

12100 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

These resulted in the making of specific agency assignments for the management of these commodity groups. These assignments were made either by delegation by the Administrator of General Services under the authority of Section 205(e)(3) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, or by various formal and informal inter-agency cross-servicing agreements.

Despite these efforts to effect a government-wide system for these commodity areas, it became increasingly apparent that each agency had developed its own basic system. While there have been continual efforts to achieve cross-servicing, these have not been able to prevent overlapping and duplication of procurement and supply efforts.

Therefore, OMB made the decision to lead a study which would lead to recommendations for sound government-wide management of drugs, medical items and NPS items.

II. Legal Authority and Study Plan

1. Legal Authority

The study was conducted under the legal authority contained in section 201(a)(1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.