

IT DASHBOARD PUBLIC FAQ

Background

The IT Dashboard provides the public with an online window into the details of Federal information technology (IT) investments and provides users with the ability to track the progress of investments over time. The IT Dashboard displays data received from federal agencies' reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), including general information on over 7,000 Federal IT investments and detailed data for over 800 of those investments that agencies classify as "major." The performance data used to track the 800 major IT investments is based on milestones contained in agency reports to OMB called "Capital Asset Plans", commonly referred to as "Exhibit 300s." Federal Agency Chief Information Officers (CIOs) are responsible for evaluating and updating select data on a monthly basis, which is accomplished through interfaces provided on the IT Dashboard website.

Definitions of Terms and Content

1. What is an "Exhibit 53"?

The Exhibit 53 is a report that provides budget estimates on all IT investments for individual agencies and identifies those that are major investments, which require an Exhibit 300 (see Question 2). By completing an Exhibit 53, an agency meets the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 requirements to provide a full and accurate accounting of IT investments for the agency. OMB uses the Exhibit 53 to create an overall Federal IT Investment Portfolio that published annually as part of the President's Budget. More information about the Exhibit 53 can be found on the OMB Website at

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/a11_current_year/s53.pdf.

2. What is an "Exhibit 300"?

OMB uses Capital Asset Plans, referred to as Exhibit 300s, to make decisions about budgetary resources consistent with the Administration's program priorities, and qualitative assessments about whether the agency's IT management processes are consistent with OMB policy and guidance. This report is submitted by agencies annually as part of the Presidential Budget process.

3. Which federal agencies' data are displayed on the IT Dashboard?

Data for the following 27 agencies are displayed on the IT Dashboard:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of State
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Department of Transportation
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Environmental Protection Agency
- General Services Administration
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Archives and Records Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Office of Personnel Management
- Small Business Administration
- Smithsonian Institution
- Social Security Administration