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#### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. BACKGROUND

Historically, the preparation of financial statements by Federal agencies has served the sole purpose of reporting obligations and expenditures of appropriated funds. The Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990 and subsequent legislation significantly changed this traditional pattern by requiring the 24 largest government agencies, which are responsible for 99% of federal spending, to reorganize their financial management staffs and establish Chief Financial Officers who would work to reform accounting procedures and reporting. One of the main aspects of the CFO Act is the requirement for standardized financial statements to be submitted by government agencies. The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, the Government Management Reform Act (GMRA) of 1994, and the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996 continued the process of implementing reform to enhance the financial management practices of government agencies. Further, the FFMIA was designed as a link between the other three legislative acts. The overall objective is to increase the quality of the government by improving federal accounting practices and enhancing the ability of the government to provide reliable, useful financial information.

To achieve the goals of the various financial reform acts, it must be determined if the financial statements submitted by the various executive agencies indicate improvement within their organizations and throughout government. This determination will be facilitated by the identification of the fundamental dimensions of financial condition within the federal government and the ratios most representative of those dimensions. The concern of this thesis is to find common ground upon which to measure and compare government agencies, over time and against other agencies, with regard to financial health, stability and capability. With common dimensions of financial condition and specific representative ratios, governmental financial reporting will serve not only the purpose of individual agency accounting and comparison of that agency over time, but also provide the capability of comparing agencies of like operation.

The difficulty confronting an analysis, single agency or comparative, of federal financial statements is the varied operations conducted by the agencies of the government and how they account for these operations. Given what we know today, it may not be possible to measure certain performance aspects for some programs and services. [Ref. 1:p. 19] Judgment will be required in selecting meaningful indicators and tailoring them to fit specific programs, services, activities and functions. [Ref. 1:p. 19] No consistent framework was found in the literature for the identification, selection and interpretation of financial ratios when conducting a financial analysis of government agencies.

#### **B.** SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE

The central objective of this thesis is to identify the fundamental dimensions of financial condition within the federal government and identify specific financial ratios that best reflect these dimensions.

The following is the scope of work this thesis covers:

- A review of significant legislation in the Government accounting and financial statement process.
- A review of the history of financial ratios and financial ratio analysis.
- The collection and review of the financial statements submitted from the population of federal agencies required to do so.

- The formulation of financial ratios based on the financial statement data.
- A statistical analysis of the ratios derived using factor analysis to empirically isolate common dimensions or "factors" underlying the set of ratios.

The analysis is not intended to draw conclusions regarding the financial health of individual government departments or agencies, but rather to explore the possibility that a distinct set of financial ratios can advance understanding of the dimensions of financial condition across the spectrum of government financial reporting.

Specifically, the following primary research question will be addressed: "What are the fundamental dimensions of financial condition in the federal government?" Additionally, secondary research questions to be addressed are:

- Are there common ratios of financial condition for federal agencies?
- How many ratios should be considered when conducting an analysis?
- Which ratios should be considered?
- How are financial ratios interrelated?
- Which ratios are redundant?

#### C. METHODOLOGY

The methodology used for this thesis will consist of three phases. These are literature review, data collection, and data analysis.

The review phase will familiarize the reader with the legislative background of government financial reporting, the history and background of financial ratios and ratio analysis, financial ratio frameworks developed through prior research and government studies, and the concept of dimensions of financial condition.

The data collection phase will obtain the data necessary to perform a sufficient analysis and answer the above research questions. This collection phase will consist of the following steps:

- Gathering financial statements from the 24 agencies required to submit yearly financial statements for fiscal years 1998, 1999 and 2000. The limitation in years available for analysis is due to defining the point in time in which all 24 agencies complied with submission requirements, both in content and completion.
- Formulating financial ratios from data collected from financial statements using frame worked ratios developed in prior research and Government Accounting Office (GAO) studies
- Filtering out data determined to be unusable

The analysis phase will be conducted through statistical analysis of the financial

ratios using factor analysis to determine the fundamental dimensions of financial condition for the given years of data. The use of factor analysis techniques will enable the examination of the ratio data to determine whether an underlying pattern of relationship exists. If so, the research will further attempt to "rearrange" or "reduce" the ratio data to a smaller set of factors or components that can be used as source variables accounting for the observed relationships within the larger field of data. This phase will result in conclusions regarding the primary research question.

#### **D.** ORGANIZATION

This thesis will be organized into eight chapters. Following this introductory information and background, Chapter II will examine the significant legislation pertaining to financial reporting within the federal government. The focus of this chapter will be on describing the pre-CFO Act environment through past legislative acts and discussing in depth the changes in accounting and reporting requirements that have been enacted over the past eleven years. Chapter III will introduce the reader to federal financial statements. A brief discussion of the users and objectives of federal financial statements will be followed by examples of the primary statements required of federal agencies. Chapter IV will outline the history of ratios and the foundations of financial ratio analysis, including the usefulness and limitations of ratios in financial analysis.

Chapter V examines completed studies conducted to discover the fundamental dimensions of financial management in the corporate world and discusses research in prior theses and government agencies. Chapter VI will describe the ratios to be used in the analysis and the categories of these selected ratios. Chapter VII will introduce the technique of factor analysis, discuss the data to be analyzed, display the results of the statistical analysis, and respond to the primary and secondary research questions by concluding whether fundamental dimensions of financial condition exist within the Federal Government and identify the representative ratios correlated to the dimensions. Chapter VIII will summarize the findings.

#### E. BENEFITS OF THE STUDY

There are two primary benefits expected from the study: First, the identification of the basic financial dimensions of the federal government will result in a general framework for understanding government financial condition and organizing a financial analysis. Second, the identification of specific ratios that "best" represent particular aspects of financial condition will provide an approach for selecting ratios to be included in an analysis. The resulting framework will provide a guide for selecting a small set of ratios that, collectively, are necessary and sufficient for a comprehensive financial analysis.

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#### **II. FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION**

Since the founding of the United States of America, several laws have been enacted to prescribe the manner in which federal departments and agencies receive, account for, spend, and report on the budget authority granted them and the status of federally appropriated monies. Recent legislation has additionally prescribed the manner in which federal departments and agencies will report their financial condition and the results of operation. This chapter will discuss major legislative milestones in federal financial management.

## A. PRE-CFO ACT OPERATING ENVIRONMENT AND LEGISLATION 1. Constitution of the United States

The financial powers of the United States (U.S.) Government are stated largely in Article I of the Constitution. [Ref 2:Sec. 4.2] The following clauses lay out the basic legislation with regard to revenues and expenditures of the federal government: "The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debt and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States;" [Ref 3:Art. I, Sec VIII, Clause 1] "To borrow money on the credit of the United States;" [Ref. 3:Art I, Sec VIII, Clause 2] "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law; and a regular Statement of Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time." [Ref. 3:Art I, Sec IX, Clause 7]

#### 2. Anti-Deficiency Act of 1870

For nearly a century after the War of Independence no major legislation to improve financial management in government was enacted. Communication between the executive and legislative branches regarding public finances weakened to the extent that numerous agencies overspent funds appropriated them by Congress. This led to the passing of the Anti-Deficiency Act of 1870. A major provision of this legislation was that administrative controls be put in place to restrict obligations or expenditures against appropriations to the amount apportioned, and to provide agency heads and fiscal officers the capability to fix responsibility for spending in excess of an apportionment. A result of the Act was that each federal agency must have a system of accounts and controls in place that allows the subdivision of apportioned funds with monitoring of spending at the highest practical level within each agency.

#### 3. Budget and Accounting Act of 1921

Although the Anti-Deficiency Act of 1870 made progress in the control of appropriation spending, the Treasury Department, established in 1789, kept the government's fiscal accounts. Accounting within other branches of the government was either nonexistent or existed in memorandum form. [Ref. 4:p. 3] Little interest was manifested in agency records other than those required for cash transactions, and even these seemed to be useful only as evidence that the agency's transactions had conformed to the requirements of appropriations and other authorizations granted by Congress. [Ref. 4:p. 3]

The resulting Congressional action on these deficiencies was the first major legislative step to modernize the accounting and auditing practices of the federal government, the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921. Major provisions of this Act included:

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- Directed the President to prepare and submit a budget
- Created the Bureau of the Budget (BOB), later to be renamed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), to assist the President and executive branch in budget matters
- Established the General Accounting Office (GAO) to report directly to Congress regarding financial integrity, efficiency and economy of government operations
- Provided the Comptroller General the power to prescribe the forms and procedures for administrative control and accounting of appropriated funds
- Appointed a Budget Officer within each department or agency

Although the benefits anticipated from this landmark Act were weakened by disputes amongst the Comptroller General, Treasury Department, and individual agencies, the major provisions of the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 continue to affect the policies, systems, controls, and practices of federal financial accounting and auditing.

#### 4. Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950

Addressing deficient areas in federal government financial management further, the Budget and Accounting Act of 1950 legislated Congress' objectives of full disclosure of government financial operations; adequate information for operating and budgetary purposes; and more effective control over receipts, expenditures, funds, property and other government assets. [Ref. 5:p. 30] Department and agency heads, in consultation with the BOB were to:

- Achieve consistency in accounting and budget classifications
- Synchronize accounting and budget classifications with organizational structure
- Support budget justifications with data on performance and program costs by organizational units [Ref. 5:p. 29]

Additional requirements were placed on the President as a result of the new law. To justify annual budget submissions, performance-oriented data was now required, as well as data and information regarding the functions and activities of government. Additionally, the executive branch was required to reconcile expenditures with congressional appropriations.

The Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950 addressed the majority of financial management areas requiring strengthening, but once again implementation by departments and agencies was not complete. Even Congress chose to ignore the legislation by not enforcing compliance and appropriating funds for systems improvements. Although not fully implemented and adhered to, this Act would address many of the issues that would be used as a basis for the CFO Act 40 years later.

#### 5. Supplemental Appropriation Act of 1955

In order to further address the difficulty of receiving accurate obligation and expenditure data from executives of the federal agencies and departments, Congress passed the Supplemental Appropriation Act of 1955.

From a financial reporting perspective, the act required a year-end accounting, from all reporting entities, of the unliquidated obligations and remaining unobligated appropriations. The report, to be certified by officials appointed by the department or agency head, also constituted the beginning of the year-end unliquidated obligation audit.

Additionally, it established prescribed criteria for determining whether transactions constituted legally binding obligations against the United States, including the eight possible forms of documentary evidence for valid obligations.

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#### 6. Public Law 84-863, 1956

An amendment to the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, this law permitted the President and executive branch to submit budget data on a cost basis vice an obligation, cash or mixed basis. As a result:

- Department accounts were to be kept using accrual accounting
- Financial resources, liabilities, and costs of operation were to be shown in a manner that facilitated the preparation of cost-based budgets
- Property accounting records were to be kept on a monetary basis vice simple physical counts of property [Ref. 5:p. 32]

Again, Congress addressed several issues to enact much needed improvements in

federal financial management. Unfortunately, during the following years, Congress permitted departments and agencies to ignore or implement only selected sections of the law. [Ref. 5:p. 32] As with the Budget and Accounting Act of 1950, many of the ideas of this Act were incorporated into the CFO Act of 1990.

#### 7. Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974

In a concerted attempt to assert more control over the financial activities of the executive branch, Congress, having not met its own laws regarding approval of appropriations prior to the start of a new fiscal year, passed the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The highlights of this legislation included:

- The change in the fiscal calendar from beginning on July 1 to October 1, in order to ensure Constitutional requirements regarding the availability of appropriated funds were met
- Creation of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to provide Congress with an independent staff of financial professionals to counter the OMB and executive departments and agencies
- Creation of the Congressional Budget Committees and the budget resolution process
- Established procedures for Congressional control regarding the impoundment powers of the executive branch

Although the Congressional Budget Act represents another major milestone in the shaping of the pre-CFO Act financial management environment, it took over 15 years for its general effects to be realized. [Ref 5:p. 33] By the 1990's, with the exception of the timely passing of appropriations and the annual budget resolution, Congress conformed to the rules it had set for itself in this act. [Ref 5:p. 33]

#### 8. Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1982

Reflecting increasing concern over the shortfalls in internal accounting, auditing and administrative controls exercised by the executive agencies, Congress passed the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1982. This act amended positions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950 and directed agencies to adhere to the standards set forth by the Comptroller General. This law required department and agency heads to provide Congress with the assurance that:

- Obligations and costs are in compliance with the law
- Funds, property and assets are safeguarded from fraud, waste, and abuse
- Revenues and expenditures applicable to department and agency operations are accounted for properly and in a manner permitting the preparation of reliable financial statements and reports [Ref. 5:p. 34]

Under this Act, the OMB would prescribe standards and procedures and evaluate accounting and internal administrative controls of the executive branch for adequacy. An annual statement regarding the status of compliance with prescribed standards and any significant weaknesses was to be submitted by agencies and departments to Congress and the President.

#### B. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS ACT OF 1990

As seen in the preceding sections, many efforts were made to correct deficiencies in federal financial management and to improve the accounting, auditing, and administrative controls being used by Congress and the executive branch. Beginning in the latter 1980's, signs of lack of fiscal responsibility underscored the need for major reform in government finances. These signs included:

- A published budget deficit in 1987 of 148 billion dollars, which was charged as being understated by tens of billions of dollars
- Accusations that Congress and the administration were "cooking the books"
- A published report by the Comptroller General stating that Congress and the executive branch were using "cooperative accounting" practices
- The use of non-federal funds to cover government debts and liabilities
- Delaying and rolling 1987 costs to other fiscal years to misrepresent the financial condition of the federal government [Ref. 5:p. 41]

In 1989, a study by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

(AICPA) revealed in its conclusions the status of federal financial management. These

findings would become the foundation of the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of

1990.

- There is no single Chief Financial Officer (CFO) charged with and held responsible for the fiscal and financial affairs of the country
- The current accounting and reporting practices and procedures may not be appropriate to the unique circumstances of the federal government and are not being applied consistently government-wide or within individual departments or agencies
- The financial statements of federal departments and agencies are not uniform or comparable government-wide
- The federal government does not require annual independent audits of its financial statements, although it has legislatively imposed this requirement on many state and local governments, publicly owned companies, and others [Ref. 6]

Nearly everyone involved agreed that federal financial management was in a

desperate state, as can be seen by Congress' conclusion in the CFO Act:

"The federal government is in great need of fundamental reform in financial management requirements and practices as financial management systems are obsolete and inefficient and do not provide complete, consistent, reliable, and timely information."

[Ref. 7]

The CFO Act, signed into law on November 15, 1990, reflected a concern by Congress that the financial management practices of the federal government must be quickly and radically changed. Specifically:

- General management functions of the OMB required enhancement to improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of federal finances
- OMB's financial management functions needed improvement in order to provide direction and leadership in the development of a modern financial structure with systems to cope with the times
- Fraud, waste and abuse of hundreds of millions of dollars could be decreased each year through increased central coordination of internal controls and financial accounting
- Fundamental reform was needed to modernize obsolete and inefficient financial management systems, which were not producing timely, accurate, reliable and useful information
- Financial reporting required overhaul to eliminate the fact that current practices were not producing accurate disclosure of current and probable future costs of operating and investment decisions; did not provide for comparison of actual costs among executive agencies; and did not provide timely information required for efficient management of programs [Ref. 5:p. 45]

Regarding financial reporting, the CFO Act required the preparation and

submission of audited consolidated financial statements under the cover of a management

report. The report is to include:

- A statement of financial position
- A statement of operations
- A statement of cash flow
- A reconciliation to the budget report, if applicable
- A statement on internal accounting and administrative control systems by the head of federal agencies
- Any other comments and information necessary to inform Congress about the operations and financial condition of the agency. [Ref. 7:Sec 3515]

The premise of the CFO Act was that through integrated accounting and financial management systems, including financial reporting and internal controls in compliance with applicable federal accounting principles and standards, executive agencies and departments could provide leaders and managers with information responsive to their decision making needs. [Ref. 8:p. 81]

#### C. THE GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT OF 1993

To address federal managers' concerns over lack of program controls and inadequate information on program performance in attempting to combat government inefficiency and ineffectiveness, the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 required OMB to submit to Congress a strategic plan for each agency. This strategic plan must include a mission statement of major functions, outcome related goals and objectives, and a description of how the goals will be achieved. Agencies must cite the processes, skills, technology, capital, information, and other resources to be used in meeting their goals. Plans must cover a five-year period and are to be updated every three years.

Another area this act addressed was consistency of terms used by overseers of federal departments and agencies. The following definitions are to be used when discussing and reporting all information relating to this act:

- Outcome measure an assessment of the results of a program activity compared to its intended purpose
- Output measure the tabulation, calculation, or recording of an activity or effort expressed in a quantitative or qualitative manner
- Performance goal a target level of performance expressed as a tangible, measurable objective, against which factual achievement shall be compared, including a goal expressed as a quantitative standard, value, or rate

- Performance indicator a particular value or characteristics used to measure output or outcome
- Program activity a specific activity related to the mission of an agency
- Program evaluation an assessment, through objective measurement and systematic analysis, of the manner in and extent to which an agency program achieves intended objectives.[Ref. 5:p. 37]

Under this Act, federal agencies would move away from simply measuring inputs,

activities, and outputs to measuring outcomes. [Ref. 8:p. 83]

#### D. THE GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT REFORM ACT OF 1994

The Government Management Reform Act (GMRA) requires the head of each agency to prepare and submit to OMB by March 1 of each year an audited financial statement for the preceding year showing the financial position of the agency, its results of operations, and its status of financing. Additionally, beginning no later than March 31, 1998, the Secretary of the Treasury was to submit to the President and Congress a consolidated set of financial statements covering the accounts and associated activities of the executive branch of the United States government. The audit of these statements is to be completed by the Comptroller General, the head of the GAO.

For the first time ever, the Congress required government-wide financial statements to be prepared and audited.

## E. THE FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1996

The latest in this recent series of acts geared towards improving financial management in the federal government is the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996. The Act was premised on the assumption that current federal accounting and fiscal practices undermined the ability of government officials to provide credible and reliable financial data, encouraged waste, and did not assist in achieving a balanced budget. Highlights of this act included:

- Recognized the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) as the governing body for accounting standards, concepts and reporting requirements for the federal government
- Required agencies to incorporate FASAB standards and to evaluate cost and performance information
- Required federal agencies to comply with the Standard General Ledger
- Directed those conducting audits of agency financial statements to ascertain the agencies' financial systems compliance with the provisions of this act. [Ref. 9:Sec. 803]
- Directed the GAO to annually report whether the financial statements of the federal government were prepared in accordance with applicable standards and whether the uniform accounting standards for the federal government are adequate. [Ref. 5:p. 38]

The following chapters will discuss federal financial statements, financial ratios,

financial ratio classification frameworks, and dimensions of financial condition. These

topics lead to the determination of whether the goals of financial management regulation

are achievable with regard to financial accounting in the federal government.

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# **III. FEDERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As stated in Chapter II, the Constitution of the United States mandates that the federal government publish a regular statement of accounting for receipts and expenditures of all public monies from time to time. The Constitution's broad scope left to Congress and the executive branch the form and content requirements of these regular statements. But, as seen in the legislative review of federal financial management, the government never set accounting policy and systems standards with which to ensure financial statement standardization and consistency until 1990.

## A. FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

In 1990, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) was established by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the OMB, and the Comptroller General. Independent of specific agency or regulatory control, the ninemember board was created to review and recommend accounting standards and principles for the federal government considering the financial and budgetary information needs of congressional oversight groups, executive agencies, and the needs of other users of federal financial information. [Ref. 10] FASAB recommendations are made to the board's principals: the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the OMB, and the Comptroller General. Upon adoption, the recommendations are published as Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) or Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Concepts (SFFAC), the generally accepted accounting principles for the federal government.

# B. STATEMENT OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPTS NUMBER 1

The objectives of federal financial reporting are conceptualized in SFFAC Number 1. It focuses on the users of federal financial statements, their needs, and the objectives of such reporting. Each of these subjects will be discussed below.

## 1. Users of Federal Financial Statements

The users of federal financial information can be classified in four major groups: citizens, Congress, executives, and program managers. [Ref. 11:p. 26]

The citizens of the country include individuals, the media, public interest groups and state and local legislators. Paying for government and receiving benefits from government, citizens are concerned about individual programs, candidates for office, government provided services, and the fiscal responsibility of the persons elected or appointed to federal positions. [Ref. 11:p. 26]

The Congressional group includes elected officials, their staffs, the CBO, and the GAO. Of primary concern to this group are policies, priorities, and programs to implement revenue and spending policies. Additionally, Congress is tasked with monitoring the management performance of the executive branch with regard to the efficiency and effectiveness of their departments, agencies and programs.

The executives include the President, federal agency and department heads, and the deputies, undersecretaries and assistants of the numerous bureaus, departments and agencies. [Ref. 11:p. 28] Executives focus on the strategic plans and programs developed to achieve goals and policies. Directly concerned with the management of programs, executives determine whether program managers are effectively and efficiently utilizing resources in their operations. Additionally, with the exception of the President, executives are responsible for providing the President and Congress with the information necessary to allow for the monitoring of government performance.

The last group, program managers, is responsible for the effective and efficient management of government programs. Their primary concerns are developing operating plans, ensuring the needs of staffing, money, facilities and inventory are addressed, and the proper submission and execution of budget requests and appropriated funds.

## 2. Needs of Users of Financial Reports

SFFAC Number 1 categorizes the needs for financial information into four broad areas: budget integrity, operating performance, stewardship, and systems and control. [Ref. 11:p. 29]

All of the users mentioned above require information regarding the budget. Citizens want to be assured that their elected officials are spending their taxes responsibly. The President, Congress and government executives require aggregate economic data on which to base fiscal policy, future budgeting and the financing needs of the government. [Ref. 11:p. 29] Program managers require budgetary data to monitor the day-to-day operating status of their programs, to guard against violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act, and to ensure budgetary resources are used for or available for the purposes they require.

Operating performance affects the users of financial information in varying ways. Citizens are interested in the operating performance of programs that directly affect them. Congress and executives use operating performance data to make comparative analyses of programs and to determine if alternative methods for conducting business are cost efficient and operationally effective. Program managers monitor operating performance to measure program outputs and determine if program outcomes are meeting their intended purposes.

Stewardship of government resources is of benefit to the nation as a whole. The proper utilization of resources directly impacts the financial condition of the country, drives alternatives for future spending, and determines patterns of capital spending and consumption spending. From citizen buying habits to Congressional tax policy to program spending, the safeguarding and prudent use of government assets is vital to the determination of how government activities affect the financial condition of all user groups.

Users at all levels require information on the adequacy of financial management systems and controls. [Ref. 11:p. 32] Citizens demand assurances that resources provided are protected and that procedures are in place for their economic and efficient use. The Executive Branch and Congress require systems and controls to provide the assurances demanded of them by the citizenry. Program managers, in order to effectively administer their programs, require internal controls and systems to maintain accountability of funding and resources.

The needs of government financial information at all levels require that costs and budgetary resources be accounted for and measured in a consistent manner. Government financial reporting standards lead to accomplishing this task and providing users with the data necessary to make informed decisions.

