WFED Federal CFO Survey 2012 priorities



1 I work at a:

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Cabinet Agency (i.e. Transportation, VA, etc.)	54.5%	6
Large agency (GSA, EPA, etc.)	45.5%	5
Small agency	0.0%	0
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

2. I've been the CFO/deputy CFO for:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than a year	0.0%	0
1-3 years	63.6%	7
4-6 years	18.2%	2
More than 6 years	18.2%	2
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

3. I am a:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Career employee	90.9%	10
Political appointee	9.1%	1
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

4. What are your priorities for 2012? (rank in order)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rating Average	Res
Reducing improper payments	10.0%	20.0%	0.0%	30.0% (3)	10.0% (1)	20.0%	0.0%	10.0% (1)	4.20	
Modernizing/improving my agency's general ledger financial systems	0.0%	9.1% (1)	36.4% (4)	18.2% (2)	0.0%	18.2% (2)	18.2% (2)	0.0%	4.36	
Modernizing/improving my agency's grant systems	0.0%	0.0%	11.1% (1)	0.0%	0.0%	33.3% (3)	33.3% (3)	22.2% (2)	6.44	
Modernizing/improving my agency's procurement systems	9.1% (1)	0.0%	0.0%	18.2% (2)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	27.3% (3)	18.2% (2)	5.64	
Solving data quality and integrity issues	0.0%	0.0%	22.2% (2)	22.2% (2)	55.6% (5)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.33	
Reducing my agency's real property inventory	0.0%	0.0%	11.1% (1)	11.1% (1)	11.1% (1)	22.2% (2)	11.1% (1)	33.3% (3)	6.11	
Helping my agency deal with budget cuts	54.5% (6)	18.2% (2)	18.2% (2)	0.0%	9.1% (1)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.91	
Helping my agency use financial data to make better decisions	18.2% (2)	54.5% (6)	9.1% (1)	9.1% (1)	9.1% (1)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.36	

Other (please specify)

answered	question
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5. My agency's financial management system:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Needs a complete overhaul	0.0%	0
Is somewhat lagging	27.3%	3
Is in great working order	18.2%	2
Does what it needs to do but could be improved	54.5%	6
	Comments	2

11	answered question	
0	skipped question	

6. When it comes to implementing the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act my agency is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Meeting the full intent and spirit of the law.	20.0%	2
Making slow and steady progress.	70.0%	7
Having a difficult time because of budget constraints.	10.0%	1
Not even trying.	0.0%	0
Other	0.0%	0
	Comments	0
	answered question	10
	skipped question	1

7. My financial management workforce:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Is well trained	27.3%	3
Lacks necessary skills across the board	0.0%	0
Works hard, but falls short in some necessary skills	72.7%	8
Other	0.0%	0

Comments:

1

11	answered question	
0	skipped question	

8. The biggest workforce challenge my office has is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Training	27.3%	3
Hiring	27.3%	3
Retaining employees	9.1%	1
Hiring the right vendors	0.0%	0
The hiring freeze	18.2%	2
Other	18.2%	2

Comments:

2

answered question	11
skipped question	0

9. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being very important and 1 being not important at all, how important are these priorities as they relate to your agency's mission? (check all that apply)

	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Reducing improper payments	20.0% (2)	20.0% (2)	30.0% (3)	20.0% (2)	10.0% (1)	2.80	10
Developing/improving financial management systems	10.0% (1)	30.0% (3)	20.0% (2)	20.0% (2)	20.0% (2)	3.10	10
Federal asset management	10.0% (1)	30.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	30.0% (3)	3.40	10
Driving savings toward mission areas	36.4% (4)	9.1% (1)	9.1% (1)	9.1% (1)	36.4% (4)	3.00	11
Cutting costs	45.5% (5)	9.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	9.1% (1)	36.4% (4)	2.82	11
Workforce training	27.3% (3)	18.2% (2)	27.3% (3)	9.1% (1)	18.2% (2)	2.73	11
					Other (please	e explain):	0
					answered question		11
					skipped	question	0

