

## S 1304

Buy Smarter and Save Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 16, 2013 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
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| 113 HR 2694 | Related bill | <b>Jul 16, 2013:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. |

Buy Smarter and Save Act of 2013 - Directs the President to establish: (1) an annual government-wide goal to procure goods and services using strategic sourcing, and (2) an annual government-wide goal for savings from the use of strategic sourcing. Defines "strategic sourcing" as a structured and collaborative process of critically analyzing an organization's spending patterns to better leverage its purchasing power, reduce costs, and improve overall value and performance.

Directs the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to: (1) issue guidance to executive agencies for implementing the strategic sourcing goals established by this Act, and (2) report on spending for goods and services that was strategically sourced and the extent of the savings realized.

Directs the Departments of Defense (DOD), Homeland Security (DHS), Energy (DOE), Veterans Affairs (VA), and Health and Human Services (HHS), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the General Services Administration (GSA), and the Small Business Administration (SBA) to take certain actions to support strategic sourcing, including establishing department wide-goals and savings targets for strategic sourcing efforts and a strategic sourcing accountability official.

Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to: (1) conduct studies on contract utilization fees and on establishing strategic sourcing initiative contract vehicles, and (2) assess and report on the performance of executive agencies in implementing the strategic sourcing goals required by this Act and the amounts saved through the use of strategic sourcing.

### **Actions Timeline**

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