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John Pasquantino is Acting Chief of the Recovery and Transparency Branch in the Office of Management and Budget. His work focuses on providing government-wide guidance on implementation of provisions of the Recovery Act. Most recently, this work has focused on Recovery Act Section 1512 recipient reporting, transparency, and risk management. John has served at OMB since 2003.

Working within OMB, John has overseen efforts that improved agency compliance with applicable Federal financial standards, OMB Circular A-11, and OMB Circular A-123. These efforts have led the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to eliminate thousands of open obligations and to its deobligation of more than \$1.8 billion in program funds to date. These efforts are also leading to additional changes that improve the internal control environment of USDA and its compliance with appropriations law. John has guided oversight of agency changes in the classification of certain real property assets that reduced deferred maintenance overestimations by \$700M.

Prior to joining OMB, John worked for 15 years with the U.S. Forest Service. John has also served on the staffs of two U.S. Senators and a Member of Congress, where he authored the Nevada Wilderness Designation Act. He is a graduate of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the Widener University School of Law.

During his work with the Forest Service, John served as a wildland firefighter and helped put out dozens of wildfires—experience which he has found surprisingly applicable to issues related to Recovery Act guidance.