

Implementation of the Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act (CBJTA)

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The purpose of this Controller Alert is to alert agencies of the implementation plan of P.L. 117-40, the [Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act](#) (CBJTA, “The Act”), which was signed into law on September 24, 2021. The CBJTA requires OMB to establish policies and data standards for agencies relating to making available their Congressional Justification (CJ) materials. OMB has provided these standards and policies in OMB Circular No. A-11 (“A-11”) [section 22.6](#). Agencies should continue to adhere to the CJ transparency requirements included in section 22.6 of A-11.

The Act also requires the following details regarding the CJ materials to be centrally available to the public: (1) a list of the agencies that submit budget justification materials to Congress, (2) the dates that the materials are submitted to Congress and posted online, and (3) links to the materials. As mentioned in the 2022 update of A-11, OMB will collect this information from every agency that submits congressional justification materials, and the information will be made available on [USASpending.gov](#).

Finally, in an effort to ensure transparency and provide an easy method of analyzing comparable budget data across the Federal Government, OMB will provide, with the next release of the 2024 President’s Budget, supplemental data on obligations by Budget Object Class and Full-time equivalents in a machine-readable format. These reports will show account-level details that agencies reported in the President’s Budget and their congressional justifications.

If you have questions about this Controller Alert, please contact the OMB spending transparency team at SpendingTransparency@OMB.eop.gov.