Evaluation in Planning & Performance Activities

From the GPRA compliance to good government, a long-awaited marriage of evidence-building practices.
Evaluation as part of Strategic Planning

• Not later than the first Monday in February of any year following the year in which the term of the President commences under section 101 of title 3, the head of each agency shall make available on the public website of the agency a strategic plan and notify the President and Congress of its availability. Such plan shall contain—
  • (8) a description of the program evaluations used in establishing or revising general goals and objectives, with a schedule for future program evaluations to be conducted.
DOL’s Operating Plan Process

- DOL components develop annual Operating Plans
  - Performance-based, but include evaluation
- Quarterly Operating Plan Reviews (QOPRs) with the Deputy Secretary (COO)
  - **Goal**: provide leadership with the necessary information to make strategic decisions
  - Chief Evaluation Office role
    - Opportunity to provide insight from completed and ongoing evaluations and studies
  - Provides context to Departmental leadership on how Performance Management and Evaluation differ as disciplines, but complement each other as evidence-building practices
An interdisciplinary approach to evidence