

**FIT-FOR-LIFE FOODS INC.  
BALANCE SHEET**

|                                                             | 20x4<br>Actual     | 20x5<br>Budgeted   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                                              |                    |                    |
| Cash .....                                                  | \$ 20,000          | \$ 34,000          |
| Accounts receivable .....                                   | 120,000            | 136,000            |
| Inventory .....                                             | 600,000            | 730,000            |
| Plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation) ..... | 3,260,000          | 3,200,000          |
| Total .....                                                 | <u>\$4,000,000</u> | <u>\$4,100,000</u> |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                         |                    |                    |
| Accounts payable .....                                      | \$ 220,000         | \$ 244,000         |
| Long-term debt .....                                        | 640,000            | 616,000            |
| <b>Stockholders' equity:</b>                                |                    |                    |
| Common stock .....                                          | 800,000            | 800,000            |
| Retained earnings .....                                     | 2,340,000          | 2,440,000          |
| Total .....                                                 | <u>\$4,000,000</u> | <u>\$4,100,000</u> |

The company paid dividends of \$55,440 in 20x4, and the expected tax rate for 20x5 is 34 percent.

**Required:**

- Describe the role of budgeting in a firm's strategic planning.
- For each of the financial objectives established by the board of directors and the president of Fit-for-Life Foods Inc. determine whether John Winslow's budget attains these objectives. Support your conclusion in each case by presenting appropriate calculations, and use the following format for your answer.

**Objective****Attained/Not Attained****Calculations**

- Explain why the adjustments contemplated by John Winslow are unethical, citing specific standards of ethical conduct for management accountants.

(CMA, adapted)

**Problem 9-42**

Comprehensive Master Budget; Borrowing; Acquisition of Automated Material-Handling System  
**(LO 9-2, 9-3, 9-5, 9-6)**

- Sales on account, first quarter: \$2,184,600
- Purchases: first quarter: \$2,103,640
- Cash receipts, first quarter: \$2,734,060
- Net income: \$321,312



"We really need to get this new material-handling equipment in operation just after the new year begins. I hope we can finance it largely with cash and marketable securities, but if necessary we can get a short-term loan down at MetroBank." This statement by Beth Davies-Lowry, president of Global Electronics Company, concluded a meeting she had called with the firm's top management. Global is a small, rapidly growing wholesaler of consumer electronic products. The firm's main product lines are small kitchen appliances and power tools. Marcia Wilcox, Global Electronics' general manager of marketing, has recently completed a sales forecast. She believes the company's sales during the first quarter of 20x1 will increase by 10 percent each month over the previous month's sales. Then Wilcox expects sales to remain constant for several months. Global's projected balance sheet as of December 31, 20x0 is as follows:

|                                                                 |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash .....                                                      | \$ 70,000          |
| Accounts receivable .....                                       | 540,000            |
| Marketable securities .....                                     | 30,000             |
| Inventory .....                                                 | 308,000            |
| Buildings and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation) ..... | 1,252,000          |
| Total assets .....                                              | <u>\$2,200,000</u> |
| Accounts payable .....                                          | \$ 352,800         |
| Bond interest payable .....                                     | 25,000             |
| Property taxes payable .....                                    | 7,200              |
| Bonds payable (10%; due in 20x6) .....                          | 600,000            |
| Common stock .....                                              | 1,000,000          |
| Retained earnings .....                                         | 215,000            |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity .....                | <u>\$2,200,000</u> |

Jack Hanson, the assistant controller, is now preparing the 20x1 budget. In the process, the following information has been gathered:

- Projected sales for December of 20x0 are \$800,000. Global's credit experience indicates that 10 percent of sales are collected in the month of sale, and the remainder are collected during the following month.
- Global Electronics' cost of goods sold generally runs at 60 percent of sales. The remainder is paid during the following month. The firm attempts to have inventory at the end of the month's projected cost of goods sold.
- Hanson has estimated that Global's other monthly expenses are as follows:

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Sales salaries .....            |  |
| Advertising and promotion ..... |  |
| Administrative salaries .....   |  |
| Depreciation .....              |  |
| Interest on bonds .....         |  |
| Property taxes .....            |  |

In addition, sales commissions run at the rate of 1 percent of sales.

- Global Electronics' president, Davies-Lowry, has indicated that the firm is planning to purchase an automated inventory-handling system to control inventory in the warehouse just after the new year begins. These equipment costs will be financed using short-term credit facilities. The firm needs to keep a minimum cash balance of \$50,000. Such a loan is three months. Hanson believes short-term financing will be paid off by the end of the first quarter if possible.
- Global Electronics' board of directors has indicated that the firm should maintain a cash balance of \$100,000 on the last day of each quarter.
- The interest on any short-term borrowing will be paid semiannually on January 31 and July 31. Global Electronics' bonds are paid semiannually on February 1 and August 1.
- Property taxes are paid semiannually on February 1 and August 1.

**Required:** Prepare Global Electronics Company's master budget for the first quarter of 20x1, including the following schedules and statements.

- Sales budget:

20x0  
December January

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Total sales .....      |  |
| Cash sales .....       |  |
| Sales on account ..... |  |

- Cash receipts budget:

|                                                                      |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Cash sales .....                                                     |  |
| Cash collections from credit sales made during current month .....   |  |
| Cash collections from credit sales made during preceding month ..... |  |
| Total cash receipts .....                                            |  |