

## CUTS, CONSOLIDATIONS, AND SAVINGS

As part of the President's Management Agenda, the Administration has focused on improving Government efficiency to maximize the value of Federal spending. The Budget invests in concentrating the delivery of administrative functions through shared services, simplifying Federal contracting, continuing the use of benchmarking to inform data-driven Federal management, implementing new transparency efforts, and shrinking the Federal real property footprint. Further detail on all of these initiatives is provided in the chapter titled *A Government of the Future*.

The Budget continues efforts to reorganize or consolidate Federal programs to reduce duplication and identify cost savings to allow the Government to invest more in productive activities. The President is again asking the Congress to restore fast-track authority to the President to submit proposals to reorganize the Executive Branch. Previous Presidents have been granted this authority for almost the entire period from 1932 through 1984. In effect, the President is asking that the next President have the same authority that any business owner has to reorganize or streamline operations to meet changing circumstances and customer demand.

The Budget also continues to target unnecessary or lower priority programs for reduction or elimination. In the President's first seven Budgets,

the Administration identified, on average, more than 140 cuts, consolidations, and savings averaging more than \$22 billion each year. Many of these proposals have now been implemented, and the Budget builds on this success. It includes 117 cuts, consolidations, and savings proposals, which are projected to save over \$14 billion in 2017. Savings from discretionary proposals total \$5.9 billion in 2017, reflecting the trade-offs and choices the Administration is making to adhere to the funding levels established in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. Savings from mandatory and program integrity proposals total \$8.2 billion in 2017 and \$670 billion over 10 years; about 75 percent of these savings are from health reform proposals. The Budget shows that investments in growth and opportunity are compatible with putting the Nation's finances on a strong and sustainable path. Overall, the Budget achieves about \$2.9 trillion in deficit reduction, primarily from reforms in health programs, the tax code, and immigration.

Discretionary and mandatory cuts, consolidations, and savings proposals in this year's Budget are detailed on the following tables. Savings from the Administration's program integrity proposals, totaling \$119 billion through 2026, are detailed in the Budget Process chapter of the *Analytical Perspectives* volume.