



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 management, and the regulatory agenda.

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 joined the Forest Service from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which works to conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet the nation's economic, social and environmental needs. As Program Manager for restoration planning following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, John led planning that resulted in the initial \$1 billion "up-front" restoration settlement to offset environmental impacts from the spill. He also advised the NOAA Administrator and Secretary of Commerce during the three months immediately following the oil spill on issues ranging from the fishing closure in the Gulf of Mexico to seafood sampling. Also with NOAA, John spent five years planning and implementing marsh restoration projects in Louisiana and Texas following oil spills and superfund clean-ups.

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.