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## **OMB Scorecard Shows Improved Budget & Performance Integration**

More Work to be Done in Communicating the Benefits of E-Government

**Washington, D.C.** – More agencies than ever are effectively incorporating program performance information into their management and budget decisions, according to the latest quarterly Executive Branch Management Scorecard released today by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Nevertheless, progress in implementing the E-Government initiative, a major component of the President's Management Agenda, still lags behind in part because Congress has not provided funding for the initiative at requested levels.

This quarter the Department of Justice (DOJ) achieved green status for the Budget Performance and Integration (BPI) initiative, up from yellow in last quarter's scorecard. At DOJ, senior managers regularly meet to assess agency performance and use that information to make management decisions. Along with 10 other agencies, DOJ now meets all the criteria of this PMA component, and the Administration's goal this year is to increase the number of agencies with green status in BPI to 14.

This quarter there were also a significant number of status and progress downgrades in the E-Government initiative since several agencies failed to meet key E-Government implementation milestones, including securing project funding from Congress. The downgrades reflect the difficulty some agencies are having gaining Congressional approval to reprogram the funds necessary to cover the costs of the services called for by the initiative. This lack of progress highlights the need for agencies and OMB to work more closely with Congress to communicate the benefits and improved service provided by the E-Government initiative's government-wide solutions and explain why these multi- and inter-agency projects are funded with payments from all the participating agencies.

An important milestone for the Real Property initiative was reached when, for the first time ever, the Federal government completed a comprehensive inventory of Federal real property assets. As a result of agency reporting efforts, the new government-wide database currently holds inventory and performance data on more than 1.2 million assets, such as land, buildings, and structures. The Federal Government now has a more complete picture of the assets in its inventory: where they are located, how they are used, and whether that use is serving agency missions and objectives. Having this information means that agencies, and the government as a whole, can make smarter asset management decisions. Agencies are now moving forward in identifying assets suitable for investment and assets that no longer meet mission needs and should exit the Federal inventory.

"I am greatly encouraged that we now have 10 agencies at green when it comes to using performance data to better manage their programs, and I look forward seeing four more agencies go green in that initiative this year," said OMB Deputy Director for Management Clay Johnson. "We are going to continue to reach out to Congress on E-Gov and work with them to ensure that E-Gov projects are able to provide the greater levels of services demanded by our citizens."

To view the scorecard and report, visit www.Results.gov.

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