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## FY2003 Budget and Related Documents: Internet Access and GPO Availability

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### Summary

In February, the President submits to Congress a series of budget volumes which contain the President's budget proposals for the upcoming fiscal year, historical data, and analytical supplements. Early in the year, the *Economic Report of the President* is released by the Council of Economic Advisors, and the Congressional Budget Office issues its publications, *Budget and Economic Outlook* and *Analysis of the President's Budget*. Neither CRS nor the Library of Congress can provide giveaway copies of these documents. This report provides brief descriptions, together with Internet addresses and Government Printing Office (GPO) stock numbers and prices for these documents. Information is also provided on how to find locations of government depository libraries, which can provide both printed copies for reference use and Internet access.

### The President's Budget Documents

Both the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and GPO provide Internet access to the main and supporting budget documents, spreadsheet files, the public budget database, and budget amendments and supplementals proposed by the President:

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget>]

[<http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2003/maindown.html>]

[<http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/>]

To perform word searches across budget documents online:

[[http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2003/fy2003\\_srch.html](http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2003/fy2003_srch.html)]

*Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2003*

Stock number 041-001-00571-4, \$64, 426 p.

Provides overviews of government activities by agency and topic (the war on terrorism, homeland defense, health, international assistance, etc.), color photos, charts, and graphs on the President's new budget proposals, discussions of governing with accountability, congressional earmarks, and budget function tables in each agency chapter.

summary tables with projections of budget baselines, receipts, and outlays for FY2002-FY2012 appear on pages 393-417. Note that the summary tables contain some typographical errors, and users of the budget volume should refer to a special set of corrected errata pages issued with the volume.

The volume, *Citizen's Guide to the President's Budget* and the pie chart entitled "Where the Money Comes From and Where It Goes" were not included in the FY2003 budget documents.

*Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2003, Appendix*

Stock number 041-001-00572-2, \$67, 1266 p.

Designed primarily for the use of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the *Appendix* contains more detailed financial information on individual programs and appropriation accounts than any of the other budget documents. For each agency, it provides:

- the proposed text of appropriations language
- budget schedules for each account
- new legislative proposals
- explanations of the work to be performed and the funds needed

These elements are presented by varying the font and typeface, so that proposed appropriations and prior year funding can be compared at a glance. The box below provides an example from the FY2003 Budget *Appendix* to illustrate this.

"For necessary expenses of the Office of Climate Information, [\$30,329,000] \$28,870,000 of which [150,000] \$400,000 shall remain until expended. (34 U.S.C. 218 et seq; Department of Commerce Appropriations Act, 2002.)"

*Italic* type indicates proposed new language or dollar amounts. Brackets [ ] indicate programs or dollar amounts proposed for deletion. Standard (roman) typeface shows enacted FY2002 appropriations used as the base for the FY2003 estimates. *Italics within parenthesis* at the end of the entry provides citations to the authorization and to the appropriations act.

*Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2003*

Stock number 041-001-00573-1, \$51.50, 702 p.

Includes economic and accounting analyses, information on federal receipts and collections, analyses of federal spending, detailed information on federal borrowing and debt, Budget Enforcement Act preview reports, current services estimates, and other technical presentations. It also includes information on the executive and congressional budget process. Chapter 26 presents detailed budget authority and outlay tables by category and program for FY2001-FY2007.

*Historical Tables, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2003*

Stock number 041-001-00575-9, \$41, 304 p.

Provides historical data for various budget categories and various time periods. Data are adjusted to provide consistency with the FY2003 budget and to provide comparability over time. These data include budget totals from as early as 1901 through estimates for FY2007, receipts by type beginning in the 1930s, Social Security and Medicare spending, federal payments for individuals, budget surplus or deficit, federal debt, federal employment, and grants to states and local governments.

*The Budget System and Concepts, Fiscal Year 2003*

Stock number 041-001-00575-7, \$3.50, 20 p.

