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Talking to OMB and OSTP

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Since the physics community relies strongly on public funding for much of its forefront research, learning how to communicate effectively with a variety of science policy offices in Washington is essential. That communication often takes the form of personal visits or the writing of reports. Because the Office of Management & Budget and the Office of Science & Technology Policy have a joint role in assessing investments in basic physical sciences research, they are important audiences for the physics community. As a former OMB examiner and current OSTP policy analyst, I will explain how you can use the OMB/OSTP R&D Investment Criteria to communicate more effectively with these offices about the federal research programs you care about. I will also analyze recent policy documents, such as *Physics of the Universe*, *Quantum Universe*, the HEPAP Long-Range Plan and the FESAC *Priorities & Balance* report, for their success as vehicles for communicating with important players in the science policy arena.