

TheCapitol.Net's Executive Conference:

Budgeting in Review

Presented for

(Agenda from a custom program presented in 2002.

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Washington, DC*

Instructor: Federal budget expert

Course Objectives:

To enable (client agency) evaluators and participants to:

- understand the context in which the federal budget is formulated by the executive and legislative branches in a complex process involving political, economic, societal and other factors;
- identify the key players and timing of decisions during budget formulation and implementation, and understand how (client agency) fits in;
- recognize, track and interpret budgetary documents and data;
- assess and analyze recent developments in financial management.

Course Materials:

- Text: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process, by Allen Schick
- Handout: "The Federal Budget Process"
- Handout: Selected Congressional Committee Rosters
- Handout: "Essential Federal Budget Web Sites & Research Tools"
- Handout: "Essential Washington Web Sites"

Day 1: Tuesday, ____, 2002

- 8:30 Introduction of Program and Participants
8:45 Overview of the Federal Budget
*Readings: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process: Chapter 2
The Politics of Budget Surpluses and Deficits
The President's Budget*
- 9:30 Break
9:45 Basic Rules of Federal Budgeting
*Readings: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process: Chapter 4
The Arithmetic of Federal Budgeting
Budget Enforcement Rules
Roles and Relationships*
- 10:45 Break
11:00 The President's Budget
*Readings: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process: Chapter 5
Budget Formulation
The President's Budget in Congress*
- 11:30 The Congressional Budget Resolution
Readings: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process: Chapter 6
- 12:15 Lunch
1:15 The Reconciliation Process
Enforcing Congressional Budget Decisions
- 2:00 Break
2:15 The Authorization Process
*Readings: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process: Chapter 8
The Legal Status of Authorizations and Appropriations*

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- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 The Appropriations Process
Readings: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process: Chapter 9
- 4:00 Day 1 Concludes

Day 2: Wednesday, _____, 2002

- 8:30 The Appropriations Process continued (Breaks will be taken as needed)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Budget Execution
Readings: The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process: Chapter 10
Obligations and Outlays
Reprogramming
Impoundment
Program and Financing Schedule
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Developments in Financial Management
Government Performance and Results Act
Standards and Requirements
Contemporary Efforts to Improve Financial Management
- 4:00 Complete Course Evaluation and Course Concludes

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