

Offering fee-based interagency research and analysis services to the federal government and authorized contractors.

The Library of Congress Federal Research Division (FRD) delivers expert research and analysis services to federal agencies and authorized contractors through a streamlined, fee-based interagency program. FRD empowers decision-makers across the federal government by converting complex information into clear, actionable insights. Our team brings together highly skilled researchers, data analysts, and foreign language experts dedicated to supporting critical federal missions. They apply qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods approaches to provide cost-effective solutions.

Examples of Research

FRD research products are tailored to client requirements and often incorporate tools and instruments such as literature reviews and scans, focus groups, surveys, case studies, novel dashboards and data visualizations, and other approaches as warranted. Research topics are disparate and client driven; some thematic examples are provided below.

Business

- ☀ Counterfeit product tracking, infrastructure insurance analysis, fee structure assessments, cost-recovery program evaluations, pandemic impact studies

Technology

- ☀ Technical advancement chronologies, foreign technology monitoring (blockchain, navigation technologies, dual-use electronics, unmanned systems), global technology markets and policy drivers

Policy and Program Support

- ☀ Executive order alignment, federal program comparisons, policy analysis, strategic planning, customer improvement initiatives

National Security

- ☀ Geospatial analyses of domestic defense spending, strategic commodity market analysis, threat analysis and foreign actor profiling

Legal

- ☀ International drug law comparisons, cross-jurisdictional analysis, legal process visualization, unstructured data management

Health and Social Sciences

- ☀ Displacement impact, legislative and organizational histories, violence prevention workforce modeling, medical interoperability

Evaluation

- ☀ Rapid evaluations, program evaluability assessment, logic model creation, metrics and intended outcomes alignment, implementation monitoring, impact evaluation

FRD streamlines the procurement process by writing the statement of work and initiating the interagency agreement (IAA) funding transfer.



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A Research Organization Unlike Any Other

FRD was established in 1948 to serve the newly independent U.S. Air Force's research efforts. Today, FRD serves the executive, judicial, and legislative branches, excluding Congress. The division has many years of experience navigating new administration requirements.

The division's interagency agreement services and revolving fund streamline procurement. As a cost-recovery division, FRD only charges clients the actual cost of completing research. This allows for more collaborative and transparent discussions about funding and project budgets.

FRD has provided research to hundreds of offices in every cabinet-level department within the federal government.

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What Clients Say About FRD

"I'm so impressed with the team's efficiency—on time and on budget. We're very pleased with the work too."

"I want to commend your team on this excellent report. It is thorough and thoughtful. Thank you again for the support provided on this project."

"FRD consistently provides well written reports that add tremendous value to our tactical and strategic efforts. We cannot find this caliber of multilingual, open-source research expertise anywhere else."

"Again, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you and the team for all of the incredible work on this project. It will, no doubt, serve as a great knowledge resource to inform future work."

