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Introduction:

Public spending efficiency and financial sustainability training is a 3-day course for public-entity finance officers, budgeting analysts, planning staff and procurement specialists, ending with a Spending Efficiency Plan and Savings Model for one spending area. Many public entities cut budgets across the board when pressure rises, without knowing what their services cost or which spending delivers value, so savings fade and service quality suffers. Nominees already prepare budgets, cost estimates or purchase plans and build a working spending model from data drawn from health, education, municipal and infrastructure services. CoreConcept Training Center delivers this public spending efficiency course.

Course Objectives:

- Diagnose a spending baseline across current and capital expenditure and locate the areas with the largest efficiency potential
- Plan a spending review with clear objectives, terms of reference, governance roles and an indicative savings target
- Calculate unit costs, activity-based costs and life-cycle costs for services, support functions and assets
- Assess options against the economy, efficiency and effectiveness tests of value for money
- Build a multi-year savings model that checks affordability and supports medium-term financial sustainability
- Track efficiency initiatives with validated savings figures and report results to decision makers

Target Audience:

- Finance officers in ministries, agencies and public companies who prepare and monitor spending
 - Budgeting analysts responsible for baselines, forecasts and budget submissions
 - Planning staff who set multi-year service and investment plans
 - Procurement specialists who manage demand, contracts and category spending
 - Members of spending efficiency teams who identify and follow up savings initiatives
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Course Outline:

Day 1: Spending Efficiency Foundations and Spending Review Design

- Public Spending Efficiency Concepts and Fiscal Sustainability Drivers
- Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness Tests of Value for Money
- OECD Spending Review Types and Objective Setting
- Spending Review Terms of Reference and Governance Roles
- Current and Capital Expenditure Baseline Diagnostic

Day 2: Cost Analysis, Value Options and Efficiency Initiatives

- Unit Cost Analysis for Public Services and Programmes
- Activity-Based Costing of Shared and Support Services
- Life-Cycle Costing for Capital Projects and Public Assets
- Procurement Demand Management and Category Savings Levers
- Efficiency Initiative Register, Savings Validation and Benefits Tracking

Day 3: Modelling Build and the Spending Efficiency Plan

- Modelling Build of a Multi-Year Spending Baseline
- Savings Scenario Modelling with Delivery Risk Assumptions
- Medium-Term Fiscal Framework Alignment and Affordability Check
- Efficiency KPI Dashboard and Reporting to Decision Makers
- Spending Efficiency Plan and Savings Model Completion

Skills You Will Gain:

- Expenditure Baseline Analysis
 - Spending Review Scoping
 - Service Unit Costing
 - Activity-Based Costing
 - Life-Cycle Cost Estimation
 - Value for Money Option Appraisal
 - Savings Validation
 - Multi-Year Financial Modelling
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Why Attend This Course:

- Deliver a Spending Efficiency Plan and Savings Model to the chief financial officer and budget committee for approval of the next budget round
- Choose which services, contracts and assets to review first based on cost, value and savings potential
- Prevent across-the-board cuts, double-counted savings and unaffordable commitments that erode services and medium-term plans
- Share costing templates, the initiative register and the savings model with finance, planning and procurement colleagues

Conclusion:

Back at work, the participant presents the Spending Efficiency Plan and Savings Model to the chief financial officer and the budget committee, who use it to decide which efficiency initiatives enter the next budget and multi-year plan. Procurement and service managers take ownership of the initiatives assigned to them. After the first quarter of delivery, the finance team should compare validated savings with the model, check that service quality held, and update baselines, assumptions and the initiative register before the next spending review.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What should participants know before a public spending efficiency and financial sustainability course?

Participants should already prepare budgets, cost estimates, financial plans or purchase plans and be comfortable with spreadsheets. Bringing recent spending data or a budget for one service or programme lets them build the savings model on figures from their own entity.

How does a public spending efficiency course differ from a zero-based or performance-based budgeting course?

Budgeting courses redesign how the whole budget is prepared and linked to results. This course works on existing spending: reviewing it, costing services, testing value for money and building a validated savings plan that fits the entity's medium-term financial plan.

What is a spending review in public spending efficiency work?

A spending review is a structured analysis of existing expenditure to find savings or reallocate funds. It has agreed objectives and scope, a governance structure, often an indicative savings target, and recommendations that feed directly into budget preparation.

What do participants take back from a public spending efficiency and financial sustainability course?

Participants take back a Spending Efficiency Plan and Savings Model for one spending area, with an expenditure baseline, unit and life-cycle cost analysis, value for money assessment, a register of initiatives with validated savings and a multi-year affordability check.