## 3. Objectives of Federal Financial Reporting

The federal government receives its power and resources from the consent of the governed. It is therefore responsible for reporting its actions and operation results to the

users identified above. That said, one must keep in mind that an analysis of whether government operations are being performed efficiently and effectively cannot be deciphered from financial statements alone. Financial statements are a useful contribution when delving into government operational analysis. SFFAC Number 1 lays out four objectives of federal financial reporting. These objectives are intended to improve the relevance, consistency, and quality of federal accounting for the vast array of applications that users require of the data. The objectives are: budgetary integrity, operating performance, stewardship, and systems and controls. This thesis will use the first three objectives in developing a ratio framework for analysis of financial ratios. The definitions that follow are quoted from SFFAC Number 1.

## a. Budgetary Integrity

Federal financial reporting should assist in fulfilling the government's duty to be publicly accountable for monies raised through taxes and other means and for their expenditure in accordance with the appropriations laws that establish the government's budget for a particular fiscal year and related laws and regulations. [Ref. 11:p. 35]

# b. **Operating Performance**

Federal financial reporting should assist report users in evaluating the service efforts, costs, and accomplishments of the reporting entity; the manner in which these efforts and accomplishments have been financed; and the management of the entity's assets and liabilities. [Ref. 11:p. 38]

# c. Stewardship

Federal financial reporting should assist report users in assessing the impact on the country of the government's operations and investments for the period and how, as a result, the government's and the nation's financial conditions have changed and may change in the future. [Ref. 11:p. 41]

# d. Systems And Controls

Federal financial reporting should assist report users in understanding whether financial management systems and internal accounting and administrative control are adequate to ensure transactions are executed within the parameters of the law, consistent with authorized purposes, recorded in accordance with published standards, safeguarded to deter waste, fraud and abuse, and adequately support performance measurement information. [Ref. 11:p. 45]

# C. STATEMENT OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPTS NUMBER 2

SFFAC Number 2 provides guidance as to criteria to determine which entities ought to submit financial reports and what should be encompassed by a federal agency's financial reports. It does not specify entities that must submit statements. That is the responsibility of Congress, the OMB and other oversight organizations and resource providers.

## 1. Criteria for Identifying Reporting Entities

Reporting entities are those departments, agencies, or organizations whose financial statements are issued to communicate financial and related information regarding the entity. The three criteria described in SFFAC Number 2 are:

- Management, held accountable for the entity's performance, is responsible for controlling and deploying resources, producing outputs and outcomes, and executing the entity's budget or a portion thereof. [Ref. 12:par. 29]
- The span of the entity's performance is such that financial statements would provide users with a meaningful representation of the entity's operating performance and financial status. [Ref. 12:par. 29] When referring to the scope of an entity's operation, the department or agency headquarters is not all inclusive of this financial reporting responsibility. Under the financial umbrella of larger agencies, programs, smaller agencies, sub-organizations, and government-supported enterprises must be evaluated as to whether they meet specific criteria to be included in the entity's financial reports.
- There are likely to be interested users who can utilize the financial information contained in the statements to make budgetary and resource allocation decisions, and hold accountable the entity for the employment and use of resources. [Ref. 12:par. 29]

# 2. Financial Reporting for an Organizational Entity

In meeting the four objectives of federal financial reporting, SFFAC Number 2 suggests that an entity's financial statements include the following: Management Discussion and Analysis; Balance Sheet; Statement of Net Costs; Statement of Changes in Net Position; Statement of Custodial Activities, when appropriate; Statement of Budgetary Resources; Statement of Program Performance Measures; and Accompanying Footnotes. [Ref. 12:par. 74] SFFAC Number 2 also provides the elements most likely to be found in each of the major financial statements.

## D. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET BULLETIN 97-01

Detailed definitions regarding the elements, form and content of financial statements are provided in OMB Bulletin 97-01. Incorporating FASAB guidance provided in its concept and statements, OMB provides a framework for reporting which includes mandatory items in addition to allowing entities the flexibility to include items deemed useful to Congress, agency managers or the public. The executive departments and agencies covered by this bulletin and used in this thesis are:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation

- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Agency for International Development
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- General Service Administration
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Office of Personnel Management
- Small Business Administration
- Social Security Administration

The following will describe and illustrate the six principal federal financial statements required of the preceding entities. In order to be meaningful in understanding the financial position of an individual government entity, all users of financial statements should be familiar with the intended purpose and content of each statement.

#### **1. Balance Sheet**

The Balance Sheet presents amounts of future economic benefits owned or managed by the entity (assets), amounts owed by the entity (liabilities), and amounts comprising the difference (net worth), as of a specific date and time. [Ref. 13:p. 16] Federal entity balance sheets must break down assets and liabilities into whether they are intragovernmental or governmental. Intragovernmental assets arise from transactions among federal entities and governmental assets arise from transaction with non-federal entities. The term non-federal encompasses domestic and foreign persons as well as organizations outside the U.S. government. [Ref. 13:p.17] Additionally, assets must be reported as entity assets or non-entity assets, the difference being what is available for the particular entity to spend and what is not. Liabilities must be reported as covered or not covered by budgetary resources, resources being new budget authority, spending authority from offsetting collections, recoveries of unexpired budget authority, unobligated balances of budgetary resources at the beginning of the year, or net transfers of prior year balances during the year. [Ref. 13:p. 21] Figure 3.1 illustrates a hypothetical federal entity Balance Sheet.

## 2. Statement of Net Cost

The Statement of Net Cost is designed to show separately the programs and activities comprising the net cost of operations for the period, normally a fiscal year. [Ref. 13:p. 26] Supporting schedules to this statement may be required based on the fact that the complexity and or number of suborganizations within a federal entity make full display of the information impracticable in the subject statement. Net cost of operations is comprised of the direct costs and all other costs that can be traced, assigned on a cause

Federal Service Agency CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET As of September 30, 1998 (in billions of dollars)					
ASSETS					
Entity assets	<b>• •</b> • • • • •				
Intragovernmental	\$ 500				
Governmental	<u>\$ 13</u>				
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Governmental	<u> </u>				
Total honentity assets	<u> </u>				
lotal assets	<u>\$ 520</u>				
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities covered by budgetary resources					
Intragovernmental liabilities	\$4				
Governmental liabilities	<u>\$ 36</u>				
Total liabilities covered by budgetary resources	<u>\$ 40</u>				
Liabilities not covered by budgetary resources					
Intragovernmental liabilities	<b>\$</b> 1				
Governmental liabilities	<u>\$6</u>				
Total liabilities not covered by budgetary resources	<u>\$ 7</u>				
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 47</u>				
Unexpended appropriations	<u>\$3</u>				
Cumulative results of operations \$ 470					
Total net position \$ 473					
Total liabilities and net position \$ 520					

Figure 3.1. Balance Sheet From [Ref. 14:p. 54].

and effect basis, or reasonably allocated to individual program outputs offset by earned revenues, the funds raised from the services or goods provided to the public or another government agency. Additionally, entities must include costs and earned revenues that are either insignificant or cannot be traced, assigned or allocated to the individual programs. Figure 3.2 illustrates a hypothetical Statement of Net Cost.

Federal Service Agency CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF NET COST As of September 30, 1998 (in billions of dollars)					
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COSTS:					
Crosscutting programs					
Program A:	· · · ·		· _		
Intragovernmental	\$ 10	\$-	\$5	\$ 15	
With the public	<u>\$ 130</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 230</u>	
Total	\$ 140	\$-	\$ 105	\$ 245	
Less earned revenues	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ (8)</u>	
Net program costs	<u>\$ 133</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 104	\$ 237	
Other programs					
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Program D.	ድ _ - ዊ	ቅ 05 ^ 47	ው - ድ	ቅ 03 ቀ 47	
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Program D:	<del>۵</del> -	ֆ ∠Ծ	5 -	\$ 20	
Cost not assianed to programs					
to programs	\$6	\$8	<b>\$</b> 1	<b>\$</b> 15	
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Less earned revenues not					
attributed to programs	\$ (3)	\$ (4)	\$ (2)	\$ (9)	
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DEFERRED MAINTENANCE (Note X)					
NET COST OF OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 136</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>	<u>\$ 103</u>	<u>\$ 378</u>	
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Figure 3.2. Statement of Net Cost From [Ref. 14:p. 57].

# 3. Statement of Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Changes in Net Position reports the beginning net position, the items that affected and caused the net position to change based on entity operations, and

the ending net position. [Ref. 13:p. 31] The statement takes the net cost of operations from the preceding statement and offsets the costs through financing sources. Financing sources include appropriations, taxes, donations, and transfers to and from other agencies. [Ref. 14:p. 58] An additional source of financing is imputed financing, the costs incurred by the reporting entity but financed by another entity or costs attributable to operations that do not require a direct payment. Imputed financing reflects the fact that federal departments and agencies are not independent economic activities. [Ref. 14:p. 58] Of note is the line item for increases or decreases in unexpended appropriations. This line item permits entities the ability to carry over to the next fiscal year unexpended appropriations in certain circumstances. Figure 3.3 is an example of a Statement of Changes in Net Position.

## 4. Statement of Budgetary Resources

The Statement of Budgetary Resources, to be prepared by reporting entities whose financing comes wholly or partially from budgetary resources, provides information on budgetary resources made available and outlays for the fiscal year. This statement illustrates, in condensed form, the information required by OMB Circular A-34 to be reported as the Report on Budget Execution (SF-133). [Ref. 13:p. 34] Prepared using budgetary accounting rules vice accrual accounting rules, this statement, for the first time, allowed for audits of federal budget execution to be conducted at the reporting entity level. [Ref. 14:p. 60] Additionally, entities must make supplemental disclosures if the data provided in this statement differs from the "actual" figures reported in the President's budget. [Ref. 14:p. 60] Figure 3.4 illustrates a Statement of Budgetary Resources.

Federal Service Agency CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION As of September 30, 1998 (in billions of dollars)							
	Suborganization A	ì	Suborganization B		Suborganization C		Consolidated Totals
Net cost of operations:	\$ (1	36) \$	\$ (139)	\$	(103)	\$	(378)
Financing sources (other than exchange revenues) Appropriations used Taxes, donations, and other non-exchange revenues Transfers-in(out) Imputed financing	\$ 1 \$ \$ \$	34 9 12 9 - 9 <u>4 9</u>	5 134 5 8 5 - 5 5	\$ \$ \$	103 4 - 1	\$ \$ \$	371 24 - 10
Net results of operations	\$	14 \$	8	\$	5	\$	27
Prior period adjustments	\$	\$	<u> </u>	\$	-	\$	-
Net change in cumulative results of operations	\$	14 \$	8	\$	5	\$	27
Increase (decrease) in unexpended appropriations	\$	(3) \$	2	\$	(1)	\$	(2)
Change in net position	<b>\$</b> 1	1 \$	10	\$	4	\$	25
Net position - beginning of perod	\$ 15	;9 \$	250	\$	39	\$	473
Net position - end of period	\$ 17	<u>'0 </u> \$	260	\$	43	\$	494

Figure 3.3. Statement of Changes in Net Position From [Ref. 14:p. 59].

Federal Service Agency STATEMENT OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES As of September 30, 1998 (in billions of dollars)		
Budgetary resources:		
Budget authority	\$	444
Unobligated balances - beginning of period	\$	83
Spending authority from offsetting collections	\$	4
Adjustments	\$	2
Total budgetary resources	<u>\$</u>	533
Status of budgetary resources: Obligations incurred, gross Unobligated balances - available, ending Unobligated balances - not available, ending Total status of budgetary resources	\$ \$ <b>\$</b>	381 150 <u>2</u> 533
Outlays: Obligations incurred, net Obligated balance transferred, net Obligated balance, net - beginning of period Less obligated balance, net - end of period Total outlays	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ <b>\$</b>	374 35 (39) <b>370</b>

Figure 3.4. Statement of Budgetary Resources From [Ref. 14:p. 60].

## 5. Statement of Financing

The Statement of Financing acts as a reconciliation between the accrual . accounting Statement of Net Cost and the budgetary accounting Statement of Budgetary Resources. This reconciliation also ensures that the reporting entity's financial systems maintain a proper relationship between accrual and budgetary accounts. [Ref. 13:p. 36] Broken down into three sections, this statement's bottom line is the net cost of operations: (obligations and nonbudgetary resources) minus (resources that do not fund the net cost of operations) plus (costs that do not require resources) plus (financing sources yet to be provided). [Ref. 14:p. 60] The first section, obligations and nonbudgetary resources, reports the computation of obligations incurred and adjustments for offsetting collections to expenditure accounts, recoveries of budgetary authority, and other items defined in OMB Circular A-34. [Ref. 13:p. 36] The second section, resources that do not fund net costs of operations, includes changes in goods, services, and benefits ordered but not yet received or provided; goods or services capitalized on the balance sheet; and items treated as a financing source yet to be provided in a prior period that are being recognized as a budgetary resource in the current period. [Ref. 13:p. 36] The third section lists costs included in determining the cost of operations that do not require budgetary resources such as depreciation and the expenses related to the revaluation of assets. Figure 3.5 provides an example of a Statement of Financing.

## 6. Statement of Custodial Activity

The Statement of Custodial Activities, required only of those entities whose primary mission involves collecting nonexchange revenues such as duties and taxes that finance government-wide programs, details the collection and disposition of such revenues. Entities having nonexchange revenues that are non-material and incidental to their primary mission may forego the preparation of this statement and record the custodial activity in the footnotes to the financial statements. [Ref. 13:p. 39] The bottom line of this statement should always equal zero. Figure 3.6 illustrates a Statement of Custodial Activity.

Federal Service Agency				
STATEMENT OF FINANCING				
As of September 30, 1998				
(in billions of dollars)				
Obligations and nonbudgetary resources:				
Obligations incurred, gross	\$	381		
Less: spending authority from offsetting				
collections and adjustments	\$	(6)		
Donations and other revenues not in budget	ŝ	15		
Financing imputed for cost subsidies	\$	-		
Transfers-in(out)	\$	-		
Total obligations as adjusted, and	<u> </u>		•	
nonbudgetary resources			\$	390
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Resources that do not fund net cost of operations:				
Change in amount of goods, services, and benefits				
ordered but not vet received or provided	\$	(43)		
Costs canitalized on the balance sheet	\$	(14)		
Financing sources that fund costs of prior periods	\$	(7)		
Total resources that do not fund	<u> </u>			
net cost of operations			\$	(64)
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Costs that do not require resources:				
Depreciation and amortization	\$	19		
Revaluation of assets and liabilities	\$	5		
Total costs that do not require resources	·		\$	24
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Financing sources yet to be provided		-	\$	28
Net cost of operations			\$	378
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Figure 3.5. Statement of Financing From [Ref. 14:p. 63].

Federal Service Agency STATEMENT OF CUSTODIAL ACTIVITIES As of September 30, 1998 (in billions of dollars)	
Sources of collections	
Cash collections (by type of tax or duty)	\$ 50
Less refunds and other payments	<u>\$ (4)</u>
Net collections	\$ 46
Accrual adjustment	\$7
Total revenue	<u>\$ 53</u>
Disposition of collections	
Transferred to others net of refunds (by recipient)	\$ 43
Increase (decrease) in amounts to be transferred	\$ 3
Retained by the entity	\$ 7
Total disposition of revenue	<u>\$53</u>
Net custodial activity	\$0
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Figure 3.6. Statement of Custodial Activities From [Ref. 14:p. 60].

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# IV. RATIOS AND FINANCIAL RATIO ANALYSIS

## A. RATIOS

Webster's Third International Dictionary defines a ratio as "the fixed or approximate relationship of one thing to another or between two or more things (as in number, quantity, or degree)". Likewise, Barron's Dictionary of Accounting Terms explains a ratio simply as the "relationship of one amount to another." [Ref. 15:p. 566] When developing ratios, the purpose of comparisons is to find meaning in abstract information. [Ref. 16:p. 4] The broad definitions above denote that all that is required for comparison is a relationship between the numbers being examined. A ratio, to be a logical instrument for measuring numerical relation, must be a fraction containing, as numerator and denominator, items inherently relational and comparable to one another. [Ref. 8:p. 6]

Ratios have the ability to expedite analysis involving numerical data by reducing the large number of items involved into a relatively small set of readily comprehended meaningful indicators. [Ref. 17:p. 11] Central to this thesis and of importance in all of business is the comparison of numbers with the goal of revealing underlying truths and solving problems. In the context of this thesis, the underlying truth to be discovered is whether fundamental dimensions of financial condition exist in the federal government and, if so, what are the reduced, distinctive set of ratios that will help one better understand these dimensions. Ratios are the means of exploring this hypothesis.

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## **B.** A BRIEF HISTORY OF RATIOS

#### 1. Ratios

It is difficult to pinpoint the first use of ratios or their use in the business environment. Ratios can be traced to early Greek writers and even the Babylonians understood the concept of ratios as early as 2200 B.C. The ratios used during these periods were 'equal ratios,' synonymous with proportion, not ratios of a higher level of abstraction. Circa 300 B.C., Euclid, in Book V of his *Elements*, presents the first usable explanation of the ratio concept. Like earlier ages, Euclid's ratios tended more toward 'equal ratios.' But Euclid went further in acknowledging a conceptual difference between ratio and proportion. [Ref. 18:p. 39] During the Middle Ages, the use of ratios for arithmetic purposes resulted in the ideas of three general integer ratio types still used today:

- Ratios of equality (A:B)
- Ratios of greater inequality (A:B when A>B)
- Ratios of lesser inequality (A:B when A<B) [Ref. 19:pp. 479-480]

From the Middle Ages on, the ideas surrounding the use of ratios led to their use in analytical situations.

#### 2. **Business Ratios**

The use of some form of business ratios has most likely been in existence as long as humans have conducted financial transactions. Documentation of business ratios in literature includes Sister Isadore Brown who discussed the use of banking ratios contained in the 1872 annual report to Congress. [Ref. 15:p. 4] Foulke points to the current ratio, current assets divided by current liabilities, being used in the late 1800's. [Ref. 20:p. 176] In 1913, a study of shoe store expenses using ratios was conducted at Harvard University. [Ref. 21:p. 3] The DuPont Company, in 1919, began using a simple integrated set of ratios that is still referred to widely today.

The use of business and financial ratios exploded in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, from lending institutions, corporate boards, the accounting and auditing professions, and even the individual investor. Alexander Wall and Raymond Duning, two early pioneers in the field of business ratios, summarized much of their knowledge and published it in 1928 under the title, *Ratio Analysis of Financial Statements*. [Ref. 15:p. 5] As the area of business ratios grew, some thought that the calculation and interpretation of business ratios was absorbing too much managerial time. But with the introduction of computers into the business world, the ability to create both financial and non-financial business ratios has continued to grow.

# C. USEFULNESS OF FINANCIAL RATIOS

There are two primary reasons for statistically analyzing business entities through ratios. First is to control for the effect of size on the variable being examined and second to control for industry wide factors. [Ref. 8:p. 8] This being said, the use of ratio analysis in the business setting can include any ratio formulated by those conducting the analysis, if they derive benefit from the analysis of such ratios. Gates includes the following as possible uses of ratios:

- Monitor growth
- Monitor costs
- Measure Profitability
- Identify Trends
- Define Business Plans
- Compare one operating period to another
- Compare actual results to plans

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- Compare current costs to historical costs
- Measure adequacy of cash and working capital
- Monitor asset allocation
- Monitor collections
- Compare financial and non-financial information
- Track budget performance
- Interpret financial statements
- Measure managerial efficiency [Ref. 16:p. 6]

As seen by this non-exhaustive list, business ratios have the ability to answer a plethora of managerial questions. These questions need not be purely financial, as numerous non-financial ratios can be derived from business data. This thesis will concentrate on federal financial ratios. The ratios to be used in this study will be discussed in depth in Chapter VI.

## D. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL RATIO ANALYSIS

Financial ratio analysis is a subdivision of financial statement analysis. The analysis of financial statements is the compilation and study of relationships and trends. [Ref. 22:p. 5] It entails looking beyond the face of the financial statements to gather more information. Along with common size analysis, trend analysis, and comparisons, financial ratio analysis is used in financial statement analysis to emphasize the comparative and relative importance of the information presented and to assist management and other interested parties in the evaluation of the organization's position. [Ref. 8:p. 9] As stated above, the documented beginnings of business ratios also signaled the beginning of financial ratio analysis as a means of managerial and stakeholder decision making.

Financial statement analysis using ratios has traditionally concentrated on the study of relationships within a set of financial statements at a given point in time and with

the trends in these relationships over time. [Ref. 23:p. 24] Two of the ways in which financial ratios are analyzed use cross-sectional techniques and time-series techniques. Cross-sectional analysis has as its objective the derivation of information needed for financial decisions by the use of comparisons of the investigated ratios with exogenous norms or standards. [Ref. 17:p. 37] Industry-wide or organization type-wide measures are typically used in cross-sectional analysis. A second method, time-series analysis, searches for systematic patterns in the historic behavior of the series and uses these patterns to make predictions regarding future values of the studied ratios. [Ref. 17:p. 36]

With regard to this thesis, the analysis of federal financial ratios will be conducted using factor analysis, a statistical method used to screen large numbers of ratios in order to choose the most appropriate for further analysis, such as the methods discussed above. Factor analysis will be discussed in greater detail in Chapter VII.

# E. LIMITATIONS OF FINANCIAL RATIOS IN FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS

As early as 1928, there was a feeling that financial ratios were flowering at such a prolific rate as to distract attention from ratios of real significance. William Anderson Paton noted that there is no doubt the use of financial and operating ratios provides a means of rendering accounting statements more intelligible and significant and a matter which deserves consideration and attention. [Ref. 24:p. 211] Paton further stated that at best, the use of financial ratios is merely a supplementary device, really useful and worthwhile only as its limitations are clearly perceived. [Ref. 24: p. 212]

There is no end to the number of arithmetic ratios that can be calculated from a set of financial statements. This being said, Paton states that as a matter of fact, and fortunately for peace of mind, there are only a relatively few ratios which have any considerable significance, or even significance whatsoever, to the management of business, and in the context of this thesis, government business. [Ref. 24:p. 212] The objective of this study is to attempt to find those relatively few ratios of considerable significance to federal financial statement analysis.

Secondly, when dealing with financial and operating ratios, one should always remember the more or less obvious proposition that a ratio per se has little real significance. [Ref. 24:p. 214] Sound managerial conclusions and policies cannot be formulated simply by scrutinizing ratios, however meticulously calculated and displayed. [Ref. 24:p. 214] Ratios represent clues, a starting point for further investigation.

Paton's outlined procedure for the use of ratios follows:

- Select a relatively few relationships of this character which can have any real significance, which hold forth any promise.
- Calculate these percentages, preferably for several past periods as well as for the current period.
- Exhibit the results in the most effective manner, perhaps in graphic form, in each case in comparison with the standard.
- Point to all considerable variations from standard.
- Investigate the causes of these variations wherever possible.
- In the one or two cases, if any, where action is possible or feasible, revamp managerial policy appropriately. [Ref. 24:p. 215]

The limitations of financial ratios outlined above are not intended as an argument against the calculation and use of ratios. Financial ratios and the analysis of ratios have an important place in the area of business statistics. It must be remembered that each study of financial statements using financial ratios must be looked at independently and not over generalized with the vast number of financial ratios available. Ratios have been used in various forms and contexts for thousands of years. In the business world, documented use of ratios has only encompassed the past century and a half. While the benefits of ratios are numerous and the number of useable ratios is quite large, ratios have limitations. The following chapters will discuss studies in the classification of ratios into frameworks and the framework to be used in this research.

