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Agenda

- Budget Process
- Appropriations Process
- How to Identify FY2014 Program Funding
- How to Track the FY2015 Appropriations Process

The Budget Process

How It Is Supposed To Work

Fiscal Year runs October 1 – September 30

Timeline:

- Feb/Mar: President's Budget Submitted to Congress
- Mar/Apr: Congressional Budget Committees; Resolution
- May/Jun: Appropriations Committees draft spending bills
- Jul-Sept: 12 spending bills considered on House and Senate Floor
- Sept: Conference Committees negotiate final spending bills between both Houses of Congress

The Budget Process

How It Actually Worked In FY2014

- Disagreement led to government shutdown (Oct. 1-16, 2013)
- Short-term CR (Continuing Resolution) through Jan 15, 2014
- Budget Deal in December 2013
 - Spending for FY2014 (\$1.012T) and FY2015 (\$1.014T) set
- In theory, 12 separate appropriations bills; in practice, bills often combined into one large Omnibus spending bill
- All 12 FY2014 spending bills were rolled into a 1585-page Omnibus bill (Consolidated Appropriations Act) and is accompanied a Conference Committee Report

The Budget Process

There are two components:

- President's Budget Request
- Appropriations Bills and the accompanying Conference Committee Reports

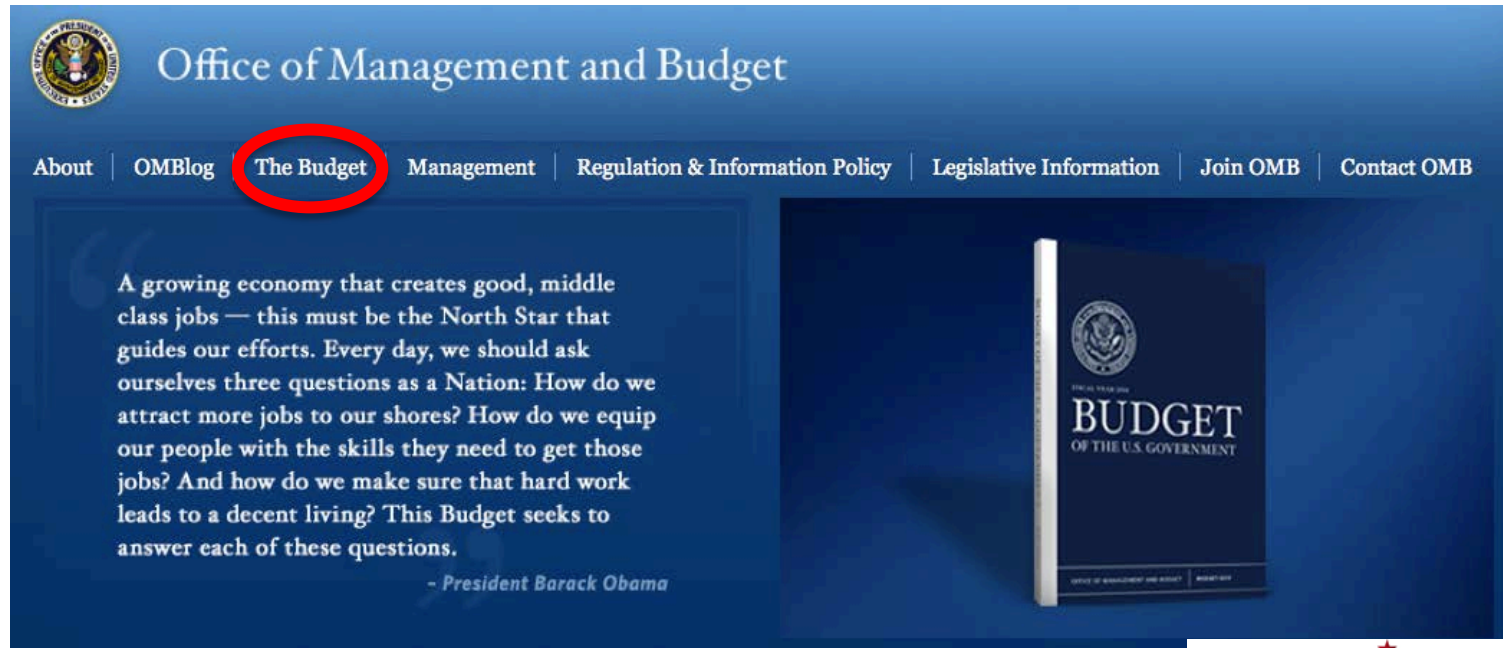
President's Budget Request

- “The President proposes, Congress appropriates”
- Blueprint of Administration's priorities
- What to look for
 - Agency Budgets
 - New initiatives
 - Consolidation
 - Elimination



How to Find the President's Budget Request

Go to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) website at www.OMB.gov and click on "The Budget"



The screenshot shows the top of the OMB website. The header includes the OMB seal and the text "Office of Management and Budget". Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: "About", "OMBlog", "The Budget", "Management", "Regulation & Information Policy", "Legislative Information", "Join OMB", and "Contact OMB". The "The Budget" link is circled in red. Below the navigation menu, there is a large blue box containing a quote from President Barack Obama and an image of the "BUDGET OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT" book cover.

