



Budget Officer - John Rapp

John Rapp is the Director of the Office of Budget and Program Analysis (OBPA) where he leads all aspects of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's budget formulation, execution, performance, evidence, and evaluation, and the regulatory agenda. John's goal is for the office to provide the knowledge, tools, guidance, and facilitation needed to coordinate USDA agencies' efforts, and provides accurate and timely data and analysis to inform external stakeholders of agencies' progress towards USDA's strategic priorities.



During John's tenure with OBPA, he has led the expansion of USDA's evidence and evaluation capabilities and infused data into the Quarterly Strategic Review and budget formulation processes to support decision-making. He has also developed and implemented a more strategic approach to budget planning that allows leaders to reflect on successes and challenges to plot the course for their agency's budgets and policies. John has also emphasized the importance of relationships, both within and outside USDA, to better accomplish USDA's mission.

Prior to joining OBPA, John served as the Forest Service's Budget Director for three years where he was noted for fostering collaboration and communication; especially with OMB and Congressional Appropriations subcommittee staff. Under his leadership, the agency implemented a new budget structure that improved transparency and created a strong tie to the mission. While at the Forest Service, John also held the position of Performance Management Branch Chief and Assistant Director of Budget.

John earned his master's degree in forested wetland ecology from NC State in Raleigh, NC, his bachelor's degree in forest science from Penn State in State College, PA, and his associate's degree in pre-professional forestry from Paul Smith's College in Paul Smiths, NY.