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# V. FINANCIAL RATIO CLASSIFICATION FRAMEWORKS

As discussed in the previous chapter, there are numerous useful financial ratios that can be constructed and used to determine the financial condition of an entity, be it for profit, not for profit, or governmental. The issue is to find which ratios should be used to examine federal financial statements, for evaluating financial performance, predicting future behaviors and comparing different entities. In order to tackle this issue, researchers have developed a method to assist in organizing financial ratios into specific classifications. [Ref. 25:p. 8] These classifications, or taxonomies, group sets of ratios into several categories, with the ratios in each category pointing toward a single construct. [Ref 26:p. 6] An example would be the traditional classifications of ratios for corporate and for profit entities: liquidity, debt management, operating, profitability, and stakeholder. [Ref. 27:pp. 690-705] This chapter will discuss past studies conducted to analyze ratios in the for profit corporate environment and classifications constructed for federal financial documents.

## A. PAST STUDIES

In a 1973 study of 221 manufacturing plants, Pinches, Mingo and Caruthers, using factor analysis, concluded that seven empirically based, independent patterns existed and were stable over time. The seven classifications found were: Return on Investment, Capital Intensiveness, Inventory Intensiveness, Financial Leverage, Receivable Intensiveness, Short Term Liquidity, and Cash Position. [Ref. 28:pp. 389-395] The stability over time of these classifications was satisfied by calculating ratios using financial statements from 1951, 1957, 1963, and 1969. Also identified in this study were the lead ratios for each of the seven classifications. [Ref. 28:pp. 389-395]

- Return on Investment
   Net Income/Net Worth
- Capital Intensiveness Sales/Total Assets
- Inventory Intensiveness Inventory/Sales
- Financial Leverage Debt/Total Capital
- Receivables Intensiveness
   Receivables/Inventory
- Short Term Liquidity
   Current Assets/Current Liabilities
- Cash Position
   Cash/Fund Expenditures

This research was closely followed by a study in 1975 by Pinches, Eubank, Mingo, and Caruthers. [Ref. 29:pp. 295-310] The purpose of this study was to determine the financial ratio classifications and to examine the short-term stability of the financial ratio classifications vice the long-term, which had been studied in the earlier analysis. [Ref. 25:p. 10] The period covered was 1966 through 1969 using the same 221 firms. The classification results of this study were essentially the same as in the earlier research and short-term stability was proven by studying the following time periods: 1966-1967, 1967-1968, 1968-1969, and 1966-1969. [Ref. 25:p. 10]

"Chen and Shimerda, in 1981, applied the classification framework developed in the above studies and concluded that ratio classification categories in other studies were consistent, and could be reconciled with the Pinches et.al., [sic] groups." [Ref. 26:p. 6] Their research used the earlier classifications and analyzed collated ratios across a variety of studies, dealing particularly with studies predicting business failure. [Ref. 30:p. 9] Their conclusions inferred that the "Pinches et.al., [sic] framework was generally valid, broadly inclusive and stable." [Ref. 26:p. 6] Studies including ratios based on cash flow data (Gombola and Ketz, 1983a; 1983b) and "decomposition measures" (Johnson, 1979) defined new factors beyond those developed in the Pinches et al, analyses. [Ref. 26:p. 7] These studies did not disprove the earlier studies, but instead used expanded data from which to compute ratios to include with the Pinches et al, framework.

In 1987, Ketz, Doogar, and Jensen completed a ten-year study to determine if ratios calculated from firms across several different industries could be compared. The null hypothesis of this study was that financial ratios of one industry are measuring the same underlying concepts as the financial ratios of another industry. [Ref. 31] If not, and the underlying concepts were different, cross-industry comparisons would be meaningless. Their study calculated 32 ratios from 476 firms over a ten-year period. The factor analysis results were that, indeed, financial ratios were correlated across each industry in seven areas: Return, Cash Flow, Cash Position, Debt, Sales, Inventory, and Liquidity. [Ref. 25:p. 13]

The above studies develop a framework of taxonomies, prove their stability over time, and prove that cross-industry analysis can be complete and meaningful.

# **B.** TAXONOMIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL RATIOS

A research of literature reveals two paths for the discussion of ratio taxonomies, or classifications.

The first follows SFFAC Number 1 and the four objectives of federal financial reporting. Brady (1999) and Kenney (2000) conducted studies to develop financial ratio frameworks along the lines of the four objectives: Budgetary Integrity, Operating Performance, Stewardship, and Systems and Controls. Numerous ratios were developed

for the first three objectives, with Systems and Control, a process-based objective, being omitted. Systems and Control is a subjective measure of an entity's ability to have in place the financial management systems and internal accounting and control mechanisms sufficient to ensure the objectives of budgetary integrity, operating performance and stewardship are met through auditable financial reporting. This thesis will use the ratio classifications tied to the three financially reportable objectives of SFFAC Number 1 and built on by Brady and Kenney. The possible ratios for use in assessing the budgetary integrity, operating performance and stewardship proposed by Brady and further studied by Kenney will be detailed in Chapter VI and assessed for inclusion in the resulting factor analysis.

A second framework in the literature is the GAO Staff Study, *Financial Reporting: Framework for Analyzing Federal Agency Financial Statements*, written in 1991. The study lists eight attributes: Operating Costs, Operating Results, Operating Efficiency, Capital Investments, Financial Obligations, Financial Condition, Efficiency in Managing Assets, and Efficiency in Managing Administrative Costs. [Ref. 33:pp. 13-26] Along with the attributes are listed the measures and indicators to assess the entity strength in the eight listed areas. Figure 5.1 displays the GAO attributes, measures and indicators.

A drawback to the GAO study is that it was completed prior to publication of the documents outlining the structure of reports and required financial disclosures of federal financial reporting. This being said, an analysis of the GAO framework was completed to ensure that any useful measures were included in the primary analysis and also included under one of the three objectives of financial reporting ratio classifications.

General Accounting Office FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYZING FEDERAL AGENCY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 1991					
Attribute	Me	easures (M) and Indicators (I)			
Operating Costs	(M	) The Net Operating Cost = Expenses - (Revenues + Reimbursements)			
	(I)	Average Annual Percentage Change in the Net Operating Cost			
	(I)	Average Annual Percentage Change in Unit Costs			
Operating Results	(M	) Net Operating Cost - Appropriated Funds			
	(I)	Appropriated Funds/Net Operating Cost			
	(I)	Operating Deficit/Net Operating Cost			
Operating Efficiency	(I)	Input Required Per Unit of Output			
Capital Investments	(M)	Gross Capital Expenditure - Capital Recovered from the Disposition			
		of Assets			
	(I)	Net Capital Investments/Average Balance of Assets			
	(I)	Agency or Program Net Capital Investments/U.S. Gov't Net Capital			
		Investments			
Financial Obligations	(M)	The Amount of Liabilities			
	(I)	Assets Reserved for a Liability/The Amount of the Liability			
Financial Condition	(I)	Cash Surplus or Shortfalls			
	<b>(</b> I)	Net Income + Depreciation + Interest Expense/Debt Service Costs			
	(I)	Liquid Assets/Liabilities Due Within A Year			
	(I)	Liabilities/Assets			
Efficiency in					
Managing Assets	(I)	Inventory Tumover (Avg Inventory/Materials and Supplies Expense)			
	(I)	Percentage of Overdue Accounts to Total Accounts Receivable;			
		Percentage of Bad Debt Provision to Total Debt Outstanding			
	(I)	Rate of Capacity Utilization, Such as Square Feet Per Employee			
Efficiency in					
Managing Admin					
Costs	(I)	Annual Percentage Change in Administration Costs			
	(I)	The Net Agency Administration Cost/The Consolidated Net			
		Operating Cost of the Entire Agency			

Figure 5.1. Financial Attributes, Measures and Indicators From [Ref. 33:p. 27].

The development of the framework of ratios to be used in this study will rely primarily on an analysis for inclusion of Brady's ratios, but also take into account the GAO study and other ratios deemed relevant for the interpretation of federal financial statements. THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

# VI. FINANCIAL RATIOS FROM FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

To unveil possible dimensions of financial condition within the federal government, a financial ratio analysis must be performed. The starting point for such an analysis is the development of a framework of financial ratios. This chapter will discuss the objective and purpose of financial ratio frameworks, and then introduce the reader to the ratios to be used in this analysis and their expected purposes.

# A. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF FINANCIAL RATIO FRAMEWORKS

When developing any framework of financial ratios, one must define the objective and purpose of the framework. The reason for doing so is to ensure the framework provides useful information to meet the needs of the various users, both internal and external, of the financial statements.

#### 1. Objective of Ratio Frameworks

The objective of using a framework for ratio analysis is to facilitate interpretation of financial statements. Reducing the large number of financial statement items into a relatively small set of ratios allows for the meaningful comparison of financial data over time and across reporting entities. [Ref. 8:p. 104] In the case of the federal government, the goal of entity financial reporting is to restore public confidence in the business of government and to restore the qualities of accountability and credibility to federal entities. The framework of ratios developed and used in this thesis is not intended to provide managerial and decision authority personnel with the definitive answers regarding financial condition, but rather to describe the entity's financial condition in order for users to explore questions and issues regarding the entity in question against the objectives of federal financial reporting.

# 2. Purpose of the Ratio Framework

The purpose of the framework developed in this study is to address the areas of budgetary integrity, operational effectiveness, and stewardship to the citizens, Congress, executives and program managers discussed in Chapter III. The purpose of the analysis to be conducted is to empirically identify the fundamental dimensions of financial condition in the federal government. While the results may not be consistent with the objectives of SFFAC Number 1, the use of the first three primary objectives of financial reporting in identifying ratios to be analyzed ensures that federal financial statements can be tied to the resulting set of ratios indicative of the dimensions to the objectives set forth in SFFAC Number 1.

## **B.** BRADY'S FRAMEWORK FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The starting point for developing the ratio framework to be used in this study is Brady's *Framework for Financial Ratio Analysis of Audited Federal Financial Reports*. [Ref. 8] Brady proposed twenty-nine possible ratios for assessing budgetary integrity, operating performance and stewardship. Figures 6.1 through 6.3 illustrate Brady's possible ratios.

Ratio	Proposed Ratio	Proposed Ratio	Proposed Ratio Description
Number		Calculation	· ·
1	Budget Authority to	Budget Authority	Describes the relationship between Budget
	Budgetary Resources	Total Budgetary Resources	Authority and Total Budgetary Resources.
			Indicates the percentage of Total Budgetary
			Resources that is made up of Budget Authority.
2	Other Sources of	Total Budgetary Resources -	Describes the percentage of Total Budgetary
	Funds to Budgetary	Budget Authority	Resources that is made up of Other Sources
	Resources	Total Budgetary Resources	of Funding. Other Sources of Funding can
			include such things as unobligated balances
			from prior fiscal years and spending
			authority from offsetting collections.
3	Budget Authority to	Budget Authority	Describes the relationship between Budget
	Outlays	Total Outlays	Authority (or funds appropriated for the
			fiscal year) and Total Outlays.
4	Outlays to Obligations	Total Outlays	Describes the relationship between Total
		Obligations Incurred	Outlays and Obligations Incurred. Indicates
			the degree to which funds have been
			outlayed as a percentage of Obligations
			Incurred.
5	Obligations to Budget	Obligations Incurred, Net	Describes the relationship between Net
	Authority	Budget Authority	Obligations Incurred and Budget Authority.
			Provides an Indication about whether or not the
			entity obligated more than it was appropriated
			for the fiscal year and w hether or not it had to
			rely on other sources of funding.
6	Compliance/	Obligations Incurred	Describes the relationship between Net
	Antideficiency Ratio	Total Budgetary Resources	Obligations Incurred and Total
			Budgetary Resources. Indicates the degree to
			w hich Budgetary Resources have been
			obligated by the reporting entity.
7	Return on Budget	Total Outlays	
	Authority	Budget Authority + (Unobl.	Describes the relationship between Total
		Bal. (Beg) - Unobl. Bal (End))	Outlays and the Total Budgetary Authority used
			by the entity during the fiscal year. Indicates
			the return the entity received on Budget
			Authority in terms of Total Outlays.
8	Return on Total	Total Outlays	Describes the relationship between Total
	Resources	Total Budgetary Resources	Outlays and Total Budgetary Resources.
			Indicates the return the entity received on
			Total Budgetary Resources in terms of Total
			Resources.
9	Utilization Ratio	Budget Authority + (Unobl.	Describes the relationship between the Total
		Bal. (Beg) - Unobl. Bal (End))	Budget Authority used during the fiscal year
		Total Budgetary Resources	and Total Budgetary Resources.
			Indicates how much total Budget Authority
			was used as a percentage of Total Budgetary
			Resources.
10	Reliance on Other	Obligations Incurred - Budget	Describes the relationship between
	Sources of Funding	Authority	Obligations Incurred and Budget Authority
	Ratio	Budget Authority	to determine the extent to which Other
			Sources of Funding were required.
11	Percentage of	Total Liabilities Not Covered	Describes the relationship between Total
	Uncovered Liabilities	by Budgetary Resources	Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary
		Total Liabilities	Resources and Total Liabilities. Provides an
			indication of the extent to which total
			liabilities are made up of Total Liabilities
			Not Covered by Budgetary Resources.

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Figure 6.1. Possible Ratios for Assessing Budgetary Integrity From [Ref. 8:p. 109].

Ratio Number	Proposed Ratio	Proposed Ratio	Proposed Ratio Description
1	Liabilities to Assets	Total Liabilities	Describes the relationship between
1 '	Elabilitica to Associa	Total Assets	Total Liabilities and Total Assets.
Ĩ			Compares what is owed to the value
			of assets used by the entity.
2	Operating Efficiency	Net Cost of Operations	Describes the relationship between the
-	Ratio	Service Base	Net Cost of Operations and some reporting
			entity specific base. Accurate calculation
			of the operating efficiency ratio will require
			additional information about the reporting
			entity that may be available in the annual
			report or from other sources.
3	Net Cost of Operations	Net Cost of Operations	Describes the relationship between the
	to Appropriations	Appropriations Used	Appropriations Used and the Net Cost of
			Operations. Indicates to what extent the
			Net Cost of Operations exceeded the
			Appropriations Used.
4	Return on Fixed	PP&E	Describes the relationship between Property,
•	Assets	Net Result of Operations	Plant, and Equipment (PP&E or Fixed Assets)
			and the Net Results of Operations. Provides
			an indication of a return on fixed assets
			for the reporting entity.
5	Net Cost of Operations	Net Cost of Operations	Describes the growth trend of the Net Cost
	Growth	(Current Year) - Net Cost of	of Operations from the prior fiscal year to
		Operations (Prior Year)	the current fiscal year.
		Net Cost of Operations	
		(Prior Year)	
6	Unassigned Program	Total Costs Not Assigned to	Describes the relationship between the Total
	Costs to Program	Programs	Costs Not Assigned to Programs with the
	Expenses	Total Program Expense	Total Program Expense. Provides an indication
			of cost management of the reporting entity.
7	Unassigned Costs to	Total Costs Not Assigned to	Describes the relationship between the Total
	Net Cost of Operations	Programs	Costs Not Assigned to Programs and the Net
		Net Cost of Operations	Cost of Operations. Indicates what percentage
			Net Cost of Operations is not directly accounted
0			for in an entity program.
8	Return on Net Cost	Net Cest of Operations	Describes the relationship between the Net
		Net Cost of Operations	Operations Indicates the return received on
			the Net Cost of Operations in terms of the Net
:			Results of Operations
0	Return on	Net Result of Operations	Describes the relationship between the Net
3	Appropriated Eurode		Results of Operations and the Appropriations
		Appropriations Used	Used Provides an indication of the return on
			the Appropriations used by the entity in terms
			of the Net Results of Operations
			or the met negation of operations.

# Figure 6.2. Possible Ratios for Assessing Operating Performance From [Ref. 8:p. 111].
Ratio	Proposed Ratio	Proposed Ratio	Proposed Ratio Description
Number		Calculation	
1	Fixed Assets to Total		Describes the relationship between PP&E
	Assets	Total Assets	(Fixed Assets) and Total Assets. Indicates
			the percentage of Total Assets that is made
			up of PP&E. Provides an indication of the capital
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	intensity of the entity.
2	Fixed Assets to Equity	PP&E	Describes the relationship between PP&E
}		Net Position	(Fixed Assets) and the Net Position (Equity).
			Provides an indication of the extent the entity's
			equity is tied up in fixed assets.
3	Depreciation Rate	Depreciation	Describes the relationship between Depreciation
		PP&E	and PP&E. Provides the rate of depreciation for
			the entity's fixed assets and a relative indication
		······	of the aggressiveness of that rate.
4	Inventory to Assets	Inventory & Related Property	Describes the relationship between Inventory &
		Total Assets	Related Property and Total Assets. Provides an
			indication of the percentage of Total Assets tied
			up in Operating Materials & Supplies.
5	Depreciation to Total	Depreciation Expense	Describes the relationship between Depreciation
	Cost	Total Cost of Operations	Expense and the Total Cost of Operations.
			Indicates the percentage of Total Cost of
			Operations that is made up of Depreciation
			Expense and provides an indication of the
			relative aggressiveness of the entity's
			depreciation policy.
6	Capital Investment	Change in PP&E	Describes the relationship between the change
	Ratio	Total Assets	in PP&E and the Total Assets of the entity.
			Provides a measure of the investment in capital
			assets of the entity.
7	Total Assets	Total Assets	Describes the relationship between Total Assets
	Maintenance	Appropriations Used	and Appropriations Used. Provides an indication
			of the level of appropriations needed to maintain
			the level of assets used by the entity.
8	Fixed Assets	PP&E	Describes the relationship between PP&E
	Maintenance	Appropriations Used	(Fixed Assets) and the Appropriations Used.
			Provides an indication of the level of
			appropriations needed to maintain the level of
	<u> </u>		fixed assets used by the entity.
9	Reœivables	Total Receivables, Net	Describes the relationship between Total
	Management	Total Assets	Receivables (Intragovernmental and
	-		Governmental) and Total Assets. Indicates the
			percentage of Total Assets made up of Entity
			Receivables.

Figure 6.3 Possible Ratios for Assessing Stewardship From [Ref. 8:p. 113].

This thesis will use all of Brady's possible ratios with the exception of the nine ratios addressed below. A brief discussion as to why they are being removed or modified follows.

#### 1. Other Sources of Funds to Budgetary Resources

In Brady's ratios for budgetary integrity, this ratio (Figure 6.1:Ratio 2) is the complement of the preceding ratio, budget authority to budgetary resources (Figure 6.1:Ratio 1). The result is that the first and second ratios will always sum to 100 percent. This study will only use the budget authority to budgetary resources ratio to avoid redundancy of the measure.

#### 2. Ratios Using Total Outlays

Brady developed four ratios under budgetary integrity using total outlays as either the numerator or denominator. Outlays are the actual payment for an obligation incurred at an earlier time. As such, they represent the final disposition of an amount already set aside through an obligation. In determining financial condition, outlays, which cross fiscal years and may be tied to obligations made years before, create a lag that may inhibit determining an entity's performance in a given year. For this reason, two of the four ratios have been excluded from this study: budget authority to total outlays (Figure 6.1:Ratio 3) and total outlays to total budgetary resources (Figure 6.1:Ratio 8).

The ratio of total outlays to total obligations incurred (Figure 6.1:Ratio 4) will be used in this thesis with a modification to use net obligations incurred vice total obligations. The difference between obligations incurred and net obligations incurred is that net obligations incurred also accounts for spending authority due to offsetting collections and adjustments, which apply against obligations incurred. Examples of offsetting collections are reimbursements and refunds for previous overpayments. The result may signal changes in an entity's buying patterns or signal changes in bill paying tendencies.

The fourth ratio, total outlays to budget authority plus unobligated balance (beginning) minus unobligated balance (ending) (Figure 6.1:Ratio 7) will not be used in this thesis because the denominator is equal to Net Obligations Incurred; thus, the ratio is a duplicate of the total outlays to net obligations ratio.

# 3. Obligations Incurred to Budget Authority

Proposed as an indicator of whether an entity obligated more than it was authorized, this ratio (Figure 6.1:Ratio 5) does not recognize that obligations in a given fiscal year can be made against appropriations granted in prior years. Additionally, budget authority in a given year consists of more than just appropriations, such as revenues earned by the entity. For these reasons, this ratio will be excluded from the analysis.

#### 4. Brady's Utilization Ratio

The utilization ratio (Figure 6.1:Ratio 9) proposed by Brady is an indicator of the amount of budget authority used as a percentage of total budgetary resources. However, total budgetary resources includes more than budgetary authority plus the beginning unobligated balance. Total budgetary resources can also include spending authority from offsetting collections, and adjustments. For this thesis, this ratio will not be used, but an alternative utilization ratio, developed during research for this study, will be introduced later in this chapter.

# 5. Reliance on Other Sources of Funding Ratio

With this ratio, using obligations incurred divided by budget authority (Figure 6.1:Ratio 10), Brady intended to indicate the extent to which the entity required sources

of funding other than budget authority, as a percentage of budget authority. This ratio duplicates the information provided by Brady's compliance/antideficiency ratio, which compares net obligations incurred to total budgetary resources. This thesis will use the compliance/antideficiency ratio.

# 6. Operating Efficiency Ratio

Under operating performance ratios, Brady proposed the operating efficiency ratio (Figure 6.2:Ratio 2), comparing net cost of operations to the entity's service base. Due to the service base not being readily available in all entities' financial statements, as well as the fact that entities do not share the same service base, this ratio will not be included in this analysis. Additionally, the use of this ratio to compare governmental agencies will not provide financial or managerial insight, as the service bases are inconsistent.

#### 7. Return on Fixed Assets Ratio

In Brady's framework, property, plant and equipment (PP&E) is divided by net results of operations to achieve the return on an entity's fixed assets (Figure 6.2:Ratio 4). This ratio will be used, but the numerator and denominator must be reversed, with net results of operations being divided by PP&E. This makes the ratio more intuitively meaningful and is consistent with the calculation of most "return" ratios.

#### 8. Net Cost of Operations Growth

Brady's proposed ratio for net cost of operations growth (Figure 6.2:Ratio 5) will not be used in this thesis because it is a fundamentally different ratio than the others in the framework. It measures the change in a specified line over time while the rest of the ratios measure one line item against another.

#### 9. Depreciation Rate

Brady proposes using depreciation expense divided by PP&E (Figure 6.3:Ratio 3) to obtain the depreciation rate and indicate the entity's aggressiveness with depreciation

of PP&E. As PP&E includes land, which does not depreciate, the result of this ratio does not indicate the entity's depreciation rate. As such, this ratio will not be included in this thesis.

# C. ADDITIONAL RATIOS TO BE ANALYZED

Brady's framework and Gates' 101 Business Ratios [Ref. 16] were helpful in facilitating development of additional ratios to be included in this study. This research, conducted in conjunction with Belchoff's Analysis of Changes in Federal Financial Statement Financial Ratios [Ref. 34], a time-series and cross-section analysis of federal financial statements, has resulted in the following ratios being newly developed for inclusion in this thesis.

