

TheCapitol.Net's Executive Conference:
Advanced Federal Budget Process

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Washington, DC*

Instructor: federal budget expert

8:00 Welcome and Introduction

8:05 Congressional Budgeting Today

- * The framework and basic concepts of the congressional budget process
- * The two federal budget processes: discretionary and mandatory spending
- * Budget authority vs. budget outlays
- * How the rules set forth in the Budget Enforcement Act have reshaped the congressional

budget process

9:20 Break

9:30 STAGE I: The Congressional Budget Resolution Process

* How the budget resolution is affected by the discretionary caps established in the Budget Enforcement Act

* How to interpret the budget aggregates, functional allocations contained in the budget resolution

11:00 Break

11:10 STAGE II: Authorizations

- * Key features and different types of authorization bills
- * The relationship of authorization and appropriations legislation and how differences between the two are reconciled

12:15 Lunch

1:15 STAGE III: Appropriations

- * Track Senate amendments to House-passed appropriations bills
- * How the Senate's lack of formal rules and structure impacts the path of appropriations bills through the Senate; the use of unanimous consent

2:30 Break

2:40 STAGE IV: Final Actions on Appropriations and the Reconciliation Process

- * How differences between House and Senate legislation are reconciled
- * How to interpret the conference report and to determine the status of your program and final dollar amounts agreed to by the conferees
- * The three components of the reconciliation instructions in the budget resolution and how to determine whether they will impact programs

4:10 Break

4:20 STAGE V: Implementing the Budget

* The flow of monies following the passage of appropriations including apportionments, allotments, obligations, and outlays by executive agencies

5:00 Outlook for the Budget Process and Deficit Reduction

- * The future of the budget process and prospects for reducing the federal deficit

5:30 Complete Seminar Evaluations / Training Concludes

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