

Section IV

Management Section (Unaudited)

Overview

In an effort to achieve a results-oriented, citizen-centered government that allows for improving performance and overall effectiveness, the Administration developed the President's Management Agenda (PMA), which outlines five government-wide goals and two additional initiatives specific to the Department of Justice. The first report in this section highlights the Department's commitment to effective and efficient operations and accountability and outlines the Department's progress throughout FY 2008 in implementing the strategies of the PMA.

As part of the PMA's mission to integrate budget and performance, the OMB developed the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) in FY 2002. After completing the initial five-year cycle, the Department has used the recommendations to inform annual budget and administrative decisions. The Department is currently in the second round of PART assessments. The second report in this section highlights the Department's progress with the PART process and provides an update on the development of efficiency measures.

Additionally, each year the Department identifies existing and potential management challenges, weaknesses, and areas in need of improvement. Two primary sources used to identify these issues are the Department's OIG-identified Top Management and Performance Challenges and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) assessment process. The challenges identified by the Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) are from an auditor's perspective and include areas of concern that bear significantly on how well the Department carries out its mission and meets its responsibilities as stewards of public funds. The FMFIA assessment process evaluates the effectiveness of internal controls to support effective and efficient programmatic operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations (FMFIA § 2) and whether financial management systems conform to government-wide requirements (FMFIA § 4).

Presented on the following pages are the Department's status of achieving the PMA goals and initiatives, the Department's PART results, the OIG-identified Top Management and Performance Challenges in the Department, Department management's response to those challenges, and the corrective action plans resulting from the FMFIA assessment.