# 1. Utilization Ratio

An adaptation of Brady's Utilization Ratio, the following ratio describes the percentage of available resources the entity obligated during the year. Brady's ratio used budget authority over budgetary resources. Using budgetary resources less the unobligated ending balance from the Statement of Budgetary Resources ensures the inclusion of resource availability from offsetting collections and adjustments, as opposed to simply the budget authority granted for the year. Figure 6.4 illustrates this new Utilization Ratio.

Total Budgetary Resources - Unobl Bal (End) Total Budgetary Resources

Figure 6.4. Utilization Ratio.

#### 2. Self-Sufficiency Ratio

The Self-Sufficiency Ratio is calculated by dividing earned revenues by budget authority. Earned revenue represents exchange-type revenue generated through businesstype transactions. Although government agencies are not intended to operate as profit centers, revenues earned in a business-like manner reduce the entity's reliance on tax dollars through appropriated funding. This ratio indicates the amount of an entity's total budget authority that is comprised of revenues earned through its business activities. The closer the ratio is to one, the less reliant the entity is on appropriated funding. Likewise, the lower the ratio, the more dependent the entity is on appropriated funds, and thus more vulnerable to fluctuations in the federal budgeting process. Figure 6.5 illustrates the Self Sufficiency Ratio.



Figure 6.5. Self-Sufficiecny Ratio.

# 3. Entity Liabilities to Entity Assets Ratio

The ratio of total liabilities to total assets has already been included in this thesis from the Brady framework. However, the total assets and liabilities displayed on the balance sheet include assets and liabilities that the entity does not have access to for use in their operation. These consist primarily of funds collected and held for transfer to another government agency such as the Internal Revenue Service. Assets held in a custodial manner are offset by a liability, or payable, indicating funds to be transferred at a later date. As a result, users of financial statements may be interested in and able to use for decision making the ratio of entity liabilities to entity assets, or those assets and liabilities that the entity has control over for use in operations. This ratio will be calculated by subtracting from total liabilities the amount carried as non-entity assets and then dividing by the entity assets. The reason for subtracting the non-entity assets is that federal agencies are required to differentiate between entity and non-entity assets, but are not required to do the same for liabilities. As the carrying of a non-entity asset causes the posting of a matching liability, the calculation of non-entity liabilities is possible. Figure . 6-6 illustrates the Entity Liabilities to Entity Assets Ratio.



Figure 6.6 Entity Liabilities to Entity Assets.

# 4. Total Liabilities to Net Position Ratio

Adapted from Gates' "Debt to Equity" ratio [Ref. 16:p. 55], which compares what is owed to what is owned, this ratio gives an indicator of an entity's financial position by examining those liabilities actually covered by budgetary resources. In a private business, a ratio in excess of 100 percent means that the capital provided by lenders exceeds that provided by stockholders. Owners may seek high leverage and prefer higher "Debt to Equity" ratios if the cost of borrowing is less than the return that can be earned on the borrowed funds, leading to higher returns on owner's investments. On the other hand, potential lenders prefer to see a lower ratio as assurance that the company can repay its debts. [Ref. 16:p. 55] Figure 6.7 illustrates the Covered Liabilities to Net Position Ratio.



Figure 6.7. Total Liabilities to Net Position.

# 5. Earned Revenues to Entity Assets

Excluding assets not under an entity's control, this ratio mirrors the corporate world's "Sales to Assets" ratio. The ratio's intent is to summarize how well an entity is able to use assets under its control to generate revenues, and thus reduce its reliance on appropriated funding. Figure 6.8 illustrates the Earned Revenues to Entity Assets Ratio.



Figure 6.8. Earned Revenues to Entity Assetts.

# 6. Total Cost of Operations to Total Financing Ratio

Brady's proposed Net Cost of Operations to Appropriations Used Ratio (Figure 6.2:Ratio 3), while possibly useful, may be limited by the fact that it compares total cost of operations, an accrual figure, with appropriations used, a budgetary figure. This thesis will use Brady's ratio, but additionally proposes the Total Cost of Operations to Total Financing Ratio. This ratio, while still subject to the accrual and budgetary accounting mix, relates the total cost of operations to all, exchange and non-exchange, sources of funding. Figure 6.9 illustrates this ratio.

Total Cost of Operations Non-Exchange Financing Sources + Earned Revenues

Figure 6.9. Total Cost of Operations to Total Financing.

# 7. Return on Average Net Position

The Return on Average Net Position, or Return on Net Worth, indicates the return, in terms of the net results of operations, on the entity's position. This ratio was adapted from the Return on Net Worth from Gates' *101 Business Ratios*. [Ref. 16:p. 40] Figure 6.10 illustrates the Return on Average Net Position Ratio.



Figure 6.10. Return on Average Net Position.

# 8. Fixed Assets to Entity Assets

Brady's Fixed Assets to Total Assets Ratio (Figure 6-3:Ratio 1) takes into consideration assets that are not for entity use. This lowers the ratio of fixed assets to assets which the entity has available for use. This being said, a ratio describing the fixed assets of the entity to the total entity assets will better reflect the portion of assets that are fixed. Figure 6.11 illustrates the Fixed Assets to Entity Assets Ratio.



Figure 6.11. Fixed Assets to Entity Assets.

# 9. Inventory to Entity Assets

To coincide with Brady's ratio of inventory and related property to total assets (Figure 6.3:Ratio 4), the inclusion of inventory and related property to entity assets describes the percentage of assets useable to the entity that are made up of inventory and related property. With non-entity assets removed from the formula, it is proposed that

this ratio better indicates the amount of assets tied up in inventory and related property. Figure 6.12 shows the Inventory and Related Property to Entity Assets Ratio.

> Inventory and Related Property Entity Assets

Figure 6.12. Inventory to Entity Assets.

#### 10. Capital Investment Ratio II (Entity Assets)

As previous discussed, a better measure of stewardship for an entity should include only assets within the entity's control. Brady proposed a Capital Investment Ratio (Figure 6.3:Ratio 6) using total assets as the denominator. To parallel Brady's Capital Investment Ratio, the following ratio compares the change in plant, property and equipment to entity assets, as non-entity assets are not for the agency's use and only serve to lower the percentage of capital investment. Figure 6-13 illustrates the Capital Investment Ratio II (Entity Assets).



Figure 6.13. Change in PP&E to Entity Assets.

#### 11. Entity Assets Maintenance

To describe the amount of appropriations used to maintain an entity's assets, the Entity Assets Maintenance Ratio, or entity assets over appropriations used, parallels Brady's Total Assets Maintenance Ratio (Figure 6.3:Ratio 7), but removes those assets not for use by the entity. Figure 6-14 displays the Entity Assets Maintenance Ratio.



Figure 6.14. Entity Assets to Appropriations Used.

# 12. Entity Receivables Management

In order to remove those accounts receivables that are non-entity, an alternative to Brady's Receivables Management Ratio (Figure 6.3:Ratio 9) is proposed which divides net accounts receivable (assets for use by entity) by entity assets. Figure 6-15 illustrates the Entity Receivables Management Ratio.



Figure 6.15. Entity Receivables Management.

# 13. Non-Entity Asset Management

The final ratio proposed for addition is the Non-Entity Assets to Total Assets Ratio. This ratio reflects assets held for "custodial activities" versus "operating activities" and indicates the percentage of an entity's total assets that are being held for transfer to other entities. The larger this ratio is, the less one can rely on it, as it comes to reflect total liabilities divided by total assets, due to the inclusion of a large figure for assets that are not for use by the reporting entity. Figure 6.16 illustrates the Non-Entity Assets to Total Assets Ratio.



Figure 6.16. Non-Entity Assets to Total Assets.

# E. RATIOS TO BE USED IN DETERMINING WHETHER DIMENSIONS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION EXIST IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Figure 6.17 lays out in table format the ratios to be used in this study. The objectives of federal financial reporting, as listed in SFFAC Number 1 and in Brady's framework, have not been included in Figure 6.17 as it is the intent of this study to attempt to determine empirically the underlying dimensions of financial condition in the federal government.

Ratio Number	Ratio	Ratio Calculation						
1	Budget Authority to Budgetary	Budget Authority						
	Resources	Total Budgetary Resources						
2	Utilization	Total Budgetany Resources - Lipobligated Balance (End)						
_		Total Budgetary Resources						
3	Self-Sufficiency	Forced Payanuas						
		Budget Authority						
4	Total Outlays to Obligations boursed Net	Total Outbace						
	Total Catalys to Congations incurred, Net	Obligations boursed Nat						
5	Compliance/Antideficiency	Obligations Incorrect, Net						
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6	Percentage of Lincovered Liphilities	Total buogetal y Resources						
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· ·	Liabilities to Assets							
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9	Total Liabudes to Net Position	Total Liabilities						
10	Frank Deveryon to	Net Position						
10	Earned Revenues to	Earned Revenues (Assigned & Not Assigned to Programs)						
11	Hitty Assets	Entity Assets						
1 11	Net Cost of Operations to	Net Cost of Operations						
	Appropriations	Appropriations Used						
12	Iotal Cost of Operations to	Total Cost of Operations						
	Total Financing	Non-Exchange Financing + Earned Revenue						
13	Return on Fixed Assets	Net Results of Operations						
		Plant, Property & Equipment						
14	Costs Not Assigned to Programs to	Total Costs Not Assigned to Programs						
	Program Costs	Total Program Costs						
15	Costs Not Assigned to Programs to	Total Costs Not Assigned to Programs						
	Net Cost of Operation	Net Cost of Operations						
16	Return on Net Costs	Net Results of Operations						
		Net Cost of Operations						
17	Return on Appropriated Funds	Net Results of Operations						
		Appropriations Used						
18 Return on Net Worth		Net Results of Operations						
40		Average Net Position						
19	Fixed Assets to Total Assets	Plant, Property & Equipment						
		Total Assets						
20	Fixed Assets to Entity Assets	Pant, Property & Equipment						
		Entity Assets						
21	Fixed Assets to Net Position	Plant, Property & Equipment						
		Net Position						
22	Inventory to Assets	Inventory and Related Property						
		Total Assets						
23	nventory to Entity Assets	Inventory and Related Property						
		Entity Assets						
24 [	Depreciation to Total Costs	Depreciation Expense						
		Total Cost of Operations						
25 0	Capital Investment	Change in Plant, Property & Equipment						
		Total Assets						
26 0	Capital Investment II (Entity)	Change in Plant, Property & Equipment						
		Entity Assets						
27 1	Total Assets Maintenance	Total Assets						
		Appropriations Used						
28 F	Exed Assets Maintenance	Plant, Property & Equipment						
		Appropriations Used						
29  F	Receivables Management	Total Receivables, Net						
		Total Assets						
30 E	Intity Receivables Management	Accounts Receivable, Net (For Entity Use)						
		Entity Assets						
31 N	Ion-Entity Asset Management	Non-Entity Assets						
		Total Assets						

Figure 6.17. Ratios to be Used in this Study.

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# **VII. ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL RATIOS**

The primary objective of this chapter is to present the results of the factor analysis of the computed ratios and to answer the primary and secondary research questions. The chapter will begin by discussing data collection, ratio calculation and procedures used to ensure suitable financial data were used in the factor analysis. A discussion of the factor analysis procedure will include steps involved and an explanation of the concepts behind the outputs to be used in this thesis. Finally, the factor analysis outputs will be interpreted to answer the primary and secondary thesis questions.

# A. DATA AND TIME PERIOD

Financial statement data were collected for the twenty-four executive departments and agencies submitting year-end Accountability Reports. Collection was conducted primarily through the Internet with those not available online being received by mail from the individual agencies. The time period for data was fiscal years 1998 through 2000. The fact that all departments and agencies used different reporting standards prior to 1998 prohibited use of earlier data. Although attempts were made to tie data from pre-1998 statements to the new standards, time and statement availability precluded this effort. Of the 1998 through 2000 statements, seventy of seventy-two reports were gathered. Fiscal year 2000 statements were not received from the Departments of State and Justice. Appendix A displays the line items collected from the gathered statements.

#### **B.** SELECTING RATIOS

As discussed in Chapter VI, the ratio framework used in this study consisted of ratios gathered from Brady's framework [Ref. 8] and ratios developed in conjunction with Belchoff's *Analysis of Changes in Federal Financial Statement Financial Ratios*  [Ref. 34]. Ratios were originally grouped by the first three objectives of federal financial reporting found in SFFAC Number 1: budgetary integrity; operating performance; assessing stewardship. In the analysis performed later in this chapter, these categories were dropped, as the objective of this study is to develop an empirically based framework for understanding financial ratios within the federal government.

It is inevitable that the ratios selected for study will drive and influence the results obtained through factor analysis. "Having too many or too few ratios of a particular type will bias the analysis toward finding or not finding a particular factor or dimension." [Ref. 26:p. 9] Using all the ratios one could think up for a particular data set would ultimately result in the inclusion of meaningless ratios. Additionally, research conducted with Belchoff ensured that Brady's framework was not simply copied, but that ratios were looked at for logical flow and to ensure a balance across different kinds of ratios. The values for the ratios calculated from the data obtained can be found in Appendix B.

# C. DATA TRANSFORMATION

The ratios developed from the gathered data displayed non-normality and were skewed when graphed as a histogram with a normal curve overlaid. Transformation was necessary to ensure that extreme outliers did not drive the results. The first step of transformation was the ordinal ranking of each ratio calculated. Second, the ordinal ranks were normalized. The result of this two-step process ensured the retention of the relative order of ratio values, but removed the extreme values while deleting none.

### D. FACTOR ANALYSIS

The ratio classification schemes developed in this thesis were derived using a statistical procedure called factor analysis, performed in the SPSS for Windows software package. Factor analysis is a technique used to identify factors, or conditions, that

statistically explain the variation and covariation among measures. [Ref. 35:p. 292] The goal of factor analysis is to reduce a large set of overlapping measured variables to a much smaller set of factors in order to define dimensions underlying existing measurements. [Ref. 35:p. 293]

Factor analysis requires two stages, factor extraction and factor rotation. The first stage makes an initial decision about the number of factors underlying the set of measures. The first extracted factor accounts for the largest amount of the variability among the measured variables, the second factor the next most variability, and so on. The variability explained by a factor is called an eigenvalue. The number of factors to extract can be determined either by the absolute value of the eigenvalues or by the relative magnitudes of the eigenvalues. In this study, factors resulting in eigenvalues of one or greater were extracted. An eigenvalue greater than one means the factor explains more variability in the set of ratios than any one ratio explains alone. Second, the factors are rotated to make them more meaningful. This study used the varimax rotational method, or orthogonal rotation.

The rotational step results in factor loadings for the identified factors or dimensions. Factor loadings are correlations between the individual ratios and the dimensions. An analysis of the factor loadings will identify which ratio or ratios are most associated with the given factor.

Communality estimates indicate the amount of the variance in an individual ratio explained by the set of factors. If the communality is high for a given ratio, confidence that the information contained by the variable, or ratio, is reflected by the given set of factors is evident. The underlying assumption of factor analysis is that the measured variables are linearly correlated to the factors. A violation of this assumption would occur if the measured items vary in skewness, hence the reason for normalizing the rankings of the variables.

Factor analysis was conducted on the ratios calculated for all agencies over the three year time period to address the research questions.

# E. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

The first step in the analysis was performed to address the main thesis question of whether dimensions of financial condition exist within the federal government. A factor analysis was conducted on all 31 ratios from all the reporting agencies for 1998-2000 with the exception of fiscal year 2000 for the Departments of State and Justice, whose data were not available at the time of analysis. This resulted in three years of data times 24 agencies less the two agency reports not received for 2000 for a total of 70 observations. All factors with eigenvalues greater than one were extracted, resulting in nine identifiable dimensions. Figure 7.1 provides abbreviations used for the various ratio components. Table 7.1 displays the factor pattern that resulted.

Component	Abbreviation
Accounts Receivable, Entity, Net	TRE
Appropriations Used	AU
Average Net Position	ANP
Budget Authority	BA
Change in Plant, Property and Equipment	CPPE
Depreciation Expense	DE
Entity Assets	EA
Inventory and Related Property	IRP
Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary Resources	LNC
Net Cost of Operations	NCO
Net Position	NP
Net Result of Operations	NRO
Non-Entity Assets	NEA
Obligations Incurred, Net	OIN
Plant, Property and Equipment	PPE
Total Accounts Reveivable, Net	TRN
Total Assets	TA
Total Budgetary Resources	BR
Total Budgetary Resources - Unobligated Balance (End)	BRUBE
Total Cost of Operations	тсо
Total Costs Not Assigned to Programs	TCNA
Total Financing + Earned Revenue	TFER
Total Liabilities	TL
Total Liabilities Less Non-Entity Assets	TLNEA
Total Outlays	то
Total Program Costs	TPC

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Figure 7.1 Ratio Component Abbreviations.

Ratio	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5	Factor 6	Factor 7	Factor 8	Factor 9
PPE_EA	* 0.896	0.023	0.261	0.074	0.137	0.084	-0.114	-0.127	-0.033
IRP_EA	* 0.895	-0.130	-0.122	-0.155	0.016	-0.045	0.126	0.109	-0.145
IRP_TA	* 0.889	-0.140	-0.122	-0.172	-0.009	0.034	0.167	0.051	-0.149
PPE_TA	* 0.885	0.022	0.251	0.063	0.098	0.174	-0.063	-0.183	-0.008
DE_TCO	* 0.863	0.008	0.199	0.215	0.092	0.033	-0.105	0.092	. 0.140
NRO_PPE	-0.140	* 0.848	0.007	0.097	-0.133	0.087	0.038	-0.069	-0.013
NRO_AU	0.046	* 0.836	0.254	-0.001	-0.113	0.039	-0.073	-0.135	0.338
TCO_TFER	0.069	* -0.768	-0.093	0.037	-0.071	0.336	0.345	-0.003	-0.143
NRO_NCO	-0.124	* 0.744	0.020	0.337	-0.200	-0.144	0.129	0.215	-0.074
NRO_ANP	0.205	* 0.565	0.123	0.000	0.027	0.118	0.507	0.194	-0.091
CPPE_TA	0.086	0.198	* 0.918	0.121	0.132	0.116	-0.087	-0.064	-0.039
CPPE_EA	0.094	0.211	* 0.914	0.119	0.162	0.046	-0.110	-0.027	-0.064
TO_OIN	-0.245	0.242	* -0.619	0.126	0.363	-0.097	0.011	0.038	-0.259
OIN_BR	-0.006	0.195	0.066	* 0.852	-0.113	-0.068	0.200	0.034	-0.268
BA_BR	-0.158	0.233	0.006	* 0.764	-0.027	-0.137	0.286	0.002	-0.195
BRUBE_BR	0.324	-0.171	0.174	* 0.724	0.154	-0.026	-0.289	-0.173	-0.055
ER_EA	0.088	-0.064	0.180	0.064	* 0.829	0.246	-0.138	-0.043	-0.034
ER_BA	0.126	-0.242	0.106	-0.084	* 0.763	0.326	-0.166	-0.056	0.258
LNC_TL	0.221	-0.053	-0.048	-0.047	* 0.570	-0.397	0.439	0.185	0.013
TL_TA	0.077	-0.442	-0.229	-0.440	* 0.500	-0.044	0.127	0.204	-0.350
TLNEA_EA	0.065	-0.449	-0.231	-0.442	* 0.481	0.034	0.161	0.148	-0.349
TRE_EA	0.145	-0.032	0.130	-0.083	0.162	* 0.912	0.056	-0.001	0.071
TRN_TA	0.100	-0.028	0.095	-0.109	0.145	* 0.910	0.014	0.032	0.082
NEA_TA	0.283	0.235	0.148	-0.257	0.060	* -0.366	-0.284	0.304	-0.245
TL_NP	-0.156	0.168	0.139	-0.099	-0.068	0.033	* -0.734	0.348	-0.128
NCO_AU	-0.138	0.122	-0.101	0.221	-0.265	0.173	* 0.734	0.201	0.030
PPE_NP	0.322	0.262	0.467	0.184	-0.015	0.108	* -0.540	0.018	0.223
TCNA_NCO	-0.048	-0.026	-0.024	-0.029	0.021	-0.004	0.038	* 0.940	0.085
TCNA_TPC	0.027	-0.013	-0.086	-0.032	0.007	0.005	-0.031	* 0.923	0.139
ea_au	-0.088	0.088	0.018	-0.239	-0.023	0.310	0.156	0.052	* 0.849
TA_AU	-0.107	0.170	-0.004	-0.198	0.088	-0.072	-0.072	0.296	* 0.823
Eigenvalue	5.715	5.421	3.481	2.819	2.593	2.062	1.649	1.336	1.168

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis. Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization. Rotation converged in 12 iterations.

# Table 7.1.Rotated Component Matrix.

In Table 7.1, factors are ordered one through nine from highest to lowest eigenvalues. Eigenvalues, the variance explained by each factor, are listed at the bottom of the table. Each factor uncovers some underlying construct that manifests itself in several different ratios. Factors one and two are dominant factors, displaying a substantially higher eigenvalue than the others. The values in the table are factor loadings, correlations of the particular ratios to the factors, resulting from factor analysis' mechanical statistical exercise. The ratios are listed in order of decreasing loading along each successive factor with an asterisk indicating loadings that tend to be significant to a particular factor. The true meaning comes from observing the loadings, interpreting the relationships between ratios and factors, and labeling each factor in terms of the underlying construct they appear to represent. [Ref. 26:p. 13]

# 1. What are the Fundamental Dimensions of Financial Condition in the Federal Government?

The first five ratios in Table 7.1 load most highly on Factor 1 and contain either plant, property and equipment or inventory and related property in their construction. This first factor is clearly reflecting "Capital Assets." It is interesting to note that the first four ratios (PPE\_EA, IRP\_EA, IRP\_TA, PPE\_TA) are balance sheet ratios, while the fifth (DE\_TCO) is a statement of net cost ratio. The important point is that empirically all of these ratios are highly interrelated. Differences across agencies will be driven by the intensity of capital investment.

Five ratios (NRO\_PPE, NRO\_AU, TCO\_TFER, NRO-NCO, NRO\_ANP) load most heavily on Factor 2. The common element for all five is net result of operations with the factor reflecting most strongly the magnitude of net result of operations relative to other financial terms, most particularly capital assets and appropriations used. This factor is labeled "Net Result of Operations." It should be noted that the FASAB has cautioned against the use of net results of operations as a measure of performance. [Ref. 14:p. 57] This is due to the fact that, because federal agencies are not economically independent by design, some agencies will show positive cumulative results and others, such as the Treasury Department, which issues U.S. Treasury bonds and notes, will show negative balances. Notwithstanding this caution against use as a performance measure, net results of operations can be used as a discriminator.

Factor 3 is fairly unambiguous. Two of the three ratios (CPPE\_TA, CPPE\_EA) incorporate the year-to-year change in plant, property and equipment as it relates to total and entity assets. The third ratio (TO\_OIN) proved more difficult in attempting to tie the ratio relationship to the factor. The negative sign indicates that as the ratio increases in size it has a more negative effect on the factor. It was deduced that as total outlays increase versus net obligations, the unliquidated obligations or accounts payable decrease, thus shifting from a year-to-year change in plant, property and equipment to complete ownership of the capital asset. To use an aircraft carrier as an example, the obligation, under full funding, is incurred up front. Commissioning of the carrier signifies recognition on the balance sheet as a capital asset, although the outlays will continue against construction for up to five additional years. The resulting liquidation of the unliquidated obligation signifies the end of the theoretical year-to-year change in plant, property and equipment for this capital asset. This factor is labeled "Capital Investment."

