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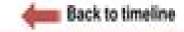
The Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003 (SARA) was Title XIV—Services Acquisition Reform of Public Law 108— 136—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

The reason for the passage of SARA was that the federal government spends more than 50 percent of acquisition dollars on the acquisition of services, and Congress wanted to place a special emphasis on those acquisitions. SARA's primary thrusts included:

- Acquisition Workforce and Training
- Adaptation of Business Acquisition Practices
- Acquisitions of Commercial Items

Section 1423 of the Act directed establishment an advisory panel to review laws and regulations regarding the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, the performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and the use of Governmentwide contracts. The Panel was to be composed of recognized experts in acquisition law and Government acquisition policy. The Report of The Acquisition Advisory Panel was provided to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and the United States Congress in January 2007. Many recommendations of the panel were later adopted.

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