



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 967
**Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology
Research and Development Act of 2013**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
on March 14, 2013*

H.R. 967 would expand the activities of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) program, which coordinates the federal government's goals for developing advanced computing, networking, and software activities. The bill would codify the activities of the program's existing national coordination office. Activities currently include creating a strategic plan, soliciting input from various stakeholders, and coordinating periodic reviews of agencies' information technology activities. H.R. 967 also would establish an interagency working group to examine potential uses of cloud computing. Finally, the legislation would require the coordination office to convene a workshop of industry and academic experts to develop recommendations related to information technology systems.

Based on information from the NITRD program office, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 967 would cost about \$1 million over the 2014-2018 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes the costs to support the examination of cloud computing and the stakeholder workshop. Enacting H.R. 967 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 967 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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