

## THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS

*Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1997* contains a summary of the President's budget proposals. This document was released on February 5, 1996.

*Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1997—Supplement* contains the Budget Message of the President and information on the President's 1997 budget proposals.

*Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1997* contains analyses that are designed to highlight specified subject areas or provide other significant presentations of budget data that place the budget in perspective.

It includes economic and accounting analyses; information on Federal receipts and collections; analyses of Federal spending; detailed information on Federal borrowing and debt; the Budget Enforcement Act preview report; current services estimates; and other technical presentations. It also includes information on the budget system and concepts and a listing of the Federal programs by agency and account.

*Historical Tables, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1997* provides data on budget receipts, outlays, surpluses or deficits, Federal debt, and Federal employment covering an extended time period—in most cases beginning in fiscal year 1940 or earlier and ending in fiscal year 2002. These are much longer time periods than those covered by similar tables in other budget documents. As much as possible, the data in this volume and all other historical data in the budget documents have been made consistent with the concepts and presentation used in the 1997 Budget, so the data series are comparable over time.

*Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1997—Appendix* contains detailed information on the various appropriations and funds that constitute the budget and is designed primarily for the use of the Appropriations Committee. The Appendix contains more detailed financial information on individual programs and appropriation accounts than any of the other budget documents. It includes for each agency: the proposed text of appropriations language, budget schedules for each account, new legislative proposals, explanations of the work to be performed and the funds needed, and proposed general provisions applicable to the appropriations of entire agencies or group of agencies. Supplemental, rescission, and adjustment proposals for the current year are presented separately. Information is also provided on certain activities whose outlays are not part of the budget totals.

*A Citizen's Guide to the Federal Budget, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1997* is an Office of Management and Budget publication that provides general information about the budget and the budget process for the general public.

*Budget System and Concepts, Fiscal Year 1997* contains an explanation of the system and concepts used to formulate the President's budget proposals.

### AUTOMATED SOURCES OF BUDGET INFORMATION

The information contained in these documents is available in electronic format from the following sources:

- The budget documents are available on CD-ROM from STAT-USA and the Government Printing Office. For more information, see the order form at the back of this document.
- The budget documents can be accessed using a computer modem as well as on the Internet through the U.S. Department of Commerce's STAT-USA information service. There is no charge for use of this service when used to obtain budget information.

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### GENERAL NOTES

1. All years referred to are fiscal years, unless otherwise noted.
2. Detail in this document may not add to the totals due to rounding.
3. At the time of this writing, five of the 13 appropriations bills were not enacted, and the programs covered by them were operating under a continuing resolution. For these programs, references to 1996 spending levels in the text and tables incorporate the Administration's proposed adjustments to the continuing resolution levels.

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