



# House eDiscovery Software Modernizes and Strengthens Oversight

## Background

In response to Recommendation # 144: “The CAO should assist committees in obtaining and utilizing effective, industry-standard ‘e-discovery’ software to improve document review and processing capabilities,” all committees now have access to a CAO-approved e-discovery platform.

This eDiscovery software allows for the processing, review, and tagging of documents received as part of an investigation and can help investigators search for and find valuable information in a large tranche of documents and records quickly and efficiently, reducing costs and allowing staff to be more efficient, and minimizing mistakes.

- In the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, recognizing this gap in congressional capacity relative to the executive branch, the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress recommended that the House procure and provide committees access to an eDiscovery platform to modernize and strengthen oversight capabilities.
- Committee on House Administration (CHA) Modernization Subcommittee staff, with the assistance of procurement, legal, and technical experts in the CAO, engaged in a months-long process to understand eDiscovery needs inside the House and identify a secure, cost-effective eDiscovery solution that meets those unique needs, including through extensive conversations and software demos with key House committee majority oversight staff.
- House oversight staff identified Relativity as their preferred eDiscovery tool given its functionality and wide use across the private and federal sectors. According to industry representatives, Relativity is the clear industry leader, serving approximately 80% of the eDiscovery marketplace.
- The CAO sent a Request for Quote (RFQ) to several Relativity “partners,” including Deloitte, Innovative Driven, and Leidos. Procurement is based on lowest price. Bids were received from two partners, Innovative Driven and Leidos.

## Program Implementation

The Committee on House Administration (CHA) and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) have now partnered with Innovative Driven (ID) to provide electronic discovery software and services to Committees.

- Through ID, Committees have access to Relativity, a leading eDiscovery software platform. The platform is hosted in ID’s secure data center and meets the House cybersecurity standards and legal requirements for protection of sensitive oversight data.
- The eDiscovery program is available to both the Majority and Minority and is designed to provide access to review documents while protecting the work product and research of each side of the Committee.
- Active since June 2023, there are 11 Committees currently enrolled working on approximately 50 unique oversight matters reviewing nearly 100 document productions.

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