

State of Evaluation in the Federal Government

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Roles of Program Evaluation

- Inform Decision-Making
- Accountability



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To be effective:

- Evaluation must be timely, relevant, credible, cost-effective
- **timely**: available when needed for decision-making
- **relevant**: issues that matter; robust methodologies; practical
- **credible**: independent; objective; neutral; balanced; evidence-based
- **cost-effective**: an investment in information for decision-making



Key Challenges

Top management support and use

results focus

learning culture

manages risk

values evidence

understands the potential value of evaluations

links to policy development

accountability

Central Agency use

policy-making

resource allocation / reallocation

accountability



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Key Challenges (cont'd)

Capacity to deliver quality product

experienced evaluators (internal & external)

adequate funding

practical planning

information to support

evaluation

Effective governance of the function

independence

access to decision makers



Enabling

Environment: Expectations for evidence-based decision-making

30 years of experience: summative / formative

Expenditure Management System

Strategic Reviews / streamlining regulations

Federal Accountability Act

100% coverage of g & c programs

Implementation / Design / Delivery



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Today's discussion

Some departments are thriving; others struggling

Presenters and participants ideas for continued progress

How TB and departments are working together to meet the challenges



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