10. Do you think the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 needs to be updated?:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	54.5%	6
No	27.3%	3
Somewhat	18.2%	2
Not sure	0.0%	0
	Comments:	0
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

11. If you answered 'yes' or 'somewhat' to question 10, how would you update the CFO Act?

Response	
Count	

5

5	answered question	
6	skipped question	

12. The single audit process needs:

	Response Percent	Response Count
To stay the same	10.0%	1
A total overhaul	40.0%	4
Some minor tweaks	40.0%	4
Not sure	10.0%	1
	Comments:	0
	answered question	10
	skipped question	1

13. How likely are you to move to a financial systems shared service provider in the coming year?

	Respons Percen	-
Likely	9.1	% 1
Not likely	72.7	% 8
Our system already is being hosted by a shared services provider	18.2	% 2
Not sure	0.0	% 0
	Comment	s: 1

answered question	11
skipped question	0

14. Does your agency plans to use the electronic payment processing system under the Treasury Department's financial management initiative in 2012?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	18.2%	2
No	45.5%	5
Maybe	27.3%	3
Not sure	9.1%	1

Comments:

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answered question 11
skipped question 0

15. Treasury's 12-step plan to improve federal financial management is:

Response Count	Response Percent	
4	36.4%	Moving too slowly
5	45.5%	Making a difference
2	18.2%	Not affecting my agency
0	Comments:	
11	answered question	
0	skipped question	

16. The Government Accountability and Transparency Board, or GAT Board, will:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Help the government gain better oversight and control of its spending	18.2%	2
Be another bureaucratic oversight body	36.4%	4
It's too early to say if it will help or hurt	45.5%	5
	Comments:	0
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

17. The biggest challenges facing the financial management community are: (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Budget reductions	81.8%	9
Hiring freeze	27.3%	3
Lack of training	36.4%	4
Financial systems shortcomings	36.4%	4
Too many unfunded mandates	72.7%	8
Analyzing priorities to do less with less	54.5%	6
Other	0.0%	0
	If other (please specify)	0
	answered question	11
	skipped question	0

18. Other comments about the state of federal finanical management?

Response	
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0	answered question	
11	skipped question	

Q4. Wh	nat are your priorities for 2012? (rank in order)	
1	#1 - Addressing risk management issues	Nov 21, 2011 1:48 PM

Q5. My agency's financial management system:		
1	New Core Financial System installed in FY 2011; work needed to get full benefit of system.	Nov 28, 2011 1:03 PM
2	SAP need to accept minus signs for deobligations!	Nov 28, 2011 11:26 AM

Q7. My financial management workforce:		
1	Has skills to utilize existing systems, but needs training to achieve full benefit of new financial systems	Nov 28, 2011 1:03 PM

Q8. The biggest workforce challenge my office has is:		
1	The right skill mix	Nov 21, 2011 4:43 PM
2	Succession planning.	Nov 21, 2011 10:43 AM

Q11. If	Q11. If you answered 'yes' or 'somewhat' to question 10, how would you update the CFO Act?		
1	CFO/DCFO responsibilties; right size responsibilities across agenices; emphasis on outcomes not just reporting	Dec 5, 2011 7:28 AM	
2	Strengthen the role of the Deputy CFO and eliminate Senate confirmation for the CFO position.	Dec 2, 2011 12:36 PM	
3	See special report sent to the hill by CFO council	Dec 2, 2011 11:36 AM	
4	Agree with CFOC Recommendations	Nov 28, 2011 1:03 PM	
5	Broaden and make consistent the CFOs roles and responsibilities to include: budget, finance, performance measurement, and strategic planning.	Nov 21, 2011 10:43 AM	

Q13. How likely are you to move to a financial systems shared service provider in the coming year?		
1	we plan to change from a government SSP to a commercial SSP.	Nov 28, 2011 1:03 PM

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Q14. Does your agency plans to use the electronic payment processing system under the Treasury Department's financial management initiative in 2012?

1 We plan to implement, but may not make it in FY 2012.

Nov 28, 2011 1:03 PM