SECTION 26—SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Table of Contents

26.1   What do I need to know about complying with the Government Performance and Results Act?
26.2   Where can I find information about the President's Management Agenda?
26.3   What do I need to know about performance budgeting and the Budget and Performance Integration initiative?

Summary of Changes

This section outlines the relationship among the efforts to use performance information to improve results. This section requires three sets of information to be included with the agency budget submission to OMB: Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) recommendations status, budget account information by PART program, and updated performance information.

26.1   What do I need to know about complying with the Government Performance and Results Act?

Performance-based management and budgeting must begin with an overarching strategic plan. Such plans are required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). In addition to a strategic plan, GPRA requires agencies to prepare related annual performance plans and annual performance reports. The legal requirements for an annual performance plan are met by a performance budget. The annual performance report requirement will be fulfilled by both the performance budget and the performance and accountability report (PAR).

Sections 200-230 contain a comprehensive discussion of the requirements for these plans and reports. Agencies are asked not only to meet the basic requirements, but to describe the direct link between the results they expect to achieve and the resources they are requesting. (See section 26.3 on budget and performance integration.)

26.2   Where can I find information about the President's Management Agenda?

The President's Management Agenda consists of five cross-cutting initiatives and nine agency-specific initiatives to improve the performance and management of the Government's programs and agencies. The five cross-cutting initiatives are:

- Strategic Management of Human Capital;
- Competitive Sourcing;
- Improved Financial Performance;
- Expanded E-government; and
- Budget and Performance Integration.

For each of these initiatives, OMB publishes a quarterly scorecard consisting of red, yellow and green ratings, reflecting agency status and progress in meeting specific criteria - standards for success - for a given initiative. Most of the information about the President's Management Agenda can be found at www.results.gov.   The standards for success for each of the initiatives can be found at http://www.results.gov/agenda/standards.pdf.

Additional information for the initiatives can be found in:

Initiative	See A-11 section . . .	Additional links . . .
Strategic Management of Human Capital	31.11	http://www.results.gov/agenda/humancapital.html http://www.opm.gov/Strategic_Management_of_Human_Capital/index.asp
Competitive Sourcing	31.9	http://www.results.gov/agenda/competitivesourcing.html http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/index.html
Improved Financial Performance	52	http://www.results.gov/agenda/financialperformance.html http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/financial/index.html
Expanded E-Government	53, 300	http://www.results.gov/agenda/egov.html http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/infopoltech.html
Budget and Performance Integration	51, 85, 200, 220	http://www.results.gov/agenda/budgetperformance.html http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budintegration/index.html

26.3   What do I need to know about performance budgeting and the Budget and Performance Integration initiative?

(a)   *Information about the Budget and Performance Integration initiative*

Although many of the elements and requirements of the President's Management Agenda are included within this OMB Circular A-11, the elements of the Budget and Performance Integration initiative are more thoroughly included than those of other initiatives, because its goals are achieved in large part through an agency's "performance budget."

The agency's performance budget submission to OMB explains the planned activities for 2006, including those currently underway, that justify the agency's budget request. The performance budget is aligned with the recently approved strategic plan and should incorporate all actions identified in completed program performance assessments.

The Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) is the tool used to assess individual program performance. Agencies should use PART findings to inform and justify their budget requests. (Information on the PART can be found at www.omb.gov/PART.)

 (b)   *Performance budget submission and use of the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)*

Sections 51 and 220 contain information on how to prepare the performance budget justifications. In addition, the agencies' 2006 performance budget submissions to OMB should include program funding levels, performance measures, and planned actions to address weaknesses identified in the PART assessments, as described below.

Submitting budget account information for PART programs. Over the past two years, agencies have begun to forge a much greater alignment between resources and performance. Performance budgets should attempt to align budget accounts with programs, distinguishing among components that contribute to different strategic goals. In particular, this alignment should relate programs assessed by the PART with budget accounts or sub-accounts. So, as part of your budget submission to OMB in, you should provide budget account information and funding levels for every program that has been assessed with the PART.

The template for this component of the submission is located under the heading "OMB Circular A-11 Templates for Section 26 Performance Budget Submissions" at www.omb.gov/part . The template will be in the form of a worksheet similar to the Account Info tab that was included in the PART templates for the FY 2005 process. You should submit one workbook for the agency *electronically* to OMB at the same time as the performance budget submission. The workbook should contain a tab for every program that has been assessed by the PART for the agency.

The worksheet will contain specific instructions for completion. In general, it will be used to provide:

- Actual and proposed funding levels - the prior, current, and budget years - for all programs that have been assessed by the PART, regardless of the year they were last assessed. Current program funding levels will be presented on PART summary tables for the budget.

- A list of all Treasury accounts from which the program is funded. These will be used to populate a Budget *Appendix* schedule which displays performance metrics by account (see section 85).

- Budgetary resources and obligations associated with the program for each account. These were first collected during the PART process for the FY 2005 Budget and will be used again this year to demonstrate the extent to which programs are aligned with the budget and to provide insight for further integrating budget and performance information.

In addition to the budget account alignments, when practical, performance budgets should also align program activities in the program and financing (P&F) schedule to correspond to the programs that will be evaluated by the PART. For more information on the P&F Schedule, see section 82.

Submitting actual information for all measures and more recent targets for annual measures last assessed in the 2004 and 2005 Budgets. (This section pertains only to programs assessed in the 2004 or 2005 Budgets, and not reassessed for the 2006 Budget. Programs first assessed or reassessed for the 2006 Budget will submit their performance measures and targets in the Measures tab of the PART.)

As part of your budget submission to OMB, use the worksheet located under the heading "OMB Circular A-11 Templates for Section 26 Performance Budget Submissions" at www.omb.gov/part to provide recent information for performance measures included in PART summaries. Specific instructions for completing the worksheet will be included on the "Instructions" tab. In general, you will be asked to:

- Provide <u>actual</u> performance data for 2004 and earlier years that is now available for all measures that were included in the PART summaries in the 2004 or 2005 Budgets.

- Provide more recent targets for 2005 and 2006 annual measures in programs last assessed in the 2004 or 2005 Budgets. These more recent targets must agree with what the agency reports in its performance budget, and any changes from the previous year must be explained.

- Indicate which measures to show in the *Appendix* volume of the Budget. (As an upgrade to the informational tables used to show performance metrics in the *Appendix* in the past, as with the 2005 Budget, the 2006 Budget will include a schedule to show performance measures and targets. Section 85 contains further information on this schedule.)

The objective of this component of the submission is for current information for all measures to be shown in the PART summaries and *Appendix*, corresponding to the current funding request.

Follow-up on PART Recommendations. The primary goal of the PART is to improve program performance. PART assessments help identify program strengths and weaknesses and help inform management actions, funding recommendations, and legislative proposals aimed at improving performance and achieving better results. Following through on the PART recommendation is critical to improving performance.

In its submission to OMB, each agency should report on its follow-up to PART recommendations using the format available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part/recommendations.html. For PARTs completed for the 2006 Budget, the agency should use this format to propose actions it will take to address the findings of the current assessment.

Information available to the public. Release of the performance budget and agency justification and underlying materials concerning presidential decisions must by done in accordance with the requirements of section 22. After the performance budget is submitted to the Congress, it should be made available to the public.

 (c)   *Tracking PART programs in budget execution reports.*

You may report obligations for PART programs in your SF 133 Reports on Budget Execution and Budgetary Resources. To do this, you may use program reporting categories, which are described in section 120.2.