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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 50 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. The Internal Revenue Services (IRS) budget request shows how IRS intends to balance spending for enforcement and taxpayer service, including spending for new initiatives and the Business Systems Modernization (BSM) program. A combination of enforcement and taxpayer service promotes compliance with the tax laws. GAO was asked to (1) compare IRSs proposed FY 2008 budget to prior years and assess how the new spending initiatives are justified, and (2) describe IRSs enforcement, filing season, and BSM performance. GAO analyses are based on IRSs 2008 budget submission, supplementary IRS data, interviews with IRS officials, and prior GAO reports. Some of GAOs analyses have been reported earlier this year and updated here. IRSs budget proposes to increase spending by almost 5 percent to 11.6 billion. The budget proposes shifting a greater proportion of spending to enforcement, continuing a trend since 2004. IRS projects that revenue from the new initiatives will have a relatively small impact on the tax gap-less than one percent of the gap last estimated at 290 billion in 2001. The tax gap is the difference between what taxpayers owe...

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