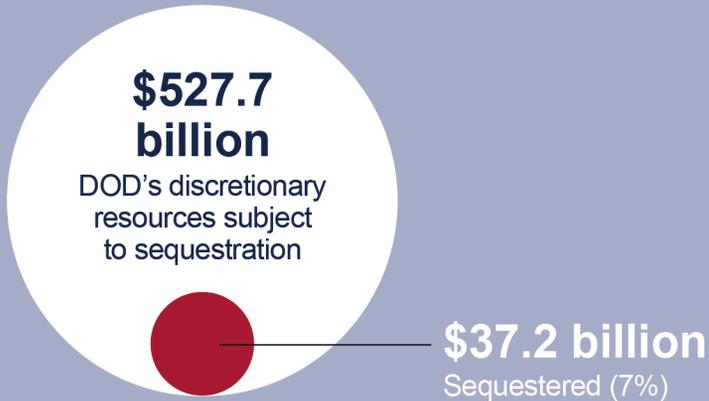


# DOD Sequestration

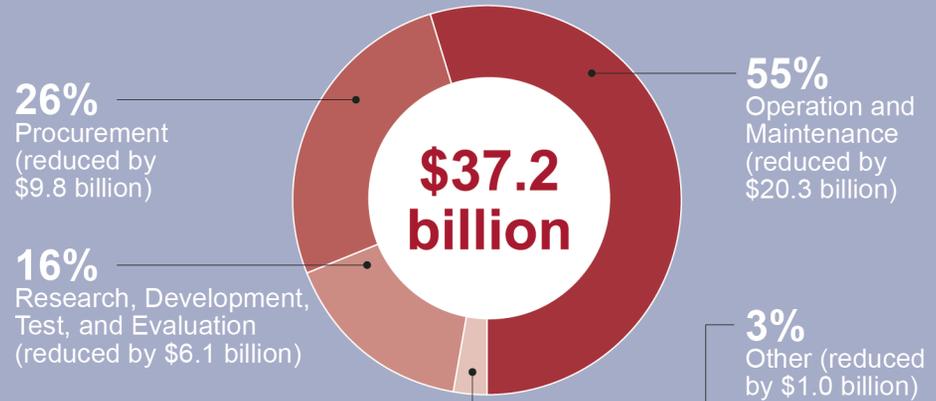
*How DOD Experiences with Fiscal Year 2013 Sequestration Could Inform Future Planning*

KEY FACTS FROM GAO-15-470

Fiscal year (FY) 2013 sequestration reduced federal agency resources across the board. Overall, DOD reduced its total discretionary resources subject to sequestration by about 7%.



**How FY 2013 Reductions Were Allocated**  
DOD's appropriations accounts subject to sequestration were reduced as follows:



## Effects from FY 2013 Sequestration

DOD took near-term actions to preserve key programs and reduced spending on lower priorities. However, DOD identified certain negative effects resulting from FY 2013 funding reductions. For example:

### ► Increased costs and spending

Navy's P-8A Poseidon aircraft program experienced procurement delays, which increased life-cycle costs by an estimated \$56.7 million.

### ► Cancelled activities, delayed timeframes

Air Force cancelled or reduced participation in most of its large-scale planned FY 2013 training events, which may delay achievement of readiness goals in the longer term.

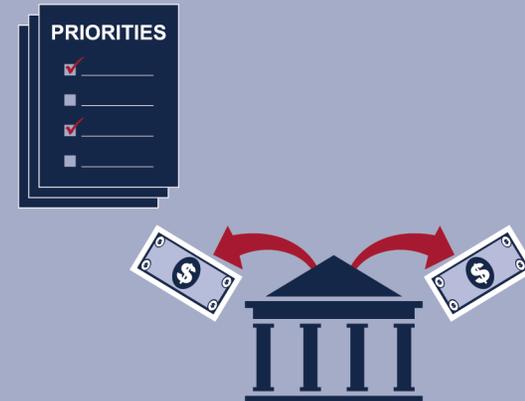
### ► Decreased force availability

Navy cancelled or delayed ship deployments in FY 2013, which resulted in a 10% decrease in its deployed forces worldwide.

## Mitigation Strategies and Lessons Learned

DOD used various strategies to mitigate FY 2013 sequestration effects:

- Prioritizing critical functions
- Using unobligated funds to offset reductions
- Transferring and reprogramming funds



DOD has not fully documented or assessed lessons learned from FY 2013 sequestration, and could miss opportunities to incorporate effective practices into its future planning.

Source: GAO analysis of Department of Defense (DOD) data.

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