



# COVA Performance Budgeting

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In approximately 2 months, Phase I of the Performance Budgeting (PB) system will GO LIVE! The project, to this point, has focused on the technical and the design aspects of the new system. However, in the remaining months, YOU – as a future user of the system - will occupy several pivotal roles throughout the concluding activities of PB Phase I. Your roles will include 1) tester and 2) learner.

strate how the real PB system looks and how you will use the new system to manage your agency's budget. The online courses will be augmented with weekly question & answer webinars that will provide direct access to budgeting experts at the Department of Planning and Budget and the PB project team.



- Provides access to course narrative in both voice and text formats.
- Provides YOU with an opportunity to check your understanding of the system through guided practice sessions that provide immediate feedback. During these practice sessions, no one will track or monitor your activities, and you can retake these practice sessions as many times as you want.

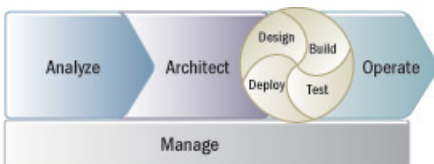


Figure 1: PB Development Lifecycle

## Testing

In order to complete the PB project successfully, User Acceptance Testing (UAT) must be performed by the budgeting professionals who will be using the system. UAT is the final round of testing (see Figure 1) that is done before the system is placed into production. UAT testers will comprise a representative cross-section of PB system users from all three branches of government. For those who have volunteered to participate in UAT, instructions and details are forthcoming.

## Training

Formal training on the new PB System is currently being developed for both agencies and DPB. Online training for the PB system is scheduled to begin on Aug 1. These interactive and engaging courses will be available on demand 24 hours/day 7 days a week. No more Death-by-PowerPoint! These courses will demon-

Please look at the project website for a list of courses that will be available starting August 1. See: <http://www.dpb.virginia.gov/pb/training.cfm>

The Performance Budgeting training will be delivered directly to your PC at work or at home. This will be accomplished through the online Commonwealth of Virginia Knowledge Center (CoVKC). If you already have a CoVKC account, you're ready to go. If not, you can sign up for free at <https://covkc.virginia.gov> You are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible so you can provide feedback to the project team by completing the online survey.

## Advantages of Online Training

The decision to use online, web-based training for the Performance Budgeting system was based on the advantages this approach has for YOU as a user of the new system. Some of these advantages include:

- Provides uniformity of course content, detail, and scope that has been reviewed and approved by numerous technical and subject matter experts.
- Provides a self-paced learning environment - you can stop, skip, and rewind the course as your needs dictate.