Factor 4 is also unambiguous. The three ratios (OIN\_BR, BA\_BR, BRUBE\_BR) are most strongly associated with Factor 4 and each involves budgetary resources. All three ratios relate directly to the statement of budgetary resources and provide an indication of the total and non-budgetary resources under the stewardship of a federal entity. Additionally, they indicate the status of budgetary resources by the proportion of

obligations incurred in a particular year against the total budgetary resources. This factor is identified as "Status of Budgetary Resources."

Factor 5 contains five ratios (ER EA, ER BA, LNC TL, TL TA, TLNEA EA) that can be specifically broken down into earned revenues and liabilities. The problem is to identify the relationship of the five ratios as they relate to the factor. The first two ratios (ER EA, ER BA) are more significant to the factor than are the ratios related to liabilities. Research of the literature points to the statement of net cost as the most significant of the required entity financial statements. [Ref 5:p. 188] Unless specifically authorized by Congress, most federal departments and agencies do not have the authority or responsibility for earning revenues and fees for goods and services provided. FASAB views the statement of net cost as specifically meeting the federal financial objective of providing information that helps the various users of financial statements determine the costs, and offsetting exchange revenues earned, for providing specific programs and services. [Ref 5:p. 188] The statement displays the total costs less all revenues attributed to a program and permitted to be offset against program costs, allowing the reader to view how an entity is able to earn revenue and therefore rely less on sources other than exchange revenues such as appropriations, taxes, etc., to offset the costs of programs and activities.

The latter three ratios (LNC\_TL, TL\_TA, TLNEA\_EA), while having a less significant effect on the factor, reflect the entity's reliance on earned revenues as liabilities increase, whether the liabilities are covered by budgetary resources or not. The relationship between the capability of earning revenues and incurred operating liabilities is an indicator of an entity's self-sufficiency or non-reliance entirely on appropriated funding. This factor is identified as "Earned Revenues."

Factor 6 is fairly straightforward. Two of the three ratios (TRE\_EA, TRN\_TA) identify with accounts receivable from a total and entity position. The third ratio (NEA\_TA) focuses the factor specifically to entity receivables by negatively relating the proportion of non-entity assets to total assets to the factor. Thus, this factor is labeled "Entity Receivables Intensity."

Factor 7 proved the most difficult to analyze. While further research is required to determine the underlying construct that manifests itself in the ratios included, an attempt is made here to decipher the relationship of the ratios to the factor. The following explanation draws on research conducted from the *Federal Accounting Handbook: Policies, Standards, Procedures, Practices.* [Ref. 5] Also of note is the fact that the ratio loadings of the two ratios of significance to the factor are the lowest loadings of any significant ratio to a particular factor.

The two most significant ratios under this factor (TL\_NP, NCO\_AU) loaded with the same significance, but their effects on the factor as the ratios increased in magnitude were opposite. The first ratio (TL\_NP) has a negative relationship to the factor as the ratio grows larger. The relationship of total liabilities to net position, using the accounting equation assets equal liabilities plus net position, would indicate that as total liabilities increase in relation to net position, the net position of the entity would decrease even to the point of being negative. Tying this relationship to the factor would indicate net position in the underlying construct. But the second ratio (NCO\_AU) has a positive relationship to the factor. Logically, as net cost of operations increases as a percentage of appropriations used, net results of operations and net position should become more negative. But the positive factor loading suggests a positive relationship between the ratio and net position. Thus, the empirical relationships observed are difficult to reconcile. A possible explanation rests on the components of net position. Research reveals net position consists of three items:

- Unexpended appropriations appropriations not yet obligated/expended and undelivered orders. [Ref. 5:p. 187]
- Cumulative results of operations amounts accumulated over the years by an entity from financing sources less expenses and losses. [Ref. 5:p. 187]
- Residual balance appropriated capital provided by Congress; invested capitalized assets or expended appropriations for purchased goods or property. [Ref. 5:p. 187]

With these definitions in mind, it can be argued that the two ratios (TL\_NP,

NCO\_AU) may be related to unexpended appropriations as a proportion of net position. Regarding the first ratio (TL\_NP), as total liabilities increases in proportion to net position, a decrease in the amount of unexpended appropriations results due to additional obligations incurred. The result, even if net position remains the same due to increases in other sources of financing or plant, property and equipment, is a decrease in the proportion of unexpended appropriations to net position.

Regarding the second ratio (NCO\_AU), as net cost of operations increases in proportion to appropriations used, a greater reliance on other sources of financing is created, thereby reducing the net results of operations and the cumulative results portion of net position. The result, due to the decrease in the cumulative results of operations

portion of net position, is an increase in the proportion of unexpended appropriations comprising net position.

The third ratio associated with this factor (PPE\_NP), although not as significant as the previous two, additionally relates to the proportion of unexpended appropriations to net position. If net position remained the same for a given fiscal year, but unexpended appropriations were used to procure plant, property and equipment, the proportion of net position made up of unexpended appropriations would decrease. This would agree with the negative relationship of the ratio (PPE\_NP) to the factor. Using this line of reasoning, the factor is labeled, "Unexpended Appropriations." As stated at the beginning of the discussion on Factor 7, this relationship requires further research and deliberation.

Factor 8 contains only two ratios (TCNA\_NCO, TCNA\_TPC), but both are significantly related to the factor. Note that in Table 7-1 these two ratios were the highest correlated ratios to a particular factor. Costs not assigned to programs consist of management costs not attributable, allocable or assignable on a cause and effect basis to programs but nonetheless necessary for performing programs and activities. Per FASAB, these high level general management and administrative support costs are not to be buried in the reporting entity's programs or organizational costs and thus are given their own category, costs not assigned to programs, for separate identification and display. [Ref. 5:p. 190] The two ratios compare these costs not assigned as a percentage of net cost of operations and total program costs. This factor is labeled "Costs Not Assigned."

Of interest is the fact that during data collection, twenty-four of the seventy statements of net cost recorded zero costs not assigned to programs, indicating either no

costs that could not be attributed, allocated or assigned to entity programs or the fact that the costs have been buried in the programs and activities. The differing interpretation of accounting concepts by the various agencies and departments may account for this.

The two ratios (EA\_AU, TA\_AU) relating to Factor 9 positively affect the factor as entity or total assets increase in magnitude to appropriations used. As assets increase, the maintenance of those assets, whether replenishing operating inventories or performing upkeep of capital assets, requires increased appropriations. Thus, this factor indicates the amount of appropriations required to maintain working inventories and capital assets. This factor is labeled "Asset Maintenance."

Table 7.2 displays the communality estimates for the ratios, which measures the proportion of each ratio's variance that is explained by the nine factors collectively.

Collectively, the communality estimates total 26.25, indicating that the factors explain 85 percent (26.25/31) of the variance in the 31 ratios. Two ratios (NEA\_TA, NRO\_ANP) appear to contain some information not fully incorporated in the nine dimensions of financial condition explained. If the factor analysis procedure were permitted to extract additional factors, these two ratios would most likely load more heavily on the additional factors. But these additional factors have eigenvalues less than one, implying less information in the factors than in the ratios themselves. In short, the finding is that the nine factors reflect well the information, variance, contained in the full set of ratios. The findings to this point are:

- There are nine fundamental conditions of financial condition that underlie financial ratios within the federal government.
- Individual ratios tend to be associated with specific dimensions.

- The dimensions reflect well the information contained in the larger set of ratios.
- The dimensions are generally interpretable in terms of understandable federal financial accounting concepts such as capital intensity, net results of operations, budgetary resourcing, etc.

What ratios are most representative of the fundamental dimensions of financial

condition?

Communalities							
	Extraction						
BA_BR	0.803						
BRUBE_BR	0.830						
ER_BA	0.878						
TO_OIN	0.729						
OIN_BR	0.898						
LNC_TL	0.766						
TL_TA	0.879						
TLNEA_EA	0.855						
TL_NP	0.764						
ER_EA	0.818						
NCO_AU	0.773						
TCO_TFER	0.862						
NRO_PPE	0.780						
TCNA_TPC	0.882						
TCNA_NCO	0.898						
NRO_NCO	0.812						
NRO_AU	0.918						
NRO_ANP	0.694						
PPE_TA	0.928						
PPE_EA	0.932						
PPE_NP	0.777						
IRP_TA	0.909						
IRP_EA	0.907						
DE_ICO	0.880						
	0.949						
	0.947						
	0.803						
	0.910						
	0.009						
	0.513						
Final Communality Estimates	26 245						
Percentage of 31 Ratios	0.847						
Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis							
Extraction method. Enhoped Component Analysis.							

Table 7.2Communality Estimates.

This question can also be answered from the factor pattern in Table 7.1. Ratios with high loadings on a factor are most highly correlated with, and hence representative of, the factor. If several highly correlated ratios load approximately the same on a given factor, each could be a candidate for representation. Selecting the highest loading ratios to their particular factors from Table 7.1 results in the ratios contained in Figure 7.2.

Factor	Dimension	Ratio(s)	Common Name
1	Capital Assets	PPE_TA	Plant, Property and Equipment to
			Entity Assets
2	Net Results of Operations	NRO_PPE	Net Results of Operations to
			Plant, Property and Equipment
3	Capital Investment	CPPE_TA	Change in Plant, Property and Equipment to
			Total Assets
4	Status of Budgetary Resources	OIN_BR	Obligations Incurred, Net to
			Budgetary Resources
5	Earned Revenues	ER_EA	Earned Revenue to Entity Assets
6	Entity Receivables Intensity	TRE_EA	Total Receivables, Entity to Entity Assets
7	Unexpended Appropriations	TL_NP	Total Liabilities to Net Position
8	Costs Not Assigned to Programs	TCNA_NCO	Total Costs Not Assigned to Programs to
			Net Cost of Operations
9	Asset Maintenance	EA_AU	Entity Assets to Appropriations Used

Figure 7.2. Ratios Most Representative of Fundamental Dimensions of Financial Condition in the Federal Government.

# 2. How Many Ratios Should be Considered when Conducting an Analysis?

There are dozens of ratios that can be computed from a single set of financial statements. The key is to find the ones that are helpful in a given situation. When conducting an analysis, the particular type of investigation being made should drive which, and how many, ratios should be calculated and examined. The findings of this thesis are that within the nine factors determined, the nine ratios in Figure 7-2 provide representation of the entire set of factors. If the goal is to conduct a complete analysis of a set of federal financial statements, the nine may be used or act as a guide to development of further ratios. But, if the intention is to look only at a particular area such as receivables or net results of operations, then only those ratios representative of the factor being examined should be used for analysis or further ratio development. The

type of analysis will determine the number of ratios to use. The number of ratios provided to or included by a user of financial statement information should be kept to a minimum. Note that the findings in this thesis indicate nine ratios representative of the fundamental dimensions of financial condition derived from a framework of thirty-one ratios. Further studies could develop ratios in addition to the ones discussed in this thesis. This thesis provides dimensions to be considered when developing an analysis of federal financial statements.

#### 3. Which Ratios Should be Considered?

As stated in the previous paragraph, the ratios to be considered in conducting an analysis of federal financial statements are dependent on the breadth and scope of the analysis in question. Figure 7.2 lists the ratios that may be considered when developing or conducting an analysis of federal financial statements.

#### 4. How are Financial Ratios Interrelated?

Financial ratios should be logically interrelated. While certain "psuedo" ratios may be mathematically related to real ratios, they may not measure any underlying business realities. While ratios are often classified into various groups, which presumably show the connections among the ratios, the empirical approach using factor analysis provides a testing of the relationships and grounds the pattern in real world data. Although factor analysis does not solve all the problems and questions in an exploration of this type, it is more defensible than ad hoc groupings. The discussion of the interrelationships of the highly correlated ratios to the respective factors under the primary thesis question describes the interrelationship of the ratios to underlying constructs.

# 5. Which Ratios are Redundant?

The analysis of Brady's framework and the additional ratios developed through literature research attempted to avoid redundant ratios. Redundant ratios do not follow the maxim that users of financial statement information should keep the number of ratios to a minimum. The inclusion of ratios which measured a financial term against apparently like items such as entity assets and total assets was to attempt to better identify the underlying constructs. The results of the factor analysis indicate that the degree of difference is not significant and that two ratios measuring an item against entity assets or liabilities and total assets or liabilities are basically redundant. In the case where this is apparent, the ratio that loads more heavily on a particular factor was used.

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# **VIII. CONCLUSIONS**

The results and interpretation of factor-analyzed ratios pertaining to federal financial statements suggest the following:

- Dimensions: There are nine fundamental dimensions of financial condition that underlie the numerous financial ratios that can be calculated from federal government financial statements. The dimensions are comprehensive in that they reflect the information, the variance, existing in the larger set of framework ratios. The specific dimensions are individually unique in that they are conceptually and statistically distinct from one another.
- Representative Ratios: Individual ratios can be selected to represent or measure each dimension. These ratios coincide well, both conceptually and statistically, with the basic dimensions.

By themselves, the nine financial dimensions can provide a framework for organizing a financial analysis of federal financial statements or further research focusing on the financial condition within federal agencies. While financial analysis is performed at numerous and diverse entities within the government, the implied meaning of the taxonomy resulting from this thesis is that there are ratios that are functionally similar to one another. An analysis of federal financial statements might use this taxonomy as an organizing framework for selecting a set of ratios that is both comprehensive and sufficient. The identification of these fundamental dimensions of financial condition can lead to a more efficient utilization of ratio information.

In summary, the performance of financial statement analysis in the federal government and future research into the emerging discipline of federal financial accounting can benefit from an understanding of the basic dimensions underlying financial ratios and the organizing framework implied by those dimensions. THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

# APPENDIX A. FEDERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATA

Appendix A contains the line item data for individual federal financial statements. Data is arranged by department or agency and for each of the three years collected.

		Budgetary Authority	Total Budgetary	Earned Revenue	Totai Outlays	Obligations incurred	Obligations Incurred,	BA Unobligated
Agency	Year							
Department of Defense	1998	320,933,439.000	604,036,800,000	37,105,478,000	310,399,478,000	423,049,039,000	306,451,473,000	173,385,002,000
Department of Defense	1999	334,004,300,000	628,451,600,000	32,478,600,000	310,985,100,000	433,068,000,000	315,968,200,000	183.463.800.000
Department of Defense	2000	353,856,000,000	655,072,800,000	27.411,400,000	336,630,200,000	454,062,000,000	337,300,900,000	192,551,900,000
Department of Energy	1998	17,439,000,000	24,553,000,000	5.640.000.000	17.027.000.000	21,921,000,000	17, 199,000,000	2 923 000 000
Department of Energy	1999	18,558,000,000	25,630,000,000	5,715,000,000	17,184,000,000	22 488 000 000	17 558 000 000	2 719 000 000
Department of Energy	2000	19,956,000,000	27.063.000.000	6.465.000.000	17.487.000.000	23 840 000 000	17 906 000 000	3,476,000,000
Department of Justice	1998	18 926 937 000	25 917 006 000	2 314 942 000	16 499 404 000	22 220 747 000	19,405,690,000	3,970,000,000
Department of Justice	1999	19 719 497 000	27 847 525 000	2 497 377 000	18 704 141 000	25,270,747,000	20 207 522 000	3,000,009,000
Department of thistice	2000	10,110,401,000	27,047,020,000	2,457,377,000	10.704.141.000	23,023,808,000	20,307,532,000	3,024,045,000
Department of Transury	1002	202 007 000 000	445 226 000 000	B 753 000 000	207 540 000 000			
Department of Treasury	1000	333,057,000,000	340,230,000,000	9,753,000,000	387,548,000,000	397,514,000,000	387,782,000,000	42,535,000,000
Department of Treasury	2000	320,313,000,000	509,000,000	11,368,000,000	314,914,000,000	324,108,000,000	314,327,000,000	43,430,000,000
Endered Empression Measurement Among	2000	391,309,000,000	365,429,000,000	10.859,000,000	388,109,000,000	517,945,000,000	385,343.000,000	52,404,000,000
Federal Energency Management Agency	1590	2.000,679,000	9,165,733,000	1,335,796.000	2,235.137,000	6.023,962,000	3,935,194,000	4,595,901.000
receral Emergency Management Agency	1888	3,300,581,000	8,345.923,000	1.479,992,000	4,092,291,000	6,508,398.000	4,125.071.000	3.052,320,000
rederal Emergency Management Agency	2000	4,500,095,000	6,607,725,000	1,565,597,000	3,067,776,000	4.653,800,000	2,462,379,000	1,810,137,000
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998	481,125,000	525,299,063	462,337,607	496,441,447	490,118,464	475,314,794	29,370,393
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999	472,776,847	520,202,459	445,026,325	482,244,360	486,308,618	474,063,605	35,180,599
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000	471,975,231	515,910,686	463,037,988	483,943,370	485,533,580	471,404,965	29,893,840
Department of Commerce	1998	4,428,846,000	6,644,849,000	1,457,555,000	4,222,580,000	6,048,285,000	4,342,286,000	621,487,000
Department of Commerce	1999	5,538,341,000	8,300,426,000	1,578,729,000	5,165,876,000	7.699.273.000	5.377.841.000	660 624 000
Department of Commerce	2000	8,977,134,000	12,114,185,000	1,620,654,000	7,953,681,000	10 797 490 000	8 328 541 000	974 550 000
Department of Health and Human Services	1998	452,367,000,000	629,762,000,000	22 412 000 000	435 648 000 000	453 678 000 000	443 153 000 000	167 038 000 000
Department of Health and Human Services	1999	484 689 000 000	483 643 000 000	23 731 000 000	451 783 000 000	470 749 000 000	480 952 000 000	178 537,000,000
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	521 265 000 000	509 270 000 000	48.096.000.000	480 972 000 000	408 872 000 000	400,532,000,000	12 845 000,000
Department of Labor	1008	42 367 268 000	107 511 777 000	3 300 388 000	31 505 374 000	480,072,000,000	490,200,000,000	12,615,000,000
Department of Labor	1000	12 216 162 000	116 622 014 000	2,350,333,000	31,396,371,000	35,323,381,000	33,291,066,000	63,2/9,611,000
Department of Lebor	2000	42,313,103,000	20 050 740 000	2,421,693,000	33,367.341,000	36,964,273,000	34,731,568,000	72,188,395.000
Department of Veterana Affaire	2000	40,109,628,000	36,956,718,000	2,526,133,000	32,654,192.000	34,401,603,000	32,311,026,000	3,450,786,000
Department of Veterans Arrans	1990	45,109,000,000	71,128,000,000	3,663,000,000	42,209,000,000	51,094,000,000	42,631,000,000	21,007,000,000
Department of Veterans Attains	1999	47,609,000,000	75.695.000,000	3,745,000,000	44,619,000.000	54,250,000,000	44,382,000,000	20.034.000,000
Department or Veterans Attains	2000	48,667,000,000	78,569,000,000	4,260,000,000	48,380,000,000	57,455,000,000	46,560,000,000	21,446,000,000
General Services Administration	1998	419,000.000	17,193,000,000	12,117,000,000	1,205,000.000	13,827,000,000	-9,000,000	3,129,000,000
General Services Administration	1999	460,000,000	19,249,000,000	13,566,000,000	-67,000,000	15,684,000,000	992,000,000	4,395,000,000
General Services Administration	2000	210.000,000	20,171,000,000	14,673,000,000	117,000,000	16,072,000,000	-548,000,000	3,769,000,000
Office of Personnel Management	1998	76,513,064,000	87,186,418,000	66.674,187,000	46,400,392,000	62,358,789,000	46,612,518,000	23,792,539,000
Office of Personnel Management	1999	78,743,747,000	90,219,102,000	69,727,041,000	47.571.110.000	64.678.178.000	47,749,501,000	24 552 056 000
Office of Personnel Management	2000	76,136,000,000	93,298,000,000	72,692,000,000	48,910,000,000	67,295,000,000	49,207,000,000	24 541 000 000
Department of Agriculture	1998	75.016.855.000	105,777,004,000	9.059.970.000	57,562,213,000	80 127 584 000	57 805 817 000	25 183 525 000
Department of Agriculture	1999	89.528.000.000	120.095.000.000	8 182 000 000	65 986 000 000	96,339,000,000	70 776 000 000	25 635 000 000
Department of Agriculture	2000	142 425 000 000	130 536 000 000	10 139 000 000	78 824 000 000	105 923 000 000	78 754 000 000	25,000,000
Department of Housing and Lithan Development	1998	32 607 000 000	87 718 000 000	4 874 000 000	34 171 000 000	43 154 000 000	75,754,000,000	20,449,000,000
Department of Housing and Lithan Development	1999	34 252 000 000	97 080 000 000	3 960 000 000	35 376 000 000	43,454,000,000	20,237,000,000	44.655.000,000
Department of Housing and Lithen Development	2000	27 842 000 000	85 633 000 000	4 000 000 000	30,378,000,000	52,257,000,000	29,100,000,000	44,175,000,000
Department of State	1002	6 222 501 000	9 335 588 000	4,930,000,000	30,060,000,000	41,328,000,000	25,045,000,000	44,783,000,000
Department of State	1000	0,020,001,000	8,333,366,000	2,386,607,000	5,059,258,000	7,400,865,000	5,349,518,000	670,240,000
Department of State	1999	9.211,767,000	11,331,671,000	2,390,870,000	6,251,902,000	9,187,574,000	6.915,587,000	934,723,000
Department or State	2000							
Agency for International Development	1998	6,368,000,000	8,602,000,000	52,000,000	5,028,000,000	6.805,000,000	5,104,000,000	1,841,000,000
Agency for International Development	1999	7,282,922.000	9,255,159,000	62,389,000	5,073,430,000	7,434,832,000	5,938.924,000	1,789,481,000
Agency for International Development	2000	6.823,903,000	10,025,736,000	72.208.000	5,542,976,000	6,928,676,000	5,631,066,000	1,957,279,000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998	13,649,576,000	15.319.585,000	715,407,000	14,206,207,000	14,254,346,000	13,624,300,000	1.067.624.000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	13,661,697,000	15,430,500,000	817,810,000	13,663,716,000	14,566,158,000	13,816,565,000	1.065.239.000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	2000	13,654,160,000	15,184,571,000	738,499,000	13,441,625,000	14,484,100,000	13,688,424,000	864,342,000
Small Business Administration	1998	1,674,109,000	11,319,954,000	11,074,000	1.059.939.000	4.667.379.000	2.350.414.000	6,756,285,000
Smoll Business Administration	1999	2,102,709,000	11,264,500,000	921.694.000	912,788,000	4 223 297 000	737 588 000	8 699 756 000
Small Business Administration	2000	1,798,545,000	11.821.445.000	877, 165,000	704 258 000	5 334 535 000	1 144 417 000	7 019 593 000
Department of Education	1998	49.411.474.000	70.618.783.000	2 953 254 000	42 295 789 000	57 982 189 000	47 414 991 000	12 732 505 000
Department of Education	1999	55 549 967 000	79 055 756 000	4 079 317 000	15 215 251 000	85 705 763 000	47 772 728 000	12,732,353,000
Department of Education	2000	56 900 834 000	81 267 691 000	5 085 448 000	49 609 066 000	74 707 704 000	50 704 F08 000	12,769,901,000
Department of the interior	1968	9 896 380 000	15 090 417 000	1 802 230 000	8,000,500,000	14.107.104.000	32,797,308,000	13,064,271.000
Department of the Interior	1000	10 259 314 000	10,000,417,000	1.093,339,000	8,902,327,000	11,437,920.000	9,157,321,000	2.643,392,000
Department of the Interior	2000	14 265 676 000	10,139,420,000	2,344.274.000	10.049,766,000	13,296,818,000	10,274,681,000	3,483,856,000
Department of Transportation	1000	11,303,070,000 E1 175 157 000	17.007.178,000	199,532,000	10,915,280,000	13,985,886,000	11,266,288,000	3,328,358,000
Department of Transportation	1993	31,1/5,15/,000	63,271,335,000	927,194,000	39.511,362,000	48,122,245,000	40.378,077,000	47,614,843,000
Department of Transportation	1999	56,947,478,000	68,750,019,000	1,003,492,000	42,323,647,000	56,699,081,000	46.471,001,000	58,556,607,000
Leparament of Transportation	2000	55,921,466,000	82,485,447,000	936,158,000	48,469,457,000	59,527,412,000	51,301,039,000	69,009,674,000
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	7,564,593,000	10,507,502,000	680,258,000	6,911,608,000	8,088,093,000	7,725,996,000	2,753,665,000
Environmental Protection Agency	1999	7,858,601,000	10,552,557,000	901,203,000	7,355,104,000	8,395,010,000	7,641,068,000	2,419,409,000
Environmental Protection Agency	2000	8,266,476,000	11,084,698,000	381,984,000	8,128,852,000	8,860,002,000	8,114,992,000	2 157 547 000
National Science Foundation	1998	3,477,304,000	3,707.526,000	92,358,000	3,207,018,000	3,555,993,000	3,382,550,000	74,400,000
National Science Foundation	1999	3.739,026,000	4,021,182,000	73,193.000	3,268,839,000	3,833,575,000	3.684.735.000	151,471,000
National Science Foundation	2000	4,001,238,000	4,324,228,000	84,216,000	3,487,391,000	4.077.152.000	3,915,080,000	187 607 000
Social Security Administration	1998	510,836,000,000	1,107,904,000,000	3,184,000,000	412.547.000.000	416 963 000 000	413 901 000 000	591 399 000 000
Social Security Administration	1999	548 228 000 000	427 263 000 000	3 467 000 000	423 640 000 000	436 018 000 000	472 582 000 000	000,000
Recial Security Adminustration	2000	507 000 000 000	452 400 000 000	3,407,000,000			-23,363,000,000	231,000,000

