

Directive 430.3
8/13/93

RESTRICTIONS ON THE DISCLOSURE OF BUDGET
ESTIMATES AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- I. This Directive sets forth responsibilities and
PURPOSE restrictions on the disclosure of budget estimates
and supporting materials.
- II. This Directive replaces AMS Instruction 430-3,
REPLACEMENT Revision 1, dated 7/14/83. Changes are marked with
HIGHLIGHTS asterisks.
- III. Restrictions on the disclosure of budget estimates
AUTHORITIES and supporting materials are contained in Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) Circular * - A-11,
Section 12.9; and the Departmental Budget Manual,
Part 1, Chapter 2, Section 1. - *
- IV. All AMS employees having access to budgetary data
RESPONSI- are responsible for following the provisions of this
BILITIES Directive concerning the confidential nature of
budgetary data.
- V. A. Disclosure of the following data to the public
DISCLOSURES is prohibited:
PROHIBITED
1. Division, Agency, and Department estimates
and all other budget estimates and supporting
materials that precede the President's budget.
Budgetary data includes the amount of the proposed
appropriation, the language of the appropriation
estimate, and any limitations contained within it.
Restrictions apply to past and current estimates.
Similar restrictions also apply to supplemental and
deficiency estimates and budget amendments.
 2. The President's budget prior to transmittal
to the Congress.
 3. Data on congressional action on the
President's budget, and Agency material furnished to
congressional committees in connection with
consideration of the budget prior to release by the
committee or other congressional agency involved.
- B. Disclosure of the following data to a Member of
Congress or his/her staff is prohibited:
1. The budgetary data stated in paragraph A.1.
above, except when requested in formal appropriation
hearings, or when a direct request is received from
a Member of Congress (or a member of his/her staff
acting at the direction of the Congress) in
connection with their consideration of the budget
after its transmittal. Such requests shall be
forwarded to the Financial Management Division (FMD)
for appropriate Agency and Department coordination.

2. The President's budget prior to transmittal to the Congress.

VI. DISCLOSURES PERMITTED The regulations of the Executive Branch, Department, or Agency do not prohibit making the following data available:

A. The budget estimates and supporting materials, at any stage of preparation of the budget, to other Federal employees of the Executive Branch when they require the information in the performance of their official duties.

B. The President's budget after it is made public through formal transmittal to the Congress.

C. Data relating to congressional action on the budget, including committee actions and reports, Department comments furnished to the Congress, etc., but only after and to the extent that such data are released to the public by the committees or other congressional agencies. This release is most commonly made through printed bills and reports, and published debate in the Congressional Record.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION The FMD serves as liaison in providing additional information or answering any specific inquiries regarding this Directive.

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