

Unit 3B, Budgets, Activity 4

Exercise and Answer Review Questions

The budget is managed by many people at all levels of the federal government. This exercise will allow you to discover how an FMO fits into the process within your agency.

Interview an FMO, the budget officer on your unit, and the supervisor of the FMO. Ask the following questions:

- a. How does the FMO fit into budget planning?
- b. What budget information is you required of the FMO?
- c. Who tracks the budget once it is distributed to the unit?
- d. Who makes the decisions on expenditures?
- e. How can the FMO be effective?
- f. What is the role of the line officer in the fire budget?

You will also be asked to answer the above questions in the unit review. Be prepared to share your interview with the class.