		BA Unobligated	Total Liabilities Not				
		Balances - End of	Covered by Budgetary				Net Cost of
		Period	Resources	Total Liabilities	Total Assets	Entity Assets	Operations
Agency	Year						
Department of Defense	1998	187.866.968.000	771,361,413,000	948,517,121,000	591,194,479,000	589,718,158,000	280,266.330,000
Department of Defense	1999	201,499,900,000	810,584,100,000	998,949,500.000	598,980,900,000	596,318,600,000	377,864.600,000
Department of Defense	2000	209,107,000,000	803,891,600,000	1,002,752,400,000	616,734,800,000	612,366,400,000	347,473.500,000
Department of Energy	1998	3,163,000,000	193,933,000,000	230,258,000.000	97,930,000,000	97,930,000,000	21,012,000,000
Department of Energy	1999	3,719,000,000	237,771,000,000	276,005,000,000	97,769,000,000	97,769,000,000	32,199,000,000
Department of Energy	2000	5,526,000,000	275,685,000,000	283,751,000,000	100,930,000,000	100,930,000,000	23,182,000,000
Department of Listice	1998	4,091,926,000	1,609,611,000	6,594,430,000	24,947,469,000	23,817,296.000	17,178,873,000
Department of Justice	1999	3.036.810.000	1,891,216,000	5,986,413,000	26,082,078,000	24,910,389,000	18,954,028,000
Department of Justice	2000	0					
Department of Tressury	1998	47.850.000.000	5.486.278.000.000	5,617,263,000,000	5,696,351,000,000	157,668,000,000	13,080,000,000
Department of Treasury	1999	49.616.000.000	5,637,099,000,000	5,686,324,000,000	5,793,702,000,000	177,136.000,000	10,637,000,000
Department of Treasury	2000	58.370.000.000	5,685,183,000,000	6,041,170,000,000	6,127,504,000,000	155,625,000,000	12,426,000,000
Enderal Emiraneu Management Agencu	1998	3 527 586 000	13.422.000	2,325,673,000	9,786,646,000	9,786,646,000	2,603,392,000
Enderal Emergency Management Anency	1999	2 227 830 000	45,904,000	2,610,287,000	8,530,153,000	8,530,153,000	4,423,926,000
Federal Emergency Management & Gency	2000	3 847 853 000	21,520,000	2,374,521,000	9,235,892,000	9,235,892,000	2,957,925,000
Nuclear Degulatory Commission	1998	35,180,599	32,454,450	109,601,918	235,366,939	235,330,333	46,838,891
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1000	33 893 841	30 454 297	113,267,799	229,821,091	229,777,329	58,313,054
Noclear Regulatory Contribution	2000	30 464 106	35 377 559	129,775,154	225,926,430	225,712,254	47,691,376
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1009	708 047 000	930 063 000	2 258 822 000	8,949,262,000	8,821,444,000	4,108,533,000
Department of Commerce	1000	821 124 000	815 552 000	2 498 611 000	9 398 585 000	9,272,119,000	5,080,130.000
Department of Commerce	1999	621,124,000	960 161 000	2,450,071,000	10 591 628 000	10 462 835 000	8.384.770.000
Department of Commerce	2000	1,623,143,000	CC0 000 000	47 102 000 000	225 289 000 000	233 999 000 000	346 633 000 000
Department of Health and Human Services	1998	1/6,252,000,000	5,063,000,000	47,102,000,000	233,203,000,000	271 528 000 000	358 435 000 000
Department of Health and Human Services	1999	200,274,000,000	5,394,000,000	47,407,000,000	2/1.034.000,000	212,522,000,000	385 481 000 000
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	43,872,000,000	6,393,000,000	46,957,000,000	312,637,000,000	312,333,000,000	24 228 040 000
Department of Labor	1998	72,355,813,000	6,902,419,000	7,976,839.000	86,584,317,000	86,412,419,000	31,238,910,000
Department of Labor	1999	79,771,990,000	6,512,612,000	8,240,254,000	95,827,570,000	95,609,485,000	32,554,880,000
Department of Labor	2000	11,249,388,000	7,130,950,000	9,200,592,000	103,157,845,000	102,905,528,000	32,855,677,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	1998	23,485,000,000	581,384,000,000	609,482,000,000	46,318,000,000	45,111,000,000	152,383,000,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	1999	23,261,000,000	486,443,000,000	517,011,000,000	48,851,000,000	47,029.000.000	-51,118,000,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000	23,553,000,000	549,736,000,000	576,150,000,000	43,956,000,000	43,909,000,000	107.310,000,000
General Services Administration	1998	3,557,000,000	921,000,000	5,722,000,000	20,080,000,000	19,944,000,000	-38,000,000
General Services Administration	1999	3,863,000,000	871,000.000	5,692,000,000	21,353,000,000	21,250,000,000	-536,000,000
General Services Administration	2000	4,527,000,000	974.000,000	6,051,000,000	22,198,000,000	22,102,000,000	-208,000,000
Office of Personnel Management	1998	53,693,085,000	1,157,494,248,000	1,164,337,506,000	468,079,165,000	519 645 469 000	24 475 719 000
Office of Personnel Management	1999	55,545,302,000	1,167,163,073,000	1 255 549 000 000	552 121,000,000	552,121,000,000	55,563,000,000
Office of Personnel Management	1998	42,394,563,000	1.679.277.000	107,598,214,000	121,724,521,000	120,969,850,000	56,620,642,000
Department of Agriculture	1999	44,387,000,000	3,439,000,000	117,230,000,000	118,434,000,000	117,915,000,000	64,036,000,000
Department of Agriculture	2000	90,120,000,000	3,926,000,000	115,899,000,000	124,412,000,000	124,179,000,000	75,034,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1998	52,223,000,000	10.218.000.000	35,157,000,000	111,463,000,000	110,740,000,000	27 075 000 000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999	49,261,000,000	9,207,000,000	32,937,000,000	107,870,000,000	105 904 000 000	32,644,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000	47,550,000,000	3 115 481 000	13 202 004 000	17.553.876.000	17,494,740,000	3,913,044,000
Department of State	1999	3.230.923.000	3.006.436.000	13,764,425,000	20,680,765,000	20,658,206,000	5,021,284,000
Department of State	2000	0					
Agency for International Development	1998	3,105.000.000	417,121,000	9,436,250,000	18.122.000.000	18,122,000,000	6,587,000.000
Agency for International Development	1999	3,133,479,000	489,481,000	9,406,164.000	19,170,642,000	19,048,572,000	6,249,323,000
Agency for International Development	2000	3,150,116,000	504,560,000	9,305,391,000	19,261,252,000	30 078 414 000	14 132 260 000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998	1,092,900,000	1 257 084 000	4 631 562 000	32 110 085 000	32,106,641,000	11,438,816,000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	832 078 000	1 293 392 000	4,438,156,000	34,504,593,000	34,497.893.000	11.080,319,000
Small Pusinees Administration	1998	6 079 980 000	43,899,000	15,886,667,000	15,911,079,000	15,911,079,000	655,996,000
Small Business Administration	1999	8,064,877,000	44,083,000	15,780,392,000	16,168,711,000	16,168,711,000	514,946,000
Small Business Administration	2000	7,673,721,000	1,146,494,000	16,180,989,000	16,120,216,000	16,120,216,000	635.425.000
Department of Education	1998	14,729,078,000	31,503,000	50,517,568,000	88,855,695,000	87,008,815,000	34,155,934,000
Department of Education	1999	20,616,190,000	108,286,000	74,720,060.000	105,701,041,000	103,854,161,000	35,548,414,000
Department of Education	2000	17,973,599,000	294,995,000	92,399,780,000	118,998,536,000	115,/05,/22,000	8 304 124 000
Department of the Interior	1998	3,382,451,000	1,600,415,000	10,591,533,000	50,449,569,000	45,312,911,000	-9 242 982 000
Department of the Interior	1999	3,468,489,000	1,583,408,000	10,004,001,000	40 075 071 000	47 088 346 000	10 080 263 000
Department of the Interior	2000	3,427,746,000	2,040,103,000	37 201 596 000	65 680 346 000	64 724 576 000	41.046.042.000
Department of Transportation	1990	69 033 084 000	24 159 762 000	29.640.810.000	76.229.174.000	75,051,048 000	42 457,423,000
Department of Transportation	2000	73.630.101.000	24,872,982,000	31,695,477,000	84,554,825,000	83,395,217 000	47,025 870 000
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	2,592.262.000	175,586,000	1,574,168,000	17,823,530,000	17,823,530 000	6 149 632 000
Environmental Protection Agency	1999	2,636,942,000	124,608,000	1,927,447,000	17,982,249,000	17,979,993 000	6 835 689 000
Environmental Protection Agency	2000	2,309,031,000	156,353,000	1,948,219.000	18,032,519,000	18,025 451 000	7 488 449,000
National Science Foundation	1998	169,154,000	10,374,000	224,949,000	4,105,049,000	4,105 049 000	3,256,421,000
National Science Foundation	1999	205,762,000	11,2/2,000	332,430,000	4,572,990,000	5,103 756 000	3 496 510 000
National Science Foundation	2000 1998	∠r3,/65,000 691 334 000 000	3 214 000 000	43 651.000.000	748,350,000,000	746,702 000 000	408 115 000 000
Social Security Administration	1999	124.876.000.000	3,553,000,000	44,130,000,000	874,857,000,000	873.019 000 000	418 597 000 000
Social Security Administration	2000	150,019,000,000	3,614,000,000	46,104,000,000	1,029,235,000,000	1,027,401 000 000	442 82* 000 000
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		Total Financing	General PP&E	Operations	Assigned to Programs	Total Program Cost	Net Position
Agency	Year						
Department of Defense	1998	280,522,560,000	126,219,193,000	256,230,000	0	317.371 808.000	-357 322 642 000
Department of Defense	1999	303.004.200.000	119.337.800.000	-74,860,400,000	Ō	410 343 200 000	-399 968 600 000
Department of Defense	2000	321,405,600,000	112,520,400,000	-26 067 900 000	ō	374 884 900 000	-386 017 600 000
Department of Energy	1998	13.376.000.000	19 840 000 000	-7 636 000 000	13 049 000 000	16 091 000 000	-132 328 000 000
Department of Energy	1999	17 352 000 000	18 501 000 000	-14 739 000 000	21 768 000 000	16 158 000 000	-179 226,000,000
Department of Energy	2000	18 178 000 000	18 556 000 000	-5 004 000 000	11 136 000 000	18 511 000 000	493 934 000,000
Department of Justice	1998	17 781 049 000	4 929 081 000	602 176 000	32 304 000	20 615 061 000	19 252 010 000
Department of Justice	1000	19 963 751 000	5 282 695 000	1 000 700 000	52,504,000	20,615,961,000	10,353,039,000
Department of Justice	2000	10,000,101,000	5,202,005,000	1,005,725.000	3,971,000	22,980,884,000	20,090,660,000
Department of Treasury	1008	387 743 000 000	1 461 000 000	2 240 000 000	4 002 000 000	04 355 000 000	70 000 000 000
Department of Treasury	1000	271 577 000 000	2 558 000 000	5,319,000,000	1,093,000,000	21,355,000,000	79,088,000,000
Department of Treasury	2000	369 673 000 000	2,000,000,000	5,300,000,000	612,000,000	20,074,000,000	107,304,000,000
Enderal Emprovement A consul	1000	355,673,000,000	2,790,000,000	-6,299,000,000	944,000,000	20,283,000,000	106,314,000,000
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1990	2,557,703,000	24.576.000	45,689,000	0	3.939,188,000	7,460,973,000
Enderal Emergency Management Agency	1999	4,449,119,000	29,547,000	25,193,000	U	5,903,918,000	5,919,866,000
Nuclear Deputation Complexity	2000	3,000,570,000	27,572,000	648,651,000	0	4,523,622,000	6,861,371,000
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998	55,477,442	39,432,602	6,638,551	0	511,176,498	125,765,021
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999	61,8/4,1/6	40,471,198	3,561,122	0	503,339,736	116,553,292
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000	42,153,145	41,853,364	-5,538,231	0	510,729,364	96,151,276
Department of Commerce	1998	4.400,075,000	3,868,550,000	291,542,000	3,289,000	5,562,799,000	6,690.440,000
Department of Commerce	1999	5,334,885,000	4.082,449.000	254,755,000	4,313,000	6,654,546,000	7,169,975,000
Department of Commerce	2000	8,365,343,000	4,103,710,000	-17,963,000	4,345,000	10,001,079,000	7,727,303,000
Department of Health and Hurran Services	1998	353,154,000,000	1,686,000,000	6.521,000,000	0	369,116,000,000	188,187,000,000
Department of Health and Human Services	1999	388,717,000,000	1,822,000,000	30,282,000,000	0	452.012.000,000	224,227,000,000
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	419,558,000,000	2,046,000,000	34,077,000,000	0	409,534,000,000	265,680,000,000
Department of Labor	1998	39,670,799,000	646,834,000	8,431,889,000	65,367,000	33,563,931,000	78,607,478,000
Department of Labor	1999	39,606,424,000	690,281,000	7,051,544,000	58,178,000	34,918,395,000	87,587,316,000
Department of Labor	2000	41,344,863,000	738,804,000	8,489,186,000	66,406,000	35,315,404,000	93,957,253,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	1998	42,794,000,000	11,941,000,000	-109,589,000,000	139,000,000	155,838,000,000	-563,164,000,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	1999	44,532,000,000	12,036,000,000	95,650,000,000	58,000,000	-47,442,000,000	-468 160 000 000
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000	45,265,000,000	11,564,000,000	-62.045.000.000	-10.000.000	174 580 000 000	-532 194 000 000
General Services Administration	1998	544,000,000	14,520,000,000	582 000 000	0	12 079 000 000	14 358 000 000
General Services Administration	1999	717.000.000	15,180,000,000	1 253 000 000	ň	13 067 000 000	15 661 000 000
General Services Administration	2000	300.000.000	15.668.000.000	508 000 000	ő	14 014 000 000	16 147 000,000
Office of Personnel Management	1998	25.605.569.000	12,888,000	-4.591.511.000	ň	96 871 267 000	676 258 321 000
Office of Personnel Management	1999	26 149 095 000	12 166 000	1 673 376 000	ŏ	94 149 577 000	-674 612 290 000
Office of Personnel Management	2000	26 738 000 000	10,000,000	-28 825 000 000	ŏ	128 255 000 000	702 422 000 000
Department of Apriculture	1998	47 186 891 000	3 632 659 000	-9 433 751 000	8 840 000	FE 670 672 000	-103,420,000,000
Department of Agriculture	1999	53 348 000 000	3 780 000 000	-10 688 000 000	33,040,000	72 195 000 000	2 727 000,000
Department of Agriculture	2000	85 737 000 000	5 383 000 000	10,000,000,000	117 000,000	72,103,000,000	-3,737,000,000
Department of Housing and Lithan Development	1998	31 546 000 000	24,000,000	-73 000,000	208,000,000	25,000,000,000	8,513,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1000	33 036 000 000	29,000,000	F 061 000,000	290,000,000	36,049,000,000	75,305,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000	34 257 000 000	23,000,000	-1 612 000,000	390,000,000	30,045,000,000	74,934,000,000
Department of State	1008	4 388 562 000	4 4 24 707 000	475 549 000	344,000,000	34,347,000,000	74,499,000,000
Department of State	1000	4,385,562,000	4,434,797,000	475,518,000	1,505,699,000	4,793,952,000	4,351,872,000
Department of State	1333	5,546,064,000	4,624,322,000	524,780,000	2,098,951,000	5,313,003,000	6,916,340,000
Aconce for Interactional Development	2000	6 6 49 000 000					
Agency for International Development	1990	6,642,000,000	28,000,000	55,000,000	-3,000,000	6,639,000,000	8,685,644.000
Agency for mernadonal Development	1999	6,237,892,000	28,554,000	-11,431,000	-3,205,000	6,311,537,000	9,764.478,000
Agency for international Development	2000	6,738,532,000	35,969,000	8,064.000	-6,294,000	6,802,676,000	9,975,861,000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998	14,167,635,000	21,367,659,000	35,375,000	-35,043,000	14,882,710,000	25,073,065,000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	13,796,163,000	23,478,807,000	2,357,347,000	-2,342,636,000	14,599,262,000	27,478,523,000
Nauonal Aeronautical Space Administration	2000	13,559,174,000	25,470,264,000	2,478,855,000	-2,420,585,000	14,239,403,000	30,066,437,000
Small Business Administration	1998	291,245,000	686,000	-364,751,000	7,113,000	660,587,000	24,413,000
Small Business Administration	1999	530,111,000	740,000	15,165,000	12,351,000	515,308,000	388,319,000
Small Business Administration	2000	131,288,000	0	-504,137,000	38,947,000	1,473,643,000	-60,773,000
Department of Education	1998	32,420,858,000	0	1,735,076,000	1.362.070.000	35,747,118,000	38,338,127,000
Department of Education	1999	34,407,330,000	0	-1,241,084,000	198,417,000	39,529,314,000	30,980,981,000
Department of Education	2000	33,249,524,000	1,307,000	530,700,000	0	37,805,272,000	26.598,756,000
Department of the Interior	1998	10,108,306,000	17,299,757,000	655,638,000	593,129,000	9.604.334.000	40.038.017.000
Department of the Interior	1999	11,058,387,000	16,764,648,000	957,658,000	754,308,000	10 832 948 000	40 164 068 000
Department of the Interior	2000	10,174,232,000	16,705,050,000	1,493,641,000	812 453 000	11 467 342 000	40 979 008 000
Department of Transportation	1998	39,682,483,000	13,821,827,000	-1.363.559.000	191,587,000	41,781,649,000	28 478 750 000
Department of Transportation	1999	58,319,664,000	15,176,965,000	15.862.241.000	237 060 000	43 223 855 000	46 592 233 000
Department of Transportation	2000	52,582,998,000	16,175,366,000	5.557 128 000	245 366 000	47 716 662 000	52 850 3/8 000
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	5 913 674 000	273 071 000	-235 958 000	240,000,000	£ 820 800 000	16 340 363 000
Environmental Protection Agency	1999	6 548 734 000	399 375 000	-200,000,000	0	7 726 902 000	10,249,302,000
Environmental Protection Agency	2000	7 298 005 000	486 600 000	2 643 455 000	145 405 000	7 724 028 000	10,004,802,000
National Science Foundation	1998	3 325 742 000	92 546 000	2,0=0,400,000	14-3,493,000	7,724,935,000	10,004,300,000
National Science Foundation	1900	3 353 153 000	101 474 000	-12 269 000	0	3,331,268,000	3,880,100,000
National Science Foundation	2000	3 510 200 000	13/ 501 000	-13,208,000	0	3,439,614,000	4,240,560,000
Social Security Administration	1000	5,510,200,000	134,301,000	13,090,000	0	3,580,726,000	4,723,787,000
Social Security Administration	1000	544 561 000,000	307,000,000	33,020,000,000	1,103,000,000	410,196,000,000	704,699,000,000
Social Security Administration	2000	505 217 000,000	340.000.000	123,904,000,000	1,067,000,000	420.997,000,000	830,727,000,000
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		Inventory and Related		Total Cost of		Net (Assets for Use	Net (Assets Not for
		Property	Depreciation Expense	Operations	PP&E (Beginning)	by Entity)	Use by Enlity)
Agency	Year	100 100 700 000	4 4 4 4 0 70 000	247 274 800 000	777 022 946 000	6 897 010 000	147 562 000
Department of Defense	1998	122.129,723,000	4,444,970,000	A10 343 200 000	126 219 193 000	3 387 800 000	413 600 000
Department of Defense	2000	139 067 500 000	4 096 700 000	374 884 900.000	119.337.800.000	2,963,100,000	2.572.500.000
Department of Energy	1998	37.318.000.000	1.896.000.000	29,140,000,000	20,756,000,000	5,022,000,000	0
Department of Energy	1999	37,562,000,000	1,473.000.000	37,926,000,000	19,840,000,000	5.049.000,000	0
Department of Energy	2000	37,801,000,000	1,088.000,000	29,647,000,000	18,501,000,000	9,702,000,000	0
Department of Justice	1998	106,577,000	264,338,000	20,648,265,000		390,861,000	9,239.000
Department of Justice	1999	124,333,000	265,129,000	22,986,635,000	4,929,081,000	530,270,000	6,492.000
Department of Justice	2000			0	4 000 000 000	•	450.000.000
Department of Treasury	1998	365,000,000	251,000,000	22,448,000,000	1,393,833,000	0	737 000,000
Department of Treasury	2000	424,000,000	177 000,000	20,888,000,000	2 658 000 000	0	941.000.000
Enderal Emergency Management Agency	1998	4 293 000	2 304 000	3 939 188 000	21.121.000	164.925.000	0
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999	3,920,000	4,540,000	5,903,918,000	24,576,000	71,664,000	Ó
Federal Emergency Management Agency	2000	4,173,000	9,377,000	4,523,622,000	29,547,000	109,805,000	0
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998	0	5,571,440	511,176,498	35,798,569	28,318,274	36,606
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999	0	6,122,908	503,339,736	39,432,602	36,191,240	43,762
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000	0	6,536,224	510,729,364	40.471.198	43,822,811	214,176
Department of Commerce	1998	99,978,000	361,164,000	5,566,088,000	1,707,148,000	140,062,000	428,000
Department of Commerce	1999	104,926,000	528,463,000	6,658,859,000	3,868,550,000	137,325,000	1,491,000
Department of Commerce	2000	102,727,000	526,798,000	10,005,424,000	4,062,449,000	3 981 000 000	1 200 000 000
Department of Health and Human Services	1990	75,000,000	-602,000,000	452 012 000 000	1,686,000,000	10 961 000 000	2 000 000
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	63,000,000	1 206 000 000	409 534 000 000	1 822 000 000	6.067.000.000	87.000.000
Department of Labor	1998	00,000,000	58 873 000	33,629,298,000	580.581.000	5.106.887.000	44,548,000
Department of Labor	1999	õ	37.608.000	34,976,573,000	646,834,000	5,333,201,000	53,003,000
Department of Labor	2000	ŏ	41,108,000	35,381,810,000	690,281,000	5,637,537,000	107,893,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	1998	90,000,000	858,000,000	155,977,000,000	11,655,000,000	1,150,000,000	0
Department of Veterans Affairs	1999	76,000,000	906,000,000	-47,384,000.000	11,941,000,000	1,310,000,000	0
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000	74,000,000	912,000,000	174,570,000,000	12,036,000,000	1,230,000,000	0
General Services Administration	1998	197,000,000	965,000,000	12,079,000,000	13,214,000,000	1,790,000,000	2,000,000
General Services Administration	1999	184,000,000	1,030,000,000	13,067,000,000	14,520,000,000	1,723,000,000	1,000,000
General Services Administration	2000	189,000,000	1,102,000,000	14,014,000,000	15,180,000,000	2,087,000,000	3,000,000
Office of Personnel Management	1998	0	0	96,871,267,000	20,396,000	184,022,000	0
Office of Personnel Management	1999	0	0	94,149,577,000	12,888,000	195,328,000	U
Office of Personnel Management	2000	0	0	128,255,000,000	12,166,000	200,000,000	00,082,000
Department of Agriculture	1998	442,876,000	50,364,000	72 218 000 000	3,552,649,000	1 561 195 000	92,003,000
Department of Agriculture	2000	453,000,000	2 187 000,000	85 173 000 000	3 780 000 000	2 072 000 000	27 000 000
Department of Housing and Lithan Development	1998	000,000	2,107,000,000	36 347 000,000	15,100,000	348,000,000	407.000.000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999	õ	9.000.000	31,035,000,000	24,000,000	670,000,000	360,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000	0	6,000,000	34,691,000,000	29,000,000	689.000,000	307,000,000
Department of State	1998	907,000	205,463,000	6,299,651,000	4,399,532,000	280,899,000	0
Department of State	1999	568,000	210,810,000	7,411,954,000	4,434,797,000	285,457,000	0
Department of State	2000			0	FC 000 000	EAE 000 000	•
Agency for International Development	1998	27,000,000	5,000,000	6,030,000,000	28,000,000	387 339 000	120 310 000
Agency for International Development	2000	21 122 000	5 2 16 000	6 796 382 000	28 554 000	477.815.000	43,994,000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998	2.280.577.000	2.013.438.000	14.847.667.000	27,593,191,000	152,988,000	5,499,000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	2,256,179,000	2,076,695,000	12,256,626,000	21,367,659,000	127,663,000	3,444,000
National Aeronautical Space Administration	2000	2,679,418,000	2,257,134,000	11,818,818,000	23,478,807,000	119,316,000	6,700,000
Small Business Administration	1998	0	0	667,700,000	2,005,000	400,110,000	0
Small Business Administration	1999	0	0	527,659,000	686,000	371,754,000	0
Small Business Administration	2000	0	10 000	1,512,590,000	740,000	435,657,000	1 8/6 880 000
Department of Education	1999	ő	-10,000	39 727 731 000	ő	14,140,000	1.846.880.000
Department of Education	2000	õ	ő	37,805,272,000	ō	82,703,000	2,231,814,000
Department of the Interior	1998	389,315,000	335,074,000	10,197,463,000	17,158,242,000	829,376,000	569.721,000
Department of the Interior	1999	386,612,000	426,283,000	11,587,256,000	17,299,757,000	662,599,000	591,620,000
Department of the Interior	2000	378,152,000	435,517,000	12,279,795,000	16,764,648,000	959,261,000	663,183,000
Department of Transportation	1998	2,190,619,000	481,537,000	41,973,236,000	26,504,000,000	490,404,000	10,055,000
Department of Transportation	1999	2,174,179,000	857,260,000	43,460,915,000	13,821,827,000	524,270,000	14,488,000
Department of Transportation	2000	2,307,743,000	1,094,535,000	47,962,028,000	15,176,965,000	725,631,000	14,747,000
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	74,000	23,573,000	7 726 802 000	273 071 000	833 483 000	0
Environmental Protection Agency	1999	5 433 000	24 305 000	7.870 433 000	399 375 000	775.785.000	ő
National Science Foundation	1998	0,-33,000 N	6,363,000	3,357,268.000	77.835.000	893.000	ŏ
National Science Foundation	1999	0	9,349.000	3,439,614,000	92,546,000	1,237,000	ō
National Science Foundation	2000	ō	10,300,000	3,580,726,000	101,471,000	4,655,000	0
Social Security Administration	1998	0	132,000,000	411,299,000,000	301,000,000	2,431,000,000	1,648,000,000
Social Security Administration	1999	0	170,000,000	422,064,000,000	307,000,000	2,719.000,000	1,838,000,000
Social Security Administration	2000	0	99.000,000	446,732,000,000	340,000,000	3,362,000,000	1,835,000,000

