



NEW *IT Budgeting and Decision Making: Maximizing Your Government's Technology Investments*

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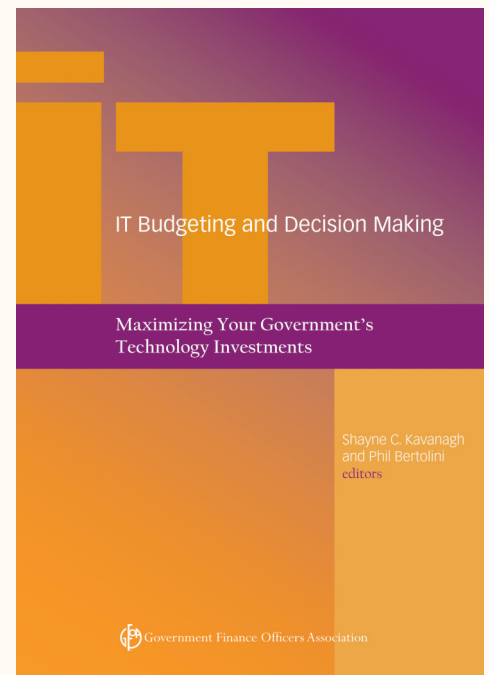
IT Budgeting and Decision Making gives governments a rational way for finance officers and technology experts to form partnerships that make sure technology investments serve business needs and create value for the public. The book is divided into three parts to guide readers through essential steps for designing and implementing a technology budget process:

1. Setting up a good IT governance structure to support sound investment decisions and establish accountability. This section tells you why shared governance is important and how to set up a governance system that assigns appropriate roles for the finance officer, the technology officer, and users.
2. Defining a budgeting process for technology. In this section, readers will learn about workable approaches to setting IT spending priorities, explaining technology investments, and ways to test whether IT proposals will address critical business needs.
3. Using IT governance practices to their fullest potential. Assuring that IT purchases produce promised benefits is a perpetual challenge for governments. This section offers procedures and examples governments can use to establish accountability and monitor results through robust IT governance practices.

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