

## **Budgeting Questions**

What are the major components of a budget?

What are the advantages of leasing equipment?

What are the disadvantages of leasing equipment?

How would you increase the size of your budget without impacting the County?

Why is it important to keep your fees current to the level of your expenses?

Describe the budget process in your County? What kind of budget is it?

What happens when you cut staffing? (Short-term and long-term)

Is a budget fixed or flexible?

What's the best time to increase your budget? When is the worst time?

What new sources of funding can you think of?

What drawbacks are there to relying on the state for funding?

What do you need to look at first when asked to reduce your budget?

How do you get industry to support a fee? Is it necessary to get industry to support a fee?

The state agencies and counties often have conflicts over funding. How do you think this could be resolved?

How do you determine the "charge rate" for your inspections?

Each person is budgeted at 2080 hours. How many hours do they work and how does this affect the charge rate?

How do you add staff to your budget?

Is it easier to prepare and stick to a small budget or a large budget?  
Which is harder to manage?

Given a choice between performing necessary work or staying within your budget, which would you choose?