## APPENDIX B. RATIOS CALCULATED FROM FEDERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Appendix B contains the ratios calculated for from the individual federal financial statements. Data is arranged by department or agency and for each of the three years collected.

	Ratio Ty	pe Budgetary Integrity	Budgetary Integrity	Budgetary Integrity Earned Revenues to	Budgetary Integrity	Budgetary Integrity
	Ratio	Budget Authority to Budgetary Resources	Utilization Ratio	Total Budgetary Resources	Outlays to Obligations	Compliance/ Antideficiency Ratio
	Numeral	or Budget Authority Total Budgetary	Total Budgetary Resources - Unobligated Balance (End) Total Budgetary	Earned Revenues	Total Outlays Obligations Incurred,	Obligations incurred, Net Total Budgetary
	Denomina	kor Resources	Resources	Budget Authority	Net	Resources
Agency Department of Defense	Year 1998	0 53131438	0.68898092	0 11561736	1.01288297	0.50733908
Department of Defense	1999	0.53147180	0.67937085	0.09724007	0.98423227	0.50277253
Department of Defense	2000	0.53935478	0.68127470	0.07746484	0.99801157	0.51412115
Department of Energy	1998	0.71025944	0.87117684	0.32341304	0.98999942	0.70048467
Department of Energy	1999	0.72407335	0.85489661	0.30795344	0.97669917	0.00505057
Department of Energy	1009	0.73739053	0.79000976	0.32390272	0.97000002	0.71365033
Department of Justice	1990	0.70812386	0.89094866	0 12664507	0.92104452	0.72924010
Department of Justice	2000	0.10012000	0.0000.000			
Department of Treasury	1998	0.68289581	0.89252891	0.02481067	0.99939657	0.87095832
Department of Treasury	1999	0.86656050	0.86585485	0.03546190	1.00186748	0.84983562
Department of Treasury	2000	0.68840436	0.89731347	0.02775045	1.00717802	0.67790876
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1998	0 312/8229	0.61513324	0.46554064	0.00790048	0.42933702
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999	0.39042400	0.73309300	0.34702532	1 24585858	0.37265156
Nuclear Begulatory Commission	1998	0.91590683	0.83302749	0.96095112	1.01414771	0.90484607
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999	0.90883240	0.93484490	0.94130313	1.01725666	0.91130597
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000	0.91483903	0.94095081	0.98106417	1.02659795	0.91373367
Department of Commerce	1998	0.66650815	0.89344423	0.32910492	0 97243249	0.65348152
Department of Commerce	1999	0.66723575	0.90107447	0.28505450	0.96058548	0.64789940
Department of Commerce	1008	0.74104317	0.00001303	0.10003134	0.90499092	0.0070368330
Department of Health and Human Services	1999	1 00216275	0.58590531	0.04896129	0.96006517	0,95308316
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	1.02355332	0.91385316	0.09226785	0.98115902	0.96256995
Department of Labor	1998	0.39407095	0.32699640	0.05642063	0.94909460	0.30965041
Department of Labor	1999	0.35280326	0.31604806	0.05722991	0.96129668	0.29778276
Department of Labor	2000	1.08531358	0.69560641	0.062980/1	1 010520/1	0.8/4293/1
Department of Velerans Alfairs	1998	0.03419409	0.69270097	0.07858160	1 00534000	0.58632671
Department of Velerans Affairs	2000	0.61941733	0.70022528	0.08753365	1.03908935	0.59260013
General Services Administration	1998	0.02437038	0.79311348	28.91885442	-133.88888889	-0.00052347
General Services Administration	1999	0.02389735	0.79931425	29.49130435	-0 06754032	0.05153514
General Services Administration	2000	0.01041099	0.77556889	69.87142857	-0.21350385	-0.02716772
Office of Personnel Management	1998	0.87758008	0.38415769	0.8/140919	0.99544916	0.53903000
Office of Personnel Management	1999	0.81605170	0.30431772	0.00049300	0.99396427	0.52741752
Department of Agriculture	1998	0.70919614	0.59920813	0.12077248	0.99578582	0.54648756
Department of Agriculture	1999	0.74547650	0.63040093	0.09139040	0.93232169	0.58933344
Department of Agriculture	2000	1.09107832	0.30961574	0.07118834	1.00088884	0.60331250
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1998	0.37172530	0.40454899	0.14947711	1.35400404	0.28770606
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999	0.35262241	0.49257514	0 17728611	1 20023957	0.29284520
Department of Housing and Groan Development	1998	0.75921471	0.80214653	0.37712043	0.94574126	0.64176828
Department of State	1999	0.81292397	0.71487674	0.25952294	0.90403056	0.61028837
Department of State	2000					
Agency for international Development	1998	0.74029296	0.63903743	0.00816583	0.98510972	0.59335038
Agency for International Development	1999	0.70090404	0.00143434	0.00000040	0.00420704	0.56166111
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998	0.89098863	0.92865995	0.05241240	1.04271096	0.88933871
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	0.88536969	0.94100185	0.05986152	0 98893726	0.89540618
National Aeronautical Space Administration	2000	0.89921275	0.94520240	0.05408501	0.98211374	0.90133755
Small Business Administration	1998	0.14789009	0.46289711	0 00661486	0.45095843	0.20763459
Smell Business Administration	1999	0.18666687	0.28404483	0.43833645	1.23/53098	0.06547898
Small Business Administration	2000	0.10214207	0.35060436	0.05975859	0.89205519	0.67142200
Department of Education	1999	0 70266822	0.73921962	0.07343509	0.94743733	0.60367189
Department of Education	2000	0.70016551	0.77883463	0.08939145	0.92075543	0.64960017
Department of the Interior	1998	0.61508630	0.78977169	0.19131632	0.97217592	0.56915182
Department of the Interior	1999	0.56558090	0.80878730	0.22850202	0.97810978	0.56642806
Department of the Interior	2000	0.00032804	0.00953505	0.01811905	0 90004440	0.00000129
Department of Transportation	1999	0.85314549	-0.03420321	0.01762136	0.91075393	0.69619457
Department of Transportation	2000	0.67795654	0.10735646	0.01674058	0.90581902	0.62194049
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	0.71992306	0.75329417	0.08992658	0.89459094	0.73528380
Environmental Protection Agency	1999	0.74471059	0.75011346	0 11487728	0 96257539	0.72409635
Environmental Protection Agency	2000	0.74575564	0.79109202	0.04620881	1.001/0/95	0.13200909
National Science Foundation	1999	0.93/90414	0.94883047	0.01957542	0.88658723	0.91633132
National Science Foundation	2000	0.92530690	0.93669043	0.02104749	0.89075855	0.90538242
Social Security Administration	1998	0.46108327	0.37599828	0.00623292	0.99672869	0.37358923
Social Security Administration	1999	1,28311602	0.70773037	0.00632401	1.00013457	0.99138704
Social Security Administration	2000	1.32245643	0.66818765	0.00653109	0.99573415	0.99083429

Ratio Type	Budgetary Integrity	Operating Performance Operating Performance Operating Performance Operating Performance
		Liabilities Covered by

	Ratio	Percentage of Uncovered Liabilities	Liabilities to Assets	Entity Liabilities to Entity Assets	Budgetary Resources to Net Position	Earned Revenues to Entity Assets
	Numerator	Total Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary Resources	Total Liabilities	Total Liabilities - Non Entity Assets	Total Liabilities	Earned Revenues (Assigned and Not Assigned to Programs)
	Denominato	r Total Liabilities	Total Assets	Entity Assets	Net Position	Entity Assets
Agency	Year					
Department of Defense	1998	0.81322877	1.60440795	1.60592104	-2.65451166	0.06292070
Department of Defense	1999	0.81143651	1.66774850	1,67072971	-2.49/56981	0.05446518
Department of Derense Department of Energy	1998	0.84224218	2,35125089	2.35125089	-1.74005501	0.05759216
Department of Energy	1999	0.86147352	2.82303184	2.82303184	-1,54853677	0.05845411
Department of Energy	2000	0.97157367	2.81136431	2.81136431	-1.55207006	0.06405430
Department of Justice	1998	0.24408645	0.26433263	0.22942390	0.29789574	0.10025444
Department of Justice	2000	0.01007000	0.22002200	000201		
Department of Treasury	1998	0.97668170	0.98611602	0.49838902	71,02547795	0.06185783
Department of Treasury	1999	0.99134326	0.98146643	0.39381041	52.99265638	0.06416539
Department of Treasury Enderal Emergency Management Agency	2000	0.94107317	0.23763739	0.23763739	0.31171176	0.13649171
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999	0.01758581	0.30600706	0.30600706	0.44093684	0.17350123
Federal Emergency Management Agency	2000	0.00906288	0.25709709	0.25709709	0.34607092	0.16952310
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998	0.29611206	0.46566403	0.46558092	0.87148173	1.96463244
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999	0.20000900	0.49265206	0.49270048	1.34969768	2 05145259
Denartment of Contractice	1998	0.41174692	0.25240316	0.24157088	0.33761935	0.16522862
Department of Commerce	1999	0.32640215	0.26584970	0.25583634	0.34848253	0.17026626
Department of Commerce	2000	0.30344008	0.27043293	0.26145227	0.37067590	0.15489626
Department of Health and Human Services	1998	0.12022844	0.20018/85	0.19577861 0.17420303	0.25029359	0.09577819
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	0.13614584	0.15019655	0.14991377	0.17674270	0.15389095
Department of Labor	1998	0.86530755	0.09212799	0.09032198	0.10147685	0.02766255
Department of Labor	1999	0.79034117	0.08599043	0.08390558	0.09408045	0.02532900
Department of Veterans Affairs	1998	0.95389856	13.15864243	13.48396178	-1.08224602	0.08119971
Department of Veterans Affairs	1999	0.94087553	10.58342716	10.95470880	-1.10434680	0.07963172
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000	0.95415430	13.10742561	13.12038534	-1.08259394	0.09701883
General Services Administration	1999	0.15302178	0.26656676	0.26301176	0.36345061	0.63840000
General Services Administration	2000	0.16096513	0.27259213	0.26943263	0.37474453	0.66387657
Office of Personnel Management	1998	0.99412262	2.38555042	2.38555042	-1,72173483	0.13660527
Office of Personnel Management	1999	0.99407767	2.29821663	2.29821663	-1.77028747	0.13418195
Department of Agriculture	1998	0.01560692	0.88394855	0.88322456	7,62080983	0.07489445
Department of Agriculture	1999	0.02933549	0.98983400	0.98978925	-31.37008295	0.06938897
Department of Agriculture	2000	0.03387432	0.93157412	0.93144574	13.61435452	0.08164827
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1990	0.27953366	0.30533976	0.30060668	0.43954680	0.03696099
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000	0.24578831	0.30121375	0.29654215	0.43105277	0.04660825
Department of State	1998	0.23598546	0.75208484	0.75124683	3.03363794	0.13641855
Department of State	1999	0.21842075	0.000000000	0.06020132	1.99013134	0.11572496
Agency for International Development	1998	0.04420411	0.52070688	0.52070688	1.08641915	0.00286944
Agency for International Development	1999	0.05203832	0.49065462	0.48739055	0.96330434	0.00327526
Agency for International Development	2000	0.05422233	0.48261342	0.48134794	0.93279076	0.02378473
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	0.29300784	0.14424010	0.14414831	0.16855207	0.02547168
National Aeronautical Space Administration	2000	0.29142554	0.12862508	0.12845585	0.14761164	0.02140708
Small Business Administration	1998	0.00276326	0.99846572	0.99846572	40 63770251	0.00069599
Small Business Administration	2000	0.07085438	1.00376999	1.00376999	-266.25292482	0.05441397
Department of Education	1998	0.00062360	0.56853495	0.55937652	1.31768482	0.03394201
Department of Education	1999	0.00144922	0.70689994	0.70168763	2.41180420	0.03927928
Department of the Interior	1998	0.15110324	0.20994298	0.12038236	0.26453690	0.04178365
Department of the Interior	1999	0.14959643	0.20856786	0.11930031	0.26353221	0.05140416
Department of the Interior	2000	0.22764382	0.18002578	0.12974204	0.21955053	0.04671075
Department of Transportation	1998	0.69758300	0.38883814	0.37924432	0.63617492	0.01432522
Department of Transportation	2000	0.78474863	0.37485119	0.36615852	0.59961914	0.01122556
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	0.11154210	0.08831965	0.08831965	0.09687568	0.03816629
Environmental Protection Agency	1999	0.06464925	0.10718609	0.10707407	0.12005424	0.05012254
Environmental Protection Agency National Science Foundation	1998	0.06025432	0.05479813	0.05479813	0.05797505	0.02249864
National Science Foundation	1999	0.03390728	0.07269545	0.07269545	0.07839436	0.01600548
National Science Foundation	2000	0.03157889	0.07444890	0.07444890	0.08043737	0.01650079
Social Security Administration Social Security Administration	1998	0.07362947	0.05044253	0.03625136	0.05194276	0.00420408
Social Security Administration	2000	0.07838799	0.04479439	0.04308834	0.04689503	0.00380085

Ratio Type	Operating Performance	<b>Operating Performance</b>	Operating Performance	Operating Performance	Operating Performance
		Total Cost of		Costs Not Assigned to	
	Net Cost of Operations	Operations to Total	Return on Fixed	Programs to Program	Unassigned Costs to
Ratio	to Appropriations	Financing Ratio	Assets	Costs	Net Cost of Operations

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		Numerator	Net Cost of Operations	Total Cost of Operations Non-Exchange	Net Results of Operations	Total Costs Not Assigned to Programs	Total Costs Not Assigned to Programs
		Denominator	Appropriations Used	Financing Sources + Earned Revenue	PP&E	Total Program Costs	Net Cost of Operations
Agency Department of Defense	Year 1998		1.01350971	0.99919330	0 00203004	0.00000000	0.0000000
Department of Defense	1999		1.28365005	1.22314229	-0.62729831	0.00000000	0.00000000
Department of Defense	2000		1.12350147	1.07473231	-0.23167266	0.00000000	0.0000000
Department of Energy	1998		1.24434443	1.53239377	-0.38487903	0.81095022	0.62102608
Department of Energy	2000		1.31903272	1.20305969	-0.26967019	0.60158824	0.67604564
Department of Justice	1998		1.04530311	1.02748180	0.12216801	0.00156694	0.00188045
Department of Justice	1999		1.06762794	1.02339629	0.19113786	0.00025983	0.00031503
Department of Justice	2000		0.000070.44	0 070 (7050			
Department of Treasury	1998		0.03337041	0.05647352	2.27173169	0.05118239	0.08356269
Department of Treasury	2000		0.03273377	0.05744293	-2.25770609	0.03048720	0.03753502
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1998		1.02186854	1.01173469	1.85909017	0.00000000	0.00000000
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999		0.99707027	0.99575097	0.85264155	0.00000000	0.00000000
Federal Emergency Management Agency	2000		0.82300242	0.87459073	23.52571449	0.00000000	0.00000000
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1990		1 29317226	0.98717969	0.16835184	0.00000000	0.00000000
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000		1.82581843	1.01096264	-0.13232463	0.00000000	0.00000000
Department of Commerce	1998		0.97043349	0.95022868	0.07536209	0.00059125	0.00080053
Department of Commerce	1999		0.97678108	0.96315169	0.06240249	0.00064813	0.00084899
Department of Commerce	2000		1.01985010	1.00194542	-0.00437726	0.00043445	0.00051820
Department of Health and Human Services	1990		2.23040063	0.96262392	3.00//3428	0.0000000	0.0000000
Department of Health and Human Services	2000		1.46699573	0.87572008	16.65542522	0.00000000	0.0000000
Department of Labor	1998		4,47967042	0.79953279	13.03563047	0.00194754	0.00209249
Department of Labor	1999		4.33020967	0.83221842	10.21546877	0.00166611	0.00178707
Department of Labor	2000		4.30730306	0.80649662	11.49044401	0.00188037	0.00202114
Department of Veterans Affairs	1990		-1 15216264	3.337/44882	-9.1//5395/ 7.04600226	0.00089195	0.00091218
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000		2.35804694	3.52488642	-5.36535801	-0.00005728	-0.00009319
General Services Administration	1998		-0.09223301	0.95403207	0.04008264	0.00000000	0.00000000
General Services Administration	1999		-0.84144427	0.91486382	0.08254282	0.00000000	0.00000000
General Services Administration	2000		-0.99521531	0.93595138	0.03242277	0.00000000	0.00000000
Office of Personnel Management	1999		0.93634882	0 98199178	-300.20249224	0.0000000	0.0000000
Office of Personnel Management	2000		2.07867565	1.28990244	-2.882.50000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
Department of Agriculture	1998		1.21555138	1.16772049	-2.59692721	0.00015136	0.00017555
Department of Agriculture	1999		1.15102276	1,17370388	-2.82751323	0.00045716	0.00051534
Department of Agriculture	1009		0.86495522	0.88836622	1.98829649	0.00137556	0.00155929
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999		0.70986602	0.83887447	-205 55172414	0.00020003	0.00940643
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000		0.94771375	0.88513255	-59.74074074	0.01001543	0.01053792
Department of State	1998		0.80454140	0.92981459	0.10722430	0.31408304	0.38478969
Department of State	1999		0.84072052	0.93387960	0.11348258	0.39505925	0.41801081
Approximation of State	1998		1 02970142	0 00122552	1 06/09574	0.00045499	0.00045544
Agency for International Development	1999		1.01501129	1.00127788	-0.40032920	-0.00050780	-0.00045544
Agency for International Development	2000		1.01008363	0.99789186	0.22419306	-0.00092522	-0.00093515
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998		1.00502089	0.99762313	0.00165554	-0.00235461	-0.00247965
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999		0.83763141	0.83869226	0.10040318	-0.16046263	-0.20479707
Small Business Administration	1998		0.62090945	2.2002528	-531 70690709	-0.16999203	-0.21845806
Small Business Administration	1999		0,42459933	0.36345033	20.49324324	0.02396819	0.02398504
Small Business Administration	2000		0.76571805	1.49991125		0.02642906	0.06129284
Department of Education	1998		1.05500554	1.04904932		0.03810293	0.03987799
Department of Education	1999		1.03671293	1.03224713		0.00501949	0.00556594
Department of the Interior	1998		0.87665326	0.900(0001	400.0443/643	0.00000000	0.0000000
Department of the Interior	1999		-0.91837651	0.86454891	0.05712366	0.06963091	-0.08160873
Department of the Interior	2000		1.24582902	0.99240579	0.08941254	0.07084929	0.08059839
Department of Transportation	1998		4.07336030	1.03357719	-0.09865259	0.00458543	0.00466761
Department of Transportation	1999		6.03877467	0.73261300	1.04515237	0.00548447	0.00558348
Environmental Protection Agency	1998		0.90584563	0.89010563	0.34355501	0.00514215	0.00521768
Environmental Protection Agency	1999		0.88767043	1.03851778	-0.71851017	0,0000000	0.0000000
Environmental Protection Agency	2000		1.12903145	1.02478542	5.43240055	0.01883446	0.01942926
National Science Foundation	1998		1.01653400	0.98220298	0.65731636	0.00000000	0.00000000
National Science Foundation	1999		1.01687727	1.00387235	-0.13075657	0.00000000	0.00000000
Social Security Administration	1998		13 46603095	0,99019137	0.101/8363	0.0000000	0.0000000
Social Security Administration	1999		13.55340780	0.77015043	370,48235294	0.00253446	0.00254899
Social Security Administration	2000		13.23689245	0.74564446	446.89149560	0.00251790	0.00253372

