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BUDGET HEARING ON THE BUDGET REQUESTS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

## **Testimony of Barbara Jumper, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance and Resource Management, before the Committee on Finance and Revenue**

Good afternoon, Chairman Evans and members of the committee. My name is Barbara Jumper, Deputy Chief Financial Officer of the Office of Finance and Resource Management (OFRM). I am pleased to appear before you today to discuss OFRM's FY 2003 budget request.

### **FY 2003 Budget Request**

The budget request for OFRM totals 33 FTEs and \$2.285 million, a reduction of 4 FTEs and \$88,000, or 3.7 percent, from the approved FY 2002 budget. These decreases are the net result of internal cost-savings initiatives and reallocations. In fact, OFRM expects to increase its client base with the addition of three agencies for which we will provide financial management and shared services: DC National Guard, Judicial Nomination Commission, and the Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure.

OFRM is comprised of three functional areas: fixed cost central payments, shared services, and resource management. OFRM has successfully linked its basic core role of central payments, its financial advisory responsibility to 21 agencies, and its functional responsibility of conducting resource audits that result in overall savings to the District. OFRM has had tremendous success in ensuring that each of its client agencies receives the highest level of financial and budgetary services. We have formulated solid working relationships with our agencies, assisting them in meeting their performance goals and ensuring that they are met within budget.

### **FY 2003 Programs**

Today and in FY 2003, OFRM will remain committed to maintaining financial integrity by ensuring the:

- successful close of client agency budgets, on time and within budget for the FY 2002 CAFR,
- timely submission of agency FRPs and the executive summary to each agency director and to the Office of Budget and Planning, and
- successful and timely close of the city's fixed cost intra-district budget of \$188 million.

The OFRM Web site (which can be accessed at <http://cfo.in.dc.gov/ofrm>) is now available to all client agencies to provide read-only access to agency-specific billing and account information. Our shared-service agencies also have online access to current budget and expenditure data, including current purchase order and payment information.

In closing, OFRM is an example of government that works. OFRM is the embodiment of shared services. Through a carefully engineered plan, OFRM strategically aligned its resources to capture the greatest economies of scale. Even with the reductions proposed for FY 2003, OFRM still can provide its services at a cost of 3/10 of one cent for every dollar managed. In order to maintain its position in FY 2003 as a responsible fiduciary partner, OFRM will sustain a process of continuous improvement in order to move to its next level of organizational effectiveness. Our goal is to provide timely, value-added support services to our client agencies. In doing so we will continue to visit the topic of customer service. We will monitor performance measures linked to the strategic plan. We will provide value-added service with existing resources. We will stay dedicated in FY 2003 to putting our customers first.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my prepared remarks. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.