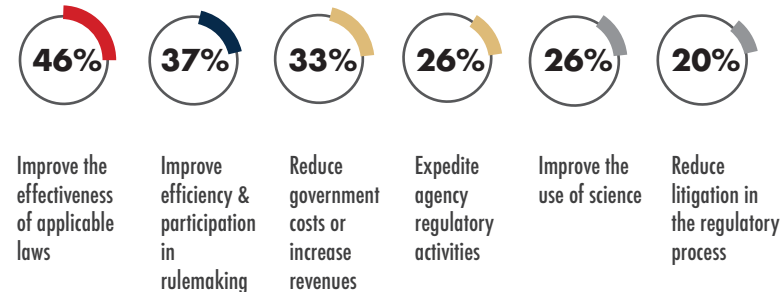
ACUS's work impacts all 3 branches of government.



ACUS projects encompass a broad array of administrative law topics (% of projects undertaken by ACUS.)



ACUS initiatives have measurable goals and outcomes, always focusing on improving effectiveness and efficiency in government.



Results ACUS has adopted over 250 recommendations and statements to improve agency decision making, promote effective regulatory oversight, and, often, produce cost-savings to the government and taxpayers.



The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 implements ACUS Recommendation 2012-8 on Inflation Adjustments for Civil Penalties.

CBO estimates the recommendation will lead to an increase of \$1.3 billion in revenues to the U.S. Treasury over 10 years by closing the "inflation gap" in penalties for civil violations.



A 2015 rule issued by the Social Security Administration adopts ACUS' recommendations on the duty of candor by amending the agency's rules to require claimants for disability benefits to submit all relevant evidence, not only evidence favorable to their claim. This will improve decision making in accordance with ACUS's mandate to reduce litigation in the regulatory process.



President Obama's Executive Order 13609 on International Regulatory Cooperation implements ACUS Recommendation 2011-6. It urges agencies to work with their overseas counterparts to eliminate needless regulatory differences that create trade barriers, potentially saving companies billions of dollars per year.