FEDERAL RESEARCH DIVISION

Cost-Recovery Research and Analysis Services

Providing the federal government with fee-based global research, analysis, and legal studies since 1948

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HISTORY

FRD has been providing cost-recovery, multilingual research and analysis services to the Federal Government for almost 80 years

Air Research Division

Established to provide research support for the newly formed U.S. Air Force, later supported Defense Intelligence Agency.



1963 - 1970



Defense Research Division

Mandate expanded to include all Department of Defense.

Federal Research Division

Mandate expanded to include all Federal Government (Legislative, Executive and Judicial), except of Congress.



2018 - Present



Federal Research Division

Partnered with the Global Legal Research Directorate (GLRD) to also provide global legal research services to the Federal community.



Major Collection Contributions: Historic











Country Studies/ Profiles

The Country Studies Series was published in hard copy from the mid-1980s until 2008, this collection was part of the Country Studies Program, formerly the Army Area Handbook Program. This collection, was sponsored by the U.S. Army and written by social science researchers affiliated with FRD. The studies were intended for a general audience and provided country-by-country descriptions and analyses of lesser-known countries or regions where U.S. military forces might be deployed.

The book series provided an academic objectivity to the regions and countries selected, covering the historical overview, social, economic, political, and national security considerations and institutions.



Major Collection Contributions: Ongoing









DPAA Database

The title of this collection is "Correlated and Uncorrelated Information Relating to Missing Americans in Southeast Asia." It consists of a database of more than 160,000 metadata records designed to assist researchers in searching and accessing original U.S. Government documents pertaining to U.S. unaccounted-for personnel from the Vietnam conflict. The U.S. Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), formerly the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), declassifies these documents and releases them to the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress for metadata tagging and posting them online for public access. The Library has maintained online access to the metadata and most of the original records via this database since 1994.





Federal Library Directory

This Directory is a public dataset that is compiled by FRD on contract with FEDLINK, who also holds, distributes and provides access to the resource.

The resource includes nearly 1,400 profiles of current and former federal libraries and information centers n the United States and abroad, and showcases an interactive map and database with a comprehensive view of federal agency libraries, their geographic location, collections information, staff size, leadership, circulation and reference services, and current operational status.



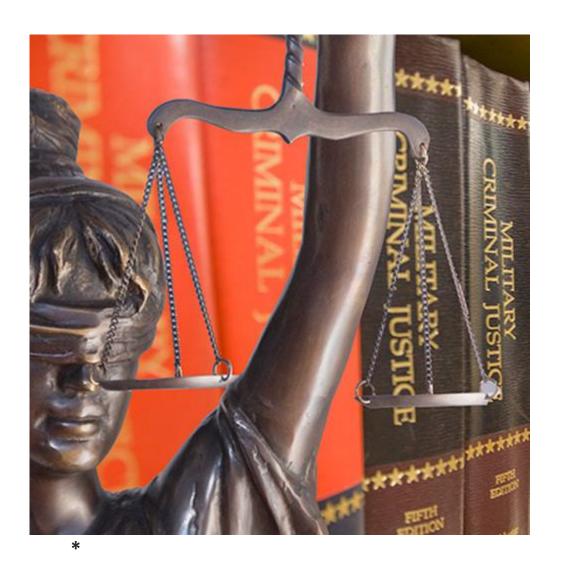
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Military Legal Resources (JAG)

This collection includes material from the William Winthrop Memorial Library at the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School External in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) External is the legal arm of the United States Army, established on July 29, 1775 External by General George Washington. FRD was contracted to organize and maintain a digitized selection of their physical library collection.

New relevant materials are regularly added to this collection, in a fully searchable and browsable format in the following three major categories: JAG Legal Center & School Materials Historical Materials
Military Law and Legislative History





OLDCC Defense Spending by State Series

The office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, a field activity within the Department of Defense, aids states and communities as they address the local impacts of changes in Defense priorities, coordinate with military installations in support of military goals, enhance readiness and resiliency across the military, civilian, and industrial sections, and provides support to military families.

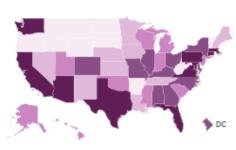
OLDCC has maintained an IAA with FRD since to report and visualize total spending figures of the U.S. military and contractors in each county and state, including personnel and payroll expenditures. FRD data scientists analyze data from multiple sources, including DoD, HUD, and the USPS, to create this comprehensive report.

UNITED STATES

FISCAL YEAR 2023

Total Spending



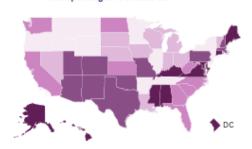


Top 10 States by Total Spending

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exas	\$71.6
/irginia	\$68.5
California	\$60.8
lorida	\$32.3
/laryland	\$27.8
Connecticut	\$25.3
'ennsylvania	\$21.8
krizona	\$17.0
/lassachusetts	\$16.8
Vashineton	\$15.5

Total Spending as % of State GDP

Percentage	
	4.6 to 9.7
	2.3 to 3.6
	1.5 to 2.3
	1.2 to 1.4
	0.5 to 1.2

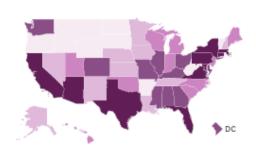


Top 10 States by Total Spending as % of GDP

Virginia	9.7
Hawaii	9.2
Connecticut	7.4
Alaska	7.0
Mississippi	6.1
District of Columbia	5.9
Maryland	5.4
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Contract Spending

Billions		
	\$11.7 to \$58.7	
	\$7.0 to \$11.6	
	\$3.2 to \$6.5	
	\$1.4 to \$2.9	
	\$0.2 to \$1.4	



Top 10 States by Contract Spending

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Texas	\$58.7
Virginia	\$46.8
California	\$41.2
Connecticut	\$24.3
Florida	\$22.9
Maryland	\$18.3
Pennsylvania	\$18.2
Massachusetts	\$15.0
Arizona	\$14.5
New York	\$11.7



Other reports and research...







Staff

~60 Staff Members ~60% hold advanced degrees Section Head FRD brings a fresh Research Project perspective to Assistant Manager FRD staffers are complex research Project seasoned experts, questions in an top performers innovative, accessible, and innovative Teams and user-friendly way thinkers Data Senior Researcher Analyst Researcher Speak a combined 16 Use industry standard and cutting-edge technology languages





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PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW



Who Qualifies?

- Federal agencies executive, legislative and judicial branches, excluding Congress.
- Authorized Federal contractors using Federal funds.
- District of Columbia government due to Federal funding provided to the district.



How is Procurement Conducted?

- Statement of Work (SOW) developed by FRD in collaboration with client.
- G-Invoicing or 7600 Forms client may prepare or request that FRD do so.
- Intra-Governmental payment and collection (IPAC) conducted by FRD.



How Much Time is Required?

- Statement of Work (SOW) one to four weeks.
- Interagency agreement (IAA) one day.
- Project Kick-Off within 2 weeks of signed agreements.



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