



Army Financial Benefits Reporting and Tracking (AFBRT) Overview Brief



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Background



References:

- Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 12 August 2013, subject: Qualification, Reporting and Tracking of Army Financial Benefits
- Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, 6 December 2013, subject: Implementation Guidance for Qualification, Reporting, and Tracking of Army Financial Benefits
- NDAA for FY12 and FY13
- GAO tracking and reporting (FY12-16)
- Memorandum, Under Secretary of the Army, 2 September 2010, subject: Guidance on Implementing Army Efficiencies Initiatives
- Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 26 August 2010, subject: Oversight of Army Efficiencies Efforts

Outcome:

- Document and report all opportunities for financial benefits in a single repository
- Validate projected savings estimates and incorporate validated projections into the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) process
- Track financial benefits throughout their lifecycle to ensure savings are actually realized, without compromising the ability to accomplish core missions



Army Financial Benefits Reporting and Tracking (AFBRT)



- Documents and reports financial benefits from efficiency and savings initiatives*
- Tracks the life cycle of submitted initiatives from inception, through decision making, and ultimately execution
- Provides a single repository that Army organizations use to record the initiatives and submit them for consideration
- Defines a process for initiatives to be reviewed and validated, and savings and implementation costs for approved initiatives to be recorded against the appropriate program lines
- Tracks program execution and actual realized savings for these initiatives using GFEBs

* Initiatives can originate through a multitude of channels

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| - AAA | - Directed Reduction | - Mil to Civ Conversion |
| - Army Headquarters Transformation | - Focus Areas | - Process Automation |
| - Better Buying Power | - IATC | - Renewable Energy |
| - Business Process Reengineering | - In Sourcing | - RIF |
| - Cost Benefit Analysis | - Lean Six Sigma | - Service Contract Reduction |



AFBRT Goals



- De-conflict overlapping initiatives before they get to decision (operational impact)
- Validate estimates and identify risks/contingencies (less workload during POM)
- Provide as much information as possible for programming up front (streamlines the process & facilitates decision making)
- Better defend Army budget requests and communicate operational impacts (improves Senior Leader decision making & external communication)
- Improve forecasting in future years and inform program adjustments for the next decision cycle (continuous improvement of cost estimates)



Initiative Lifecycle



Initiative progresses as follows:

- **Submit:**
 - A narrative describing the initiative and the program(s) affected and any operational impact of the proposed efficiency
 - The source of the initiative – command generated or imposed
- **Review:**
 - An approved cost estimate for implementation and benefits realized over time, tied to specific programs and cost objects
 - For any overlap with another initiative
 - The outcome of the cost estimate reviews
- **Decide:**
 - Make recommendations and comment on the initiative by each reviewing entity
 - Senior Leader decision on inclusion in Army budget
- **Execute:**
 - Identifiers allow initiative tracking in GFEBs
 - Actual program execution
 - Potential revision to forecast, based on actual execution



Timeline & Questions



- Report initiative, with future years financial benefits, as soon as the cost avoidance and/or cost saving estimate is complete
- Supporting documentation can be found at:
 - <http://www.asafm.army.mil/Document.aspx>
 - <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/cost-warriors>
- Any AFBRT related questions should be sent to the AFBRT Help Desk mailbox:
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