

Summary of Changes in Part 2

Overview

- Definitions of general goal and general objective have been refined. A definition of performance measure has been added (section 200.2).

Preparation and Submission of Strategic Plans

- Section 210 now covers the preparation and submission of updated and revised strategic plans.
- Agencies should consider completing an updated and revised strategic plan six or more months earlier than September 2000 (section 210.2).
- Agencies participating in a crosscutting program should describe the interface between related programs, and how programs support each other (section 210.6).
- Means and strategies should address mission-critical management problems (section 210.8)
- Further specification is provided on how key external factors should be identified and described (section 210.10).
- The definition of program evaluations has been expanded to cover process evaluations (section 210.11).
- Agencies should describe the use of completed program evaluations in preparing an updated strategic plan (section 210.11).

Preparation and Submission of Annual Performance Plans

- Section 220 covers three iterations of the annual performance plan: the initial plan, the final plan, and the revised final plan. Previously only the initial plan was covered.
- Agencies may include information on key external factors and program evaluations in their annual plan, although this is not required (section 220.5).
- The FY 2000 plan should include target values for FYs 1999 and 2000 for any performance goals included in both plans (section 220.7).
- Agencies are encouraged to provide information on actual performance for FY 1998 in the FY 2000 annual plan (section 220.7).
- The FY 2000 data base will no longer include the optional capability to link budget and GPRA program activities.
- Agencies should consider merging the final annual plan with the agency Congressional justification (section 220.8).
- Agencies with credit programs should include a description of how changes in the subsidy cost for these programs may affect performance goal target values (section 220.9).
- Goals for mission-critical management problems may be included (section 220.9).
- Programs and activities being undertaken with other agencies in a crosscutting area should be identified (section 220.9).
- Performance goals for crosscutting programs should be consistent and synergistically supportive (section 220.9).
- The identification of the means used to verify and validate measured performance should include additional information on data sources and data systems (section 220.12).
- Authorization to have no performance goals for a program activity will be given for an entire program and financing schedule, not an individual program activity within a schedule (section 220.16).
- Clearance of a final plan and a revised final plan is required. Final plans are to be made publicly available (section 220.17).
- Criteria for preparation of a revised final plan are provided (section 220.18).
- Specific guidance is provided on the format and content of the FY 2000 annual plan (sections 221.2-221.3).
- Statutory requirements for the annual program performance report are summarized (section 221.4).