



Becoming a 21st Century Budget Office: Assessments and Tools to Build Capacity

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So what does that mean?

Greater Sophistication

- i.e., more and better tools, more knowledgeable and better skilled employees, greater accessibility, better controls and security, more and better communication
- i.e., greater ability to respond – faster, more information, and greater detail
- i.e., quicker, more sophisticated analyses
- i.e., recognition for being a critical partner in agency planning and management



Characteristics of a 21st Century Budget Office at Interior

- Better integration with other planning processes
- Better ability to respond to increasing demands
- Greater accountability and transparency
- Better communication and interaction
- More automation



Better Integration with Other Planning Processes

- E.g., strategic planning, performance management, IT capital asset planning, asset management, workforce planning, financial management, acquisition management, etc.
- Data extraction and integration for budget planning
- Analytical tools for “what-if” analyses
- Planning integration



Better Ability to Respond to Increasing Demands

- Open and transparent government
- Assumed ease of information accessibility
- Greater reliance on technology
- Expectation to be able to integrate more information from a variety of sources
- Greater confidence in meaningfulness of the information



Greater Accountability and Transparency

Tools to –

- Communicate budget plans and decisions
- Translate budget plans into work plans and financial plans
- Identify roles and responsibilities for executives and managers
- Provide summary level data for OMB and Congress
- Conduct better budget performance reviews
- Conduct better budget execution reviews



Better Communication and Interaction

- Easier and faster data calls across disciplines, organizations, regions, offices, etc.
- On-the-fly data calls
- Easier and faster information delivery across disciplines, organizations, regions, offices, etc.
- 2-way feedback



BFELOB Tools to Accomplish These Objectives

- Better Integration – MAX Federal community, MAX collect, MAX analytics
- Better Responsiveness – MAX Federal community, MAX collect, MAX analytics
- Greater Accountability – MAX Federal community
- Better Communication – MAX Federal community
- Greater Sophistication – MAX Federal community, maturity model, core competencies, BFELOB training