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1 Introduction

This Instruction describes the National Weather Service (NWS) competitive sourcing responsibilities and procedures.

2 Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76

The Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), issued a revised [OMB Circular No. A-76](#), *Performance of Commercial Activities*, on May 29, 2003. This Circular describes the procedures and policies associated with requirements of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act and policies and procedures for A-76 studies.

3 Roles and Responsibilities

- The Assistant Administrator for Weather Services has overall responsibility for Circular No. A-76 activities;
- The Office of the Chief Financial Officer provides guidance and coordination on the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act and Circular No. A-76 matters; and
- The Financial Management Center (FMC) conducting a competitive sourcing A-76 study is responsible for planning and carrying out the study in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-76 and other federal regulations.

4 Moratorium on A-76 Studies in the current Appropriation Act

SEC. 741. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act may be used to begin or announce a study or public –private competition regarding the conversion to contractor performance of any function performed by Federal employees pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 or any other administrative regulation, directive, or policy. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1158/text>