Provides explanations of the executive and congressional budget process and concepts used to formulate the President's budget proposals, and is also reproduced as Chapter 25 in the *Analytical Perspectives* volume. It no longer includes the *Federal Government Pie Chart: Where the Money Comes From and Where It Goes*.

Other supporting documents on the FY2003 budget are available only from the OMB Web site:

- Object Class Analysis
- Balances of Budget Authority
- Federal Credit Supplement
- Budget Amendments and Supplementals

*Budget Information for States, Fiscal Year 2003*

This special report is usually released several weeks after the budget. It is available on the OMB Internet site [<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/index.html>], and provides state-by-state data on obligations for the major federal formula grant programs to state governments. The allocations for the coming fiscal year are estimates based on the proposals in the President's budget.

*Budget of the United States Government CD-ROM, Fiscal Year 2003*

Stock number 041-001-00576-5, \$25

The CD-ROM contains all of the budget documents and software to support reading, printing, and searching the documents. The CD-ROM also has many of the tables in the budget in spreadsheet form.

**Economic Report of the President***Economic Report of the President, 2002*

Stock number 040-000-00753-9, \$34.50, 448 p.

The annual *Economic Report of the President*, transmitted to Congress this year on February 5, 2002, presents the Bush Administration's report on its economic policies and contains the *Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisors*. Appendix B of the report includes current and historical statistics on the U.S. economic activity (p. 313-448).

The report is available at [<http://www.access.gpo.gov/eop>]. Detailed spreadsheet files can be retrieved at [<http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2003/erp.html>].

**Congressional Budget Office***Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2003-2012*

Internet: [<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=3277&sequence=0&from=7>]

Stock number 052-070-07329-2, \$25, 175 p.

CBO extends budget projections for 10 years to show annual budget deficits or surpluses and economic projections covering FY2003-FY2012. The report includes three baseline variations of discretionary budget authority—inflated, frozen, and capped in addition to chapters on the budget and economic outlooks, this publication also includes a glossary and historical budget and economic data.

*Analysis of the President's Budgetary Proposals for FY2003*

Internet: [<http://www.cbo.gov/byclasscat.cfm?cat=1>]

Stock number and price: forthcoming

Published in March 2002, this report updates the January 2002 CBO baseline projections for the economy and budget. In this report CBO re-estimates the President's budget proposals for spending, revenues (with assistance from the Joint Committee on Taxation), and surpluses or deficits.

## **GPO Ordering Information**

Printed copies of these government publications are available from the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, and may be purchased using Discover, MasterCard, or Visa credit cards:

- by telephone, (202) 512-1800
- by fax, (202) 512-2250, or
- online at the GPO Online Bookstore [<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/index.html>]

## **Depository Libraries**

The budget documents are often available for reference use at large public or university libraries, or at federal depository libraries. Addresses of the closest depository libraries can often be obtained through a local library or from the office of Depository Services of the U.S. Government Printing Office, (202) 512-1119. Those with access to the Internet may prefer to obtain this information from the GPO Access Web site's Locate Federal Depository Libraries page, which can be searched by state and/or area code. It is available at [<http://www.gpo.gov/libraries>].

## **Web Sites for Congressional Offices**

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) developed two Web sites covering the budget and appropriations process for congressional offices only:

- **Appropriations Analysis and Votes**—For current information, congressional staff may access the Appropriations and Budget Products Web page, with active links to CRS appropriations analysis, votes, committee reports, and related legislation for the 13 appropriations bills at [<http://www.crs.gov/products/appropriations>].
- **CRS Budget Fact Sheets**—Short explanations of budget concepts, terminology, the congressional and executive budget process and timetable, budget resolutions and reconciliation, the authorization and appropriations process, entitlements and discretionary spending, the Budget Enforcement Act, sequestration, and surpluses/deficits at [<http://www.crs.gov/products/guides/guidehome.shtml>].

## **Web Site for the Public**

Constituents have access to THOMAS, the public version of the legislative Web site at the Library of Congress, containing links to bills, committee and conference reports, and votes for the 13 appropriations bills: [<http://thomas.loc.gov>].