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Performance Budgeting Assignment Sheets

Select a governmental activity for which you will create a performance measure. Try to provide sufficient realistic detail for your performance measure. You may want to review the performance measure development example described on pages 106-108.

1. What is the name of the government organization that incorporates your selected activity?

2. What is the governmental mission of the organization (e.g., department, division, program)?

3. What is the key objective of the activity?

4. What activity flows from the objective for which you will construct a performance measure?

5. Define a valid and reliable measure of activity performance?

6. What data will need collection, who will collect it, and when?

7. What are all the cost components of the activity, including indirect costs?

8. At what intervals will your performance information be communicated to stakeholders?

9. How will you benchmark the performance measure?

10. How will you link the activity performance to the budget process?
11. What are the proposed policy use and costs of the performance measure?
12. What are three advantages associated with the performance measure you propose?
13. What are three disadvantages associated with the performance measure you proposed?

14. Based on your narrow experience in this exercise, do you feel that the benefits from developing a performance measure outweigh the time and effort involved? How much of your conclusion is based upon the kind of activity you selected for your performance measure? Are there other kinds of governmental activities for which you might reach another conclusion about the utility of using performance measures?