



# Selected Agency Budget Justifications for FY2013

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## **Summary**

This report provides a convenient listing of online FY2013 agency budget justification submissions for all 15 executive branch departments and 9 selected independent agencies. In most cases, budget justifications contain more detailed descriptions of proposals and programs than are provided in the President's budget submissions.

This report will be updated to reflect the current budget justification submissions for the forthcoming fiscal year.

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## Introduction

Each summer, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issues instructions to all federal agencies on submitting budget data and materials for inclusion in the President's budget documents. These instructions are in a document entitled, *Circular No. A-11: Preparation, Submission, and Execution of the Budget*.<sup>1</sup> After the President's budget documents are released in February, Congress begins to hold hearings on agency budget requests. Agencies must submit budget justifications to the appropriations subcommittees holding the hearings. Beginning with the FY2008 budget cycle, agencies are required to post their congressional budget justification materials on the Internet within two weeks of transmittal to Congress.<sup>2</sup>

Budget justifications generally contain more detailed descriptions of an agency's proposals and programs than are provided in the President's budget submission to Congress, with the form and content of these justifications varying by agency and appropriations subcommittee.<sup>3</sup>

CRS Report RS20268, *Agency Justification of the President's Budget*, by Bill Heniff Jr. provides a short overview of agency justifications. In addition to providing a broader perspective on the budget process, CRS Report RS20095, *The Congressional Budget Process: A Brief Overview*, by James V. Saturno, includes a discussion of how the President's budget submission fits into the subsequent congressional budget process.

## Online Access to Budget Justifications

Online access to FY2013 budget justification documents for each of the 15 executive departments and 9 independent agencies are provided below.<sup>4</sup> When direct links to FY2013 budget justification materials are not available, brief guidance for navigating to FY2013-specific materials are provided below the links.

### Executive Departments

Department of Agriculture  
[http://www.obpa.usda.gov/explan\\_notes.html](http://www.obpa.usda.gov/explan_notes.html)

Department of Commerce  
<http://www.osc.doc.gov/bmi/budget/FY13CBJ.html>

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<sup>1</sup> Circular A-11 is available on the White House website at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_a11\\_current\\_year\\_a11\\_toc](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a11_current_year_a11_toc). See Section 22.6.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Additional details on the proposals and programs may also be available directly from the agencies themselves via congressional liaison or governmental affairs contacts listed in CRS Report 98-446, *Congressional Liaison Offices of Selected Federal Agencies*, by Audrey Celeste Crane-Hirsch. A listing of agencies included within each of the 12 regular appropriations bills is available in CRS Report R40858, *Locate an Agency or Program Within Appropriations Bills*, by Justin Murray.

<sup>4</sup> These are the nine current independent agencies specified under the *Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990*, P.L. 101-576, 31 USC 501.

Department of Defense

[http:// http://comptroller.defense.gov/budget2013.html](http://comptroller.defense.gov/budget2013.html)

Department of Education

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget13/justifications/index.html>

Department of Energy

<http://www.cfo.doe.gov/budget/13budget/index13.html>

Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.hhs.gov/budget>

See the section on Budget Justifications to Congress, which provides links to individual parts of the FY2013 Budget submission to Congress.

Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/budget/dhs-budget.shtm>.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/cfo/reports/2013/main\\_toc](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/cfo/reports/2013/main_toc)

Department of the Interior

<http://www.doi.gov/budget>

Department of Justice

<http://www.justice.gov/jmd/2013justification>

Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/budget>

Department of State

<http://www.state.gov/s/d/rm/rls/statecbj/2013>

Department of Transportation

<http://www.dot.gov/budget/2013/budgetestimates.html>

Department of Treasury

<http://www.treasury.gov/about/budget-performance/Pages/cj-index.aspx>

Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.va.gov/budget/products.asp>

## **Selected Independent Agencies**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/annualplan/fy2013.html>

Click on Fiscal Year 2013 Justification of Appropriation Estimates for the Committee on Appropriations.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

<http://www.nasa.gov/news/budget/index.html>

Click on FY2013 Complete Budget Estimate.

Agency for International Development (AID)

<http://www.usaid.gov/performance/cbj/index.html>

General Services Administration (GSA)

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/102463>

Click on FY2013 Congressional Justification.

National Sciences Foundation (NSF)

<http://www.nsf.gov/about/budget>

Click on Fiscal Year 2013 Request.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1100/>

Click on Congressional Budget Justification: Fiscal Year 2013.

Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

<http://www.opm.gov/budget>

Click on Fiscal Year 2013.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

<http://www.sba.gov/about-sba-services/217>

Click on FY2013 Congressional Budget Justification and FY2011 Annual Performance Report.

Social Security Administration (SSA)

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/budget>

Click on Full Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committee, February 2012.

Information and policy analysis of the 12 regular appropriations bills themselves are available via the CRS Appropriations Status Table by clicking on the corresponding CRS report for each bill at <http://www.crs.gov/Pages/AppropriationsStatusTable.aspx>. Additional budget submissions to Congress for sub-agencies or quasi-government agencies may also be available online. An extensive and more comprehensive listing of all federal agencies and offices is available in the current *United States Government Manual*, at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/GOVMAN-2011-10-05/pdf/GOVMAN-2011-10-05.pdf>.

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