

Understand the language of the Federal government.

For those of you who live “outside the Beltway,” Washington area acronyms may appear to be one big alphabet soup. In order to prepare you for terms you will hear in April at EB, we have decoded some of those acronyms below so you will know what they mean.

AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AOA	Administration on Aging
CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
CFSAN	Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNPP	Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion
CR	Continuing Resolution (Mechanism for temporarily funding government)
CSFII	Continuing Survey of Food Intake by Individuals
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERS	Economic Research Service
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEC	Federal Election Commission
FNB	Food and Nutrition Board (part of IOM)
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service (part of USDA)
FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service
GAO	Government Accountability Office
HELP	Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSB	Head Start Bureau
IHS	Indian Health Service
IOM	Institute of Medicine
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NHANES	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NSF	National Science Foundation
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
PHS	Public Health Service
USDA	United State Department of Agriculture
WHO	World Health Organization
WIC	Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children