

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TEXT SUMMARY

The **Executive Office of the President (EOP)** is a complex organization of agencies staffed by most of the President's closest advisors and assistants.

The White House Office is the "nerve center" of the EOP. It includes the President's chief of staff, who directs White House operations, and other key members of the President's inner circle.

As part of the EOP, the National Security Council advises the President in all matters that relate to the nation's safety. The President chairs the council.

The EOP's largest unit is the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which prepares the **federal budget**. A budget gives a detailed estimate of the money to

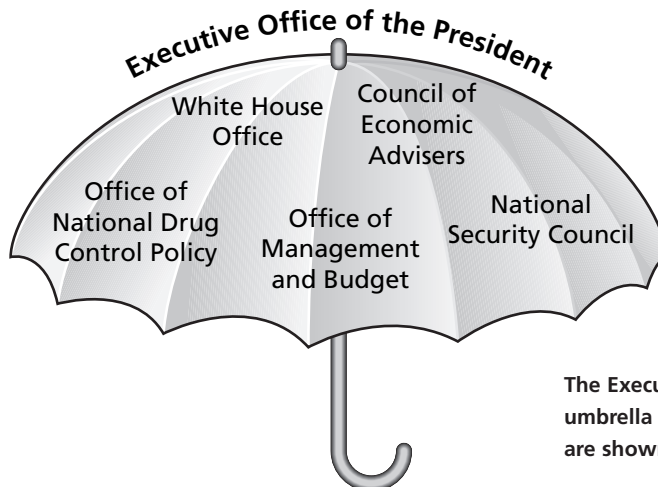
be received and spent by the Federal Government during the coming **fiscal year**. A fiscal year is the 12-month period used by a government or business for financial management. The Federal Government's fiscal year begins on October 1.

The EOP also includes other agencies such as the Office of National Drug Control Policy, which oversees federal efforts to fight drugs. Three of the nation's leading economists make up the Council of Economic Advisers. Still other units of the EOP deal directly with **domestic affairs**, or matters confined within the United States.

THE BIG IDEA

The Executive Office of the President includes both advisors and agencies that work closely with the President.

GRAPHIC SUMMARY: *The Structure of the Executive Office of the President*



The Executive Office of the President is an umbrella agency, some of the units of which are shown here.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who is the director of White House operations?
2. **Diagram Skills** Name two agencies within the Executive Office of the President.