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# 15 U.S. Code § 8518

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## Computing resource efficiency improvement and annual report

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### **(a) Computing resources**

#### **(1) In general**

In acquiring computing capabilities, including high performance computing technologies and supercomputing technologies, that enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to meet its mission requirements, the Under Secretary shall, when appropriate and cost-effective, assess and prioritize options for entering into multi-year lease agreements for computing capabilities over options for purchasing computing hardware outright.

#### **(2) Acquisition**

In carrying out the requirements of paragraph (1), the Under Secretary shall structure multi-year lease agreements in such a manner that the expiration of the lease is set for a date on or around—

- (A) the expected degradation point of the computing resources; or
- (B) the point at which significantly increased computing capabilities are expected to be available for lease.

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