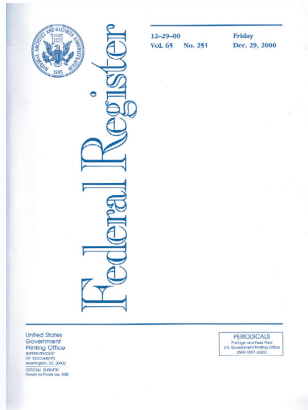




Regulatory Support



ICF International's regulatory support services are provided by an integrated staff of:

- Economists
- Attorneys
- Policy Analysts
- Business Analysts
- Transportation Analysts
- Emergency Management Experts
- Scientists
- Engineers

Within the complex federal regulatory process, resource constraints and legally binding deadlines complicate an agency's regulatory tasks. ICF International helps clients fulfill their responsibilities by providing cost-effective regulatory support services and tools. Our integrated, multidisciplinary staff has an exceptional grasp of regulatory requirements and can support all phases of the rulemaking process.

Our Approach

ICF has a thorough understanding of the rulemaking process. From the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act to the numerous applicable executive orders and statutes, we are alert to the challenges faced by rulemakers. The challenges include multiple layers of internal agency review, delays in achieving consensus, high volumes and complexity of public comments, delays in external review and coordination, and other unanticipated events. Our managers maintain close and frequent contact with clients to ensure we remain substantively on target and on schedule.

Our capabilities and experience span the full range of rulemaking support activities.

Selecting a regulatory approach. We help clients identify and describe problems, characterize affected stakeholders, develop options, and conduct tradeoff analyses.

Drafting preambles and rules. We work with clients to help prepare plain language text for preambles and rules.

Performing regulatory analyses. We estimate costs, benefits, impacts, and the cost effectiveness of regulations, prepare small business analyses, address paperwork burdens, and prepare support documentation (e.g., Regulatory Flexibility Analyses, Regulatory Impact Analyses, Environmental Impact Statements, and Information Collection Requests).

Managing stakeholder involvement. We facilitate stakeholder participation and summarize and help analyze public comments.

Implementing regulatory decisions. We help develop implementation strategies, provide outreach and training support, draft guidance documents, and evaluate implementation progress.

Analyzing regulatory effectiveness. We conduct "lookback reviews" (under Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act), which examine impacts on small entities as a result of costs, complexity, and effectiveness. We also prepare broader analyses that assess the impact and effectiveness of agencies' regulations and policies.

Featured Solutions

Regulatory Support for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). ICF has provided regulatory support on a wide range of topics that have included economic analysis, licensing, financial responsibility, commercial non-safety-related issues, general public comment analysis, drafting and editing support, regulatory training, benchmarking reviews, and assessing regulatory effectiveness.

Support for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security. ICF has provided regulatory economic analysis and research support to TSA staff on topics ranging from the transportation worker identification credential rule, to the impact of hurricane Katrina on the transportation sector, and small entity analyses of various aviation rules.

Featured Solutions (cont.)

Support for Revisions to Animal Import Regulations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ICF is assisting the CDC in preparing notices of proposed and final rulemakings to revise regulations concerning the importation of animals that can carry diseases affecting humans. The project includes drafting support, preparing economic and other analyses, and providing public comment analysis support.

Fitness for Duty Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response and Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. ICF supported the NRC in the development of comprehensive revisions to the regulations specifying drug and alcohol testing, criminal background checks, and other investigations necessary to ensure that individuals who are granted unescorted access to nuclear power plant protected areas, or who guard or transport certain categories of nuclear material, are trustworthy and reliable. We also are analyzing the costs and impact of the requirements.

Diversion Control Rules, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). ICF has provided regulatory support for a number of DEA rules, including conducting background research, preparing drafts of *Federal Register* material, summarizing comments, and developing regulatory economic analyses, small entity analyses, and information collection requests. ICF has helped DEA translate technical requirements for electronic prescriptions and orders into regulatory language and incorporate new statutory requirements into its regulations.

Regulatory Support, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). ICF has conducted more than 100 economic analyses for EPA and assisted in all phases of EPA rulemakings. For example, ICF supported initial options development, focus groups, rule drafting, economic analyses, public comment analysis, and guidance development for EPA's risk management plan rule, which adopted an integrated performance-based management approach for identifying hazards, assessing risks, and managing the use of highly hazardous chemicals to reduce the risk of chemical accidents. ICF has assisted EPA with the development of the SO₂ and NO_x emissions trading programs under Title IV of the Clean Air Act. ICF is frequently tasked to perform quick turn around analyses, create power point presentations, and provide other support to EPA on short notice.

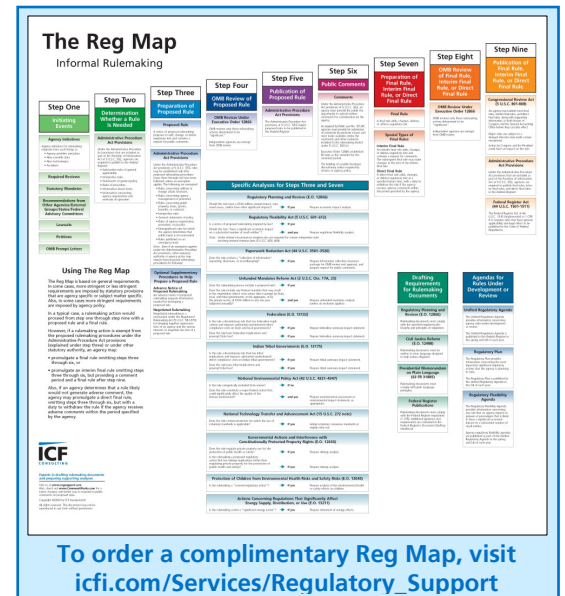
Regulatory Flexibility Act and Expert Support Services for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). ICF supported PTO in evaluating the regulatory burden, including the paperwork burden, expected to fall on small entity patent applicants as a result of proposed and final rulemakings. ICF worked on a series of tasks that involved conducting a detailed small entity analysis and preparing a carefully-documented report supporting USPTO's certification under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) that the rulemaking would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; providing additional analysis related to litigation; analyzing paperwork costs; preparing a draft Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA); and analyzing public comments on the IRFA in order to develop the draft Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA).

Our Tools

CommentWorks®. ICF offers regulatory agencies a commercial web-based solution to streamline and organize a thorough and highly transparent process for analyzing and responding to public comments. CommentWorks® gives working groups instant, simultaneous access from their personal computers to a single set of all comments and comment excerpts, summaries, and responses sorted by issue topic or commenter. More than a dozen federal departments or agencies have used CommentWorks® to analyze hundreds of thousands of public comments on more than 100 rulemaking initiatives.

The Reg Map. ICF created the Reg Map, which gives an overview of the federal informal rulemaking process. This copyrighted map is used by federal agencies, law schools, and industry to help explain and increase understanding of the informal rulemaking process.

Contract Vehicles. In addition to hundreds of individual contracts signed with clients throughout the world each year, ICF provides access to our capabilities under U.S. federal government-wide acquisition contracts that offer specific categories of ICF services. These include General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedules (FSS) and other contract vehicles.



About ICF International

ICF International (Nasdaq: ICFI) partners with government and commercial clients to deliver consulting services and technology solutions in the energy, environment, transportation, social programs, defense, and homeland security markets. The firm combines passion for its work with industry expertise and innovative analytics to produce compelling results throughout the entire program life cycle, from analysis and design through implementation and improvement. Since 1969, ICF has been serving government at all levels, major corporations, and multilateral institutions. ICF's Web site is www.icfi.com.

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