

GCDAMP Budget Protocols and the Federal Budget Process

Principles

- Management Objectives, Information Needs, and Strategic Plan drive the budget process
- Assumes AMWG meets in January and July
- Assumes TWG meets in January, March, May, July, September, and November

CY Month	Current Year (2001)	Budget Year (2002)	Budget Year + 1 & 2 (2003-2004)
Jan 2001	GCMRC & USBR provide update on fund availability and planned program to AMWG and TWG GCMRC provides prior year (2000) actuals	AMWG reviews major program elements and adopts budget for recommendation to Secretary, and prepares budget support plan	GCMRC & USBR provide TWG Budget Group preliminary planning documents for BY +1-2 (2003-2004)
Feb		AMWG carries out budget support plan	TWG Budget Group reviews and comments to GCMRC & USBR on BY +1-2
Mar	GCMRC & USBR report on CY progress and suggest change if needed	GCMRC & USBR update TWG on status of fund request GCMRC provides TWG on update on RFP for BY program	TWG reviews and comments to GCMRC & USBR on BY +1-2
Apr		AMWG carries out budget support	
May	(same as March)	(same as March & April)	GCMRC & USBR update TWG on BY +1-2 planning
Jun		AMWG carries out budget support	
Jul	(same as March)	(same as March & April)	TWG & AMWG review Strategic Plan, CY progress, BY status of funding, and RFP progress TWG recommends to AMWG major programs and funding levels for BY +1 and out years

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Jul			AMWG adopts recommendation to Secretary on BY +1
Aug			GCMRC & USBR report status of BY +1 work plans to TWG Budget Group
Sep	(same as March)	GCMRC & USBR provide TWG status of BY funding and discuss any adjustments that may be required due to level of funding available GCMRC provides update on RFPs including results of RFP where available	TWG reviews progress in addressing Information Needs and research accomplishments. TWG reviews status of BY and BY +1 and makes recommendations to USBR & GCMRC on BY +2 program activities and funding level
Oct (2001)	Begin new fiscal year – CY becomes prior year (PY2001), BY becomes CY (2002) and BY+1 becomes BY (2003) (2002) (2003) (2004-2005)		
Nov (2001)	GCMRC provides TWG summary of prior year (2001) accomplishment GCMRC reports on CY progress	GCMRC/USBR provide TWG with update on finalized program, including any adjustments due to changes in level of fund request TWG makes recommendation to GCMRC & USBR on BY program and funding levels	
Dec (2001)		GCMRC/USBR provide BY (2003) program to AMWG and TWG for consideration at the January meeting.	