#### Ratio Type Operating Performance Operating Performance Operating Performance Assessing Stewardship Assessing Stewardship

		Patio	Return on Net Cost	Return on Appropriated	Return on Net Worth	Fixed Assets to Total Assets	Fixed Assets to Entity
		Natio	Return on net close	FUNDS	Netalli on wet wordt	Assets	Assets
		Numerator	Net Results of Operations	Net Results of Operations	Net Results of Operations	DDIE	DD2E
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		Denominator	Net Cost of Operations	Appropriations Used	Average Net Position	Total Assets	Entity Assets
Anency	Vear						
Department of Defense	1998		0.00091424	0.00092659	0.02125597	0.21349860	0.21403308
Department of Defense	1999		-0.19811435	-0.25430950	0.19770571	0.19923473	0.20012423
Department of Energy	1998		-0.36341138	-0.45220893	0.05935853	0.20259369	0.10374065
Department of Energy	1999		-0.45774714	-0.85364300	0.09491763	0.18923176	0.18923176
Department of Energy	2000		-0.21585713	-0.28472262	0.02771862	0.18385019	0.18385019
Department of Justice	1999		0.05327221	0.05687490	0.05252312	0.20254119	0.21206794
Department of Justice	2000						
Department of Treasury	1998		0.25374618	0.00846761	0.04083089	0.00025648	0.00926631
Department of Treasury	2000		-0.50692097	-0.01659343	-0.05897443	0.00045532	0.01792771
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1998		0.01754980	0.01793359	0.00605064	0.00251118	0.00251118
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999		0.00569472	0.00567803	0.00376553	0.00346383	0.00346383
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998		0.13592755	0.17695187	0.05143101	0.16753671	0.16756277
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999		0.06106904	0.07897278	0.02939210	0.17609871	0.17613225
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000		-0.11612647	-0.21202584	-0.05207440	0.18525218	0.18542797
Department of Commerce	1998		0.07096012	0.06886208	0.04456687	0.4322/58/	0.43853931
Department of Commerce	2000		-0.00214234	-0.00218486	-0.00241158	0.38744846	0.39221779
Department of Health and Human Services	1998		0.01881240	0.04244945	0.03666944	0.00716566	0.00720516
Department of Health and Human Services	1999		0.08448394	0.12428943	0.14685243	0.00670756	0.00671017
Department of Labor	1998		0.00040124	0.12900420	0.13917020	0.00654433	0.00004603
Department of Labor	1999		0.21660482	0.93794430	0.08485878	0.00720337	0.00721980
Department of Labor	2000		0.25837806	1.11291260	0.09352178	0.00716188	0.00717944
Department of Veterans Affairs	1990		-0./1916815	-2.57903083	-0.18548972	0.25780474	0.25470252
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000		-0.57818470	-1.36338666	0.12404609	0.26308126	0.26336286
General Services Administration	1998		-15.31578947	1.41262136	0.04128245	0.72310757	0.72803851
General Services Administration	2000		-2.44230769	2.43062201	0.03194165	0.70582935	0.71435294
Office of Personnel Management	1998		-0.15205149	-0.17942395	0.00681501	0.00002641	0.00002641
Office of Personnel Management	1999 2000		0.06836882	0.06401706	-0.00247748	0.00002341	0.00002341
Department of Agriculture	1998		-0.16661328	-0.20252700	-0.36215714	0.02984328	0.03002946
Department of Agriculture	1999		-0.16690612	-0.19211274	-2.05894818	0.03191651	0.03205699
Department of Agriculture Department of Housing and Lithan Development	2000		0.14264200	0.12337694	4.48199330	0.04326753	0.04334871
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999		-0.22016620	-0.15628851	-0.07882835	0.00026884	0.00027067
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000		-0.04941184	-0.04682828	-0.02158827	0.00025325	0.00025495
Department of State	1998		0.12152125	0.09776666	0.11925511	0.25263919	0.25349316
Department of State	2000		0.10401112	0.00700404	0.00014044	0.11000400	0.22004510
Agency for International Development	1998		0.00834978	0.00859778	0.00443823	0.00154508	0.00154508
Agency for International Development	2000		0.00119813	0.00121022	0.00023912	0.00186549	0.00149901
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998		0.00250314	0.00251571	0.00124951	0.71026861	0.71039846
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999		0.20608313	0.17262170	0.08971554	0.73119729	0.73127572
Small Business Administration	2000		-0.55602626	0.184/8335	-1.35904869	0.73817025	0.73831361
Small Business Administration	1999		0.02944969	0.01250432	0.07348594	0.00004577	0.00004577
Small Business Administration	2000		-0.79338553	-0.60750962	-3.07826687	0.00000000	0.00000000
Department of Education	1990		-0.03481456	-0.05359266	-0.03580785	0.0000000	0.0000000
Department of Education	2000		0.01622002	0.01425145	0.01843357	0.00001098	0.00001119
Department of the Interior	1998		0.07895330	0.07426759	0.01660443	0.34291189	0.38178428
Department of the Interior	2000		-0.10360920	0.09015226	0.023681499	0.33034687	0.36/60/50
Department of Transportation	1998		-0.03322023	-0.13531797	-0.03441525	0.21044084	0.21354836
Department of Transportation	1999		0.37360348	2.25610723	0.42259313	0.19909654	0.20222189
Environmental Protection Agency	1998		-0.03836945	-0.03475680	-0.01473755	0.19130033	0.01532081
Environmental Protection Agency	1999		-0.04197894	-0.03726347	-0.01776582	0.02220940	0.02221219
Environmental Protection Agency National Science Ecurciation	2000		0.35300434	0.39855300	0.16450086	0.02698508	0.02699566
National Science Foundation	1999		-0.00394128	-0.00400780	-0.00326771	0.02218917	0.02218917
National Science Foundation	2000		0.00391533	0.00395033	0.00305432	0.02635334	0.02635334
Social Security Administration	1996 1999		0.24411257	3.28722737 4.07848470	0.15200248	0.00041024	0.00041114
Social Security Administration	2000		0.34412987	4.55521014	0.16802850	0.00033131	0.00033191

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Ratio	Fixed Assets to Equity
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Inventory to Entity Assets Inventory to Assets

Depreciation to Total Cost

Capital Investment Ratio

			Inventory and Related	Inventory and Related		
	Numerator	PP&E	Property	Property	Depreciation Expense	Change in PP&E
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	Denominator	Net Position	Total Assets	Entity Assets	Total Cost of Operations	Total Assets
Agency	Year					
Department of Defense	1998	-0.35323592	0.20658130	0.20709846	0.01400556	-1 10084523
Department of Defense	1999	-0.29836792	0.21404806	0.21500369	0.01308125	-0.01148850
Department of Defense	2000	-0.29149034	0.22548995	0.22709851	0.01092789	-0.01105402
Department of Energy	1998	-0.14993048	0.38106811	0.38106811	0.06506520	-0.00935362
Department of Energy	1999	-0.10380058	0.38419131	0.38419131	0.03883879	-0.01369555
Department of Energy	2000	-0.10149819	0.37452690	0.37452690	0.03669849	0.00054493
Department of Justice	1998	0.26857029	0.00427206	0.00447477	0.01280195	0.19757840
Department of Justice	1999	0.26287734	0.00476699	0.00499121	0.01153405	0.01355774
Department of Justice	2000					
Department of Treasury	1998	0.01847309	0.00006408	0.00231499	0.01118140	0.00001179
Department of Treasury	1999	0.02477074	0.00007318	0.00239364	0.02436430	0.00020660
Department of Treasury	2000	0.02624302	0.00010069	0.00396466	0.00833844	0.00002154
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1998	0.00329394	0.00043866	0.00043866	0.00058489	0.00035303
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999	0.00499116	0.00045955	0.00045955	0.00076898	0.00058276
Federal Emergency Management Agency	2000	0.00401844	0.00045182	0.00045182	0.00207290	-0.00021384
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998	0.31354189	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.01089925	0.01543986
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999	0.34723342	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.01216456	0.00451915
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000	0.43528662	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.01279782	0.00611777
Department of Commerce	1998	0.57822057	0.01117165	0.01133352	0.06488651	0 24151735
Department of Commerce	1999	0.56938120	0.01116402	0.01131629	0.07936240	0.02275864
Department of Commerce	2000	0.53106627	0.00969889	0.00981828	0.05265124	0.00200734
Department of Health and Human Services	1998	0.00895917	0.00036976	0.00037180	0.02080647	0.00147053
Department of Health and Human Services	1999	0.00812569	0.00027611	0.00027621	-0.00133182	0.00050067
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	0.00770099	0.00020151	0.00020158	0.00294481	0.00071649
Department of Labor	1998	0.00822866	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00175065	0.00076518
Department of Labor	1999	0.00788106	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00107523	0.00045339
Department of Labor	2000	0.00786319	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00116184	0.00047038
Department of Veterans Affairs	1998	-0.02120341	0.00194309	0.00199508	0.00550081	0.00617471
Department of Veterans Affairs	1999	-0.02570916	0.00155575	0.00161602	-0.01012038	0.00104460
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000	-0.02172892	0.00168350	0.00168530	0.00522427	-0.00134403
General Services Administration	1998	1.01128291	0.00981076	0.00987766	0.07989077	0.06503984
General Services Administration	1999	0.96928676	0.00861706	0.00865882	0.07882452	0.03000001
General Services Administration	2000	0.97033505	0.00851428	0.00855126	0.07863565	0.02108306
Office of Personnel Management	1998	-0.00001906	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000000	-0.00001538
Office of Personnel Management	1999	-0.00001803	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.0000000	-0.00001330
Office of Personnel Management	2000	-0.00001422	0.00000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	-0.000001392
Department of Agriculture	1998	0.25728869	0.00363835	0.00366104	0.00046260	-0.00000332
Department of Agriculture	1999	-1.01150656	0.00382492	0.00384175	0.00891744	0.00124408
Department of Agriculture	2000	0.63232703	0.00466997	0.00467873	0.02567715	0.01288461
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1998	0.00031452	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00005503	0.00007985
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999	0.00038701	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00029000	0.00004635
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000	0.00036242	0.0000000	0.00000000	0.00017296	-0.00001876
Department of State	1998	1.01905502	0.00005167	0.00005184	0.03261498	0.00200896
Department of State	1999	0.66860825	0.00002747	0.00002750	0.02844189	0.00200030
Department of State	2000			0.00002700	0.02010 105	0.00310431
Agency for International Development	1998	0.00322371	0.00148990	0.00148990	0.00090416	-0.00148990
Agency for International Development	1999	0.00292427	0.00095302	0.00095913	0.00091118	0.00002890
Agency for International Development	2000	0.00360560	0.00109547	0.00109815	0.00076747	0.00038457
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998	0.85221567	0.07580719	0.07582105	0.13560635	-0 20693890
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	0.85444210	0.07026388	0.07027141	0.16943448	0.06574719
National Aeronautical Space Administration	2000	0.84713277	0.07765395	0.07766903	0 19097798	0.05771571
Small Business Administration	1998	0.02809978	0.00000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	-0.00008290
Small Business Administration	1999	0.00190565	0.00000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000334
Small Business Administration	2000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	-0.00004591
Department of Education	1998	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.0000000	-0.0000027	0.00000000
Department of Education	1999	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
Department of Education	2000	0.00004914	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.0000000	0.00001098
Department of the Interior	1998	0.43208326	0.00771691	0.00859170	0.03285856	0.00280508
Department of the Interior	1999	0.41740393	0.00761818	0.00847745	0.03678895	-0.01054431
Department of the Interior	2000	0.40764896	0.00756668	0.00803069	0.03546615	-0.00119253
Department of Transportation	1998	0.48533826	0.03335273	0.03384524	0.01147248	-0,19308931
Department of Transportation	1999	0.32574024	0.02852161	0.02896934	0.01972485	0.01777716
Department of Transportation	2000	0.30600767	0.02729286	0.02767237	0.02282087	0.01180774
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	0.01680503	0.00000415	0.00000415	0.00345145	0.00403472
Environmental Protection Agency	1999	0.02487573	0.00001318	0.00001318	0.00207784	0.00702382
Environmental Protection Agency	2000	0.03025366	0.00030129	0.00030141	0.00308814	0.00483759
National Science Foundation	1998	0.02385145	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00189529	0.00358364
National Science Foundation	1999	0.02392868	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00271804	0.00195167
National Science Foundation	2000	0.02847313	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00287651	0.00647170
Social Security Administration	1998	0.00043565	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00032093	0.00000802
Social Security Administration	1999	0.00040928	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00040278	0.00003772
Social Security Administration	2000	0.00034685	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00022161	0.0000097

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		Capital Investment Ratio	Total Assets	Entity Assets	Receivables	Entity Receivables
	Ratio	H	Maintenance	Maintenance	Management	Management
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	Numerator	Change in PP&E	Total Assets	Entity Assets	Total Receivables, Net	Entity)
	Denominator	Entity Assets	Appropriations Used	Appropriations Used	Total Assets	Entity Assets
Agency	Year			0.40050440	0.04000400	
Department of Defense	1998	-1.10360113	2.13/89985	2.13256112	0.01208499	0.01186502
Department of Defense	2000	-0.01113288	1,99411596	1.97999142	0.00897566	0.00483877
Department of Energy	1998	-0.00935362	5.79947886	5.79947886	0.05128153	0.05128153
Department of Energy	1999	-0.01369555	5.66251593	5.66251593	0.05164214	0.05164214
Department of Lustice	1998	0.20695385	1.51800802	1.44923905	0.01603770	0.01641080
Department of Justice	1999	0.01419544	1.46913127	1.40313327	0.02057973	0.02128710
Department of Justice	2000		44 5000 4000	0.00000000	0.00000000	
Department of Treasury	1990	0.00675752	18.32800400	0.56035835	0.00012721	0.0000000
Department of Treasury	2000	0.00084819	16.14166192	0.40996238	0.00015357	0.00000000
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1998	0.00035303	3.84139832	3.84139832	0.01685205	0.01685205
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999	0.00058276	1.92253712	1.92253712	0.00840125	0.00840126
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998	-0.00021384	6.27375165	6.27277591	0.12047096	0.12033414
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999	0.00452001	5.09659910	5.09562862	0.15766613	0.15750570
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000	0.00612358	8.64937591	8.64117639	0.19491738	0.19415344
Department of Commerce	1998	0.24501680	2.11381132	2.08362077	0.01569850	0.01587745
Department of Commerce	2000	0.02306905	1.80/11125	1.78279302	0.01476999	0.01481064
Department of Health and Human Services	1998	0.00147864	1.53164994	1.52325248	0.02240224	0.01701289
Department of Health and Human Services	1999	0.00050087	1.11489446	1.11445939	0.04035945	0.04036784
Department of Health and Human Services	2000	0.00071672	1.18977886	1.18938307	0.01968417	0.01941235
Department of Labor	1998	0.00076671	12.41622079	12.39157055	0.05949617	0.05909899
Department of Labor	2000	0.00047153	13.52375424	13.49067607	0.05569552	0.05478362
Department of Veterans Affairs	1998	0.00633992	1.09024574	1.06183504	0.02482836	0.02549267
Department of Veterans Affairs	1999	0.00202003	1.10106611	1.05999955	0.02681624	0.02785515
Department of Veterans Affairs General Services Administration	2000	-0.01074950	0.96589611	0.96486332	0.02798253	0.02801248
General Services Administration	1999	0.03105882	33,52119309	33.35949765	0.08073807	0.08108235
General Services Administration	2000	0.02207945	106.21052632	105.75119617	0.09415263	0.09442584
Office of Personnel Management	1998	-0.00001538	19.07282743	19.07282743	0.00037703	0.00037703
Office of Personnel Management	2000	-0.00000392	20.65548073	20,65548073	0.00051800	0.00051800
Department of Agriculture	1998	-0.04918738	2.61322380	2.59702226	0.00411219	0.00337663
Department of Agriculture	1999	0.00124955	2.12880613	2.11947730	0.01395949	0.01324000
Department of Housing and Lithan Development	2000	0.0008037	3.28083240	3.25955142	0.00677355	0.01000359
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999	0.00004667	2.82819014	2,80905063	0.00954853	0.00625350
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000	-0.00001889	3.09513718	3.07458267	0.00934229	0.00650589
Department of State	1999	0.00201575	3 46260906	3 45883197	0.01380302	0.01381809
Department of State	2000			••••••		
Agency for International Development	1998	-0.00148990	2.83289042	2.83289042	0.02786668	0.02786668
Agency for International Development	1999	0.00002908	2 89365865	2,88659831	0.02546054	0.02033428
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998	-0.20697674	2.13942858	2.13903752	0.00526816	0.00508631
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999	0.06575425	2.35132865	2.35107646	0.00408305	0.00397622
National Aeronautical Space Administration	2000	0.05772692	2.5/210461	2.5/16051/	0.00365215	0.00345865
Small Business Administration	1999	0.00000334	13.33192967	13.33192967	0.02299219	0.02299219
Small Business Administration	2000	-0.00004591	19.42564488	19.42564488	0.02826618	0.02826618
Department of Education	1998	0.00000000	2.74456702	2.68752075	0.02094362	0.00016182
Department of Education	1999	0.00001119	3.19559383	3.13566056	0.01944996	0.00070828
Department of the Interior	1998	0.00312306	5,71468999	5.13283352	0.02773259	0.01830330
Department of the Interior	1999	-0.01173362	5.04234893	4.53125745	0.02471435	0.01452917
Department of the intenor	2000 1998	-0.00126566	6.17657645 6.51803028	5.81969Z21 6.42318081	0.03246448	0.02037152
Department of Transportation	1999	0.01805622	10.84217488	10.67460848	0.00706761	0.00698551
Department of Transportation	2000	0.01197192	13.49792762	13.31281334	0.00875855	0.00870351
Environmental Protection Agency	1998	0.00403472	2.62541999	2.62541999	0.04581085	0.04581085
Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Protection Agency	2000	0.00/02470	2.33574291	2.33484995	0.04030032	0.04633614
National Science Foundation	1998	0.00358364	1.27811238	1.27811238	0.00021754	0.00021754
National Science Foundation	1999	0.00195167	1.38134110	1.38134110	0.00027050	0.00027050
National Science Foundation	2000	0.00647170	1.47272019	1.47272019	0.00091207	0.00091207
Social Security Administration	1990	0.00003780	28.32627489	28,26676380	0.00540066	0.00325565
Social Security Administration	2000	0.00000097	30.76570814	30.71085670	0.00504938	0.00327233

Non Entity Asset Ratio Management

Numerator Non Entity Assets

		Denominator	Total Assets
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Agency	Year		
Department of Defense	1998		0.00249718
Department of Defense	2000		0.004444472
Department of Energy	1998		0.00700011
Department of Energy	1999		0.00000000
Department of Energy	2000		0.00000000
Department of Justice	1998		0.04530211
Department of Justice	1999		0.04492315
Department of Justice	2000		
Department of Treasury	1998		0.97232123
Department of Treasury	1999		0.96942611
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1998		0.97460222
Federal Emergency Management Agency	1999		0.00000000
Federal Emergency Management Agency	2000		0.00000000
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1998		0.00015553
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1999		0.00019042
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2000		0.00094799
Department of Commerce	1998		0.01428252
Department of Commerce	1999		0.01345586
Department of Leoth and Luman Services	2000		0.01215989
Department of Health and Human Services	1998		0.00548262
Department of Health and Human Services	1999		0.00039023
Department of Labor	1998		0.00033265
Department of Labor	1999		0.00730032
Department of Labor	2000		0.00244593
Department of Veterans Affairs	1998		0.02605898
Department of Veterans Affairs	1999		0.03729709
Department of Veterans Affairs	2000		0.00106925
General Services Administration	1998		0.00677291
General Services Administration	1999		0.00482368
General Services Administration	2000		0.00432471
Office of Personnel Management	1998		0.00000000
Office of Personnel Management	2000		0.00000000
Department of Agriculture	1998		0.00619983
Department of Agriculture	1999		0.00438219
Department of Agriculture	2000		0.00187281
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1998		0.00648646
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1999		0.00676741
Department of Housing and Urban Development	2000		0.00664090
Department of State	1998		0.00336883
Department of State	1999		0.00109082
Agency for International Development	1998		0.0000000
Agency for International Development	1999		0.00636755
Agency for International Development	2000		0.00243993
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1998		0.00018279
National Aeronautical Space Administration	1999		0.00010726
National Aeronautical Space Administration	2000		0.00019418
Small Business Administration	1998		0.00000000
Small Business Administration	1999		0.00000000
Department of Education	2000		0.00000000
Department of Education	1999		0.02078518
Department of Education	2000		0.01875497
Department of the Interior	1998		0.10181768
Department of the Interior	1999		0.10135980
Department of the Interior	2000		0.05778027
Department of Transportation	1998		0.01455184
Department of Transportation	1999		0.01545505
Department of Transportation	2000		0.01371427
Environmental Protection Agency	1998		0.00000000
Environmental Protection Agency	1999		0.00012546
National Science Foundation	2000		0.00039196
National Science Foundation	1000		0.0000000
National Science Foundation	2000		0.0000000
Social Security Administration	1998		0.00220218
Social Security Administration	1999		0.00210091
Social Security Administration	2000		0.00178288

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