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A growing economy that creates good, middle class jobs — this must be the North Star that guides our efforts. Every day, we should ask ourselves three questions as a Nation: How do we attract more jobs to our shores? How do we equip our people with the skills they need to get those jobs? And how do we make sure that hard work leads to a decent living? This Budget seeks to answer each of these questions.

- President Barack Obama

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How to Find the President's Budget Request

On the next page, you can click to read an overview of the Budget or view individual agency budget requests

| Document | Size | File Format |
|---|-------|-------------|
| Descriptions of The Budget Documents and General Notes | 67 K | PDF |
| The Budget Message of the President | 47 K | PDF |
| Strengthening the Middle Class and Making America a Magnet for Jobs | 167 K | PDF |
| Reducing the Deficit in a Smart and Balanced Way | 90 K | PDF |
| Creating a 21st Century Government | 90 K | PDF |
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The Appropriations Process

- There are 12 Appropriations Subcommittees that oversee sectors of the government, hence 12 appropriations bill
- Set agency spending levels for the fiscal year
- Each agency has its own section
- Separate Committee Reports specify programmatic level spending and instructions
- Congressional Directives
 - “No funding in this act shall...”

How to Find the FY2014 Bill

Go to the House Appropriations Committee website at www.appropriations.house.gov and click on “FY14 Omnibus – Text of Legislation”



The twelve subcommittees engage in comprehensive oversight – including in-depth public hearings – to find waste and abuse wherever it occurs. View the Committee's hearing schedule.

FEATURED DOCUMENTS

- ▶ Member Submission Instructions for FY 2015 Legislation
- ▶ Hearing Schedule - March 3 - 7, 2014
- ▶ Hearing Schedule - February 24-28, 2014 UPDATED
- ▶ House Committee on Appropriations Membership - 113th Congress, Second Session
- ▶ FY 2014 Omnibus - Informational Graphs
- ▶ ~~FY 2014 Omnibus - Summary by Subcommittee~~
- ▶ **FY 2014 Omnibus - Text of Legislation**

Subcommittees for the Second Session of the 113th Congress.

House Approves Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Package
January 15, 2014

Chairman Rogers Floor Statement on Fiscal Year 2014 Omnibus
January 15, 2014

Rogers: Omnibus Targets Funding to Important Programs, Continues Downward Trend in Federal Spending
January 13, 2014

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How to Find the FY2014 Bill

On the next page, click on “PDF” next to “Text of Rules Committee Print 113-32” to read the full 1585-page FY2014 bill

Bill Text

Text of Rules Committee Print 113-32 PDF XML

Showing the text of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014

:: Joint Explanatory Statement

- Front Matter-Division B PDF
- Division C PDF
- Divisions D-F PDF
- Divisions G-I PDF
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How to Find the Committee Reports






On the same page, depending under which “Division” the specific agency you are following falls, click on the “PDF” button next to the five Divisions

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An Example: DHS NBAF

- The National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) is a proposed Department of Homeland Security (DHS) laboratory to study diseases and to protect the national food supply.
- The FY2014 President's Budget requested \$714 million to construct the NBAF:

Budget-in-Brief
Fiscal Year 2014



National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF).....\$714.0M (0 FTE)

The FY 2014 Budget includes full funding for the construction of the main laboratory at NBAF when coupled with Kansas' proposed increased cost share. This innovative Federal-State partnership will support the first Biosafety Level 4 lab of its kind -- a state-of-the-art biocontainment facility for the study of foreign animal and emerging zoonotic diseases that central to the protection of the Nation's food supply as well as our national and economic security.



An Example: DHS NBAF

- House and Senate Appropriations Committees differed on proposed FY2014 funding for the NBAF
 - House: \$547 million
 - Senate: \$404 million
- The FY2014 Omnibus bill adopted the Senate proposal, providing \$404 million for the NBAF:

National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility

The bill provides \$547,785,000 for Laboratory Facilities of which \$404,000,000 is to begin construction on the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF).

An Example: DHS NBAF

- Remember to check the Committee Report
- The DHS falls under “Division F,” so you would click on the corresponding “PDF” link
- The Committee Report to the FY2014 Omnibus bill included a directive to the DHS, requiring a report from the agency on progress:

animal diseases. The Committee directs S&T to submit a detailed update of its NBAF construction plan and schedule, to include an updated plan for the expenditure of funds, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this act.

The FY2015 Appropriations Process

- President submitted FY2015 Budget to Congress on March 4, 2014
- House and Senate Appropriations Committees have begun hearings
- Use House and Senate Appropriations websites to track process:
 - Identify Subcommittee
 - Identify Hearing Dates
 - Check proposed FY2015 spending bills

Where Do I Find Information?

President's Budget Request

- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) at www.OMB.gov.
- Also, you can check out Agency websites

Appropriations

- House: www.appropriations.house.gov
- Senate: www.appropriations.senate.gov
- Additional resource: Thomas, legislative tracker: www.Thomas.loc.gov - click on "Appropriations Bills"



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