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Budget Launches ExpectMore.gov to Improve Programs' Accountability, Transparency

To encourage greater accountability for results and how the taxpayers' money is spent, the Office of Management and Budget today launched ExpectMore.gov, a new website that provides candid assessments of Federal programs in jargon-free language, so taxpayers can know which programs work, which ones do not, and what they are all doing to improve.

"ExpectMore.gov honestly shows how government programs perform and whether taxpayers are getting their money's worth," said OMB Deputy Director for Management Clay Johnson. "It shows where Federal programs are succeeding, admits where they fall short, and lays out what all programs are doing to get greater results. It is our hope that Congress and the American people will use the information on this site to hold us accountable and begin to 'expect more' from the performance and improvement of the programs that serve them."

ExpectMore.gov allows the general public to review the performance of every Federal program. Today the site includes assessments of almost 800 programs accounting for 80 percent of the Federal budget; the rest will be completed within a year. For every program assessed, visitors can find a rating of the program's performance, its strengths and weaknesses, and the program's improvement plan. ExpectMore.gov also links to detailed program assessments and the program's own site. Visitors can search for desired programs in many ways, including by type of program or rating.

For example, if you are an educator and you want to know which Education programs are best run, ExpectMore.gov tells you candidly that some programs are demonstrating results and some are not. If you are a farmer, you can find out what the government is doing to improve your business, and how successful those programs are.

To produce the content for ExpectMore.gov, OMB and Federal agencies assessed the programs using a standardized, objective approach called the Program Assessment Rating Tool, or PART. The PART consists of 25 questions about a program's performance, design, and management. Once the assessments are complete, programs develop improvement plans to address PART findings.

"Program assessments help policymakers figure out what we need to do to achieve even greater results for the American people," said Johnson. "We are always striving to make improvements, regardless of whether a program performs well or not, and the transparency provided by ExpectMore.gov will increase our accountability for doing even more."

Of the almost 800 programs rated: 15 percent are Effective; 29 percent are Moderately Effective; 28 percent are Adequate; 4 percent are Ineffective; and 24 percent are rated Results Not

Demonstrated. In all cases – performing and not performing programs – the agencies have identified improvement plans to perform better.

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