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Senate	http://www.senate.gov/	1529
THOMAS	http://thomas.loc.gov/	1548

U.S. Judiciary

Supreme Court of the United States	http://www.supremecourtus.gov/	1439
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts	http://www.uscourts.gov/	1442

U.S. President

http://www.whitehouse.gov/	1559
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Cabinet and Cabinet-Level Offices

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Commerce	http://www.commerce.gov/	83
Council of Economic Advisers	http://whitehouse.gov/cea/	1549
Defense	http://www.defense.gov/	418
Education	http://www.ed.gov/	602
Energy	http://www.energy.gov/	774
Environmental Protection Agency	http://www.epa.gov/	890
Health and Human Services	http://www.hhs.gov/	1742
Homeland Security	http://www.dhs.gov/	463
Housing and Urban Development	http://www.hud.gov/	1730
Interior	http://www.doi.gov/	952
Justice	http://www.usdoj.gov/	1397
Labor	http://www.dol.gov/	716
Office of Management and Budget	http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/	1040
State	http://www.state.gov/	1335
Transportation	http://www.dot.gov/	1807
Treasury	http://www.treasury.gov/	1098
U.S. Mission to the UN/New York	http://www.usunnewyork.usmission.gov/	1351
U.S. Trade Representative	http://www.ustr.gov/	191
Veterans Affairs	http://www.va.gov/	517
Vice President of the United States	http://www.whitehouse.gov/vicepresident/	1558

Major Libraries, Catalogs, and Data Sources

Bureau of Labor Statistics	http://www.bls.gov/	733
Census Bureau	http://www.census.gov/	543
Data.gov	http://data.gov/	1102
FedStats	http://www.fedstats.gov/	3
Government Printing Office	http://www.gpo.gov/	1105
Library of Congress	http://www.loc.gov/	271
National Agricultural Library	http://www.nalusda.gov/	283
National Archives and Records Administration	http://www.archives.gov/	1107
National Library of Medicine	http://www.nlm.nih.gov/	287
National Technical Information Service	http://www.ntis.gov/	1108

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USA.gov	http://www.usa.gov/	12

Preface

Researchers, business people, teachers, students, and citizens in the United States and around the world can navigate the labyrinthine federal Web with this book, *e-Government and Web Directory: U.S. Federal Government Online*. Formerly called *The United States Government Internet Manual*, the *e-Government and Web Directory* organizes selected Web sites into 20 subject-themed chapters. The U.S. government's presence online is massive and has developed in a way that makes information difficult to find, even with an Internet search engine. The subject-based approach of this book allows you to browse for relevant sites in your field of interest rather than sift through hundreds of search results or try to guess which federal agency to consult. Use this book to discover the breadth and depth of government information and services available to you online.

The *Directory* features entries for over 2,000 government and government-related Web sites. Each site is described to help you choose the proper resource. Web site descriptions typically include information about the sponsoring agency, notes on the useful or unique aspects of the site, and lists of some of the major government publications hosted on the site. An appendix provides Internet addresses for individual members of Congress and congressional committees. Multiple indexes in the back of the book help you locate Web sites by agency, site name, subject, and government publication title. The Master Index combines the agency, site name, and subject indexes. A separate index lists Web sites with full or substantial Spanish-language versions.

The book's introductory material includes a one-page "Quick Guide" to the major federal agencies and the leading online library, data source, and finding aid sites. A second guide identifies the major government Web sites related to the global recession and new government economic recovery programs. Organization charts for the federal government, the U.S. Congress, and each Cabinet-level department annotated with Web addresses provide another approach to finding government information and understanding the context of that information. We hope that these and other guides will be productive starting points for your research.

I would like to thank the editorial and production staff of Bernan Press who contributed to this effort.

In introducing this edition of *e-Government and Web Directory*, I would also like to thank the keepers of the Web sites listed in this book for the service they provide.

About the Editor

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Introduction

President Barack Obama leads the third administration in office since the World Wide Web came to be. This new administration and concurrent changes in how people use the Web are shaping the way the federal government communicates online. The *e-Government and Web Directory: U.S. Federal Government Online* serves as a guide to the changing landscape of government information online. We include many of the new sites created by the Obama administration and provide a reference list of the major government sites related to the current economic crisis (page xxvii). This book is primarily concerned with the content of the Web sites rather than the technology used, but a basic awareness of technical trends can help researchers navigate the federal Web with confidence even as it evolves.

Government agency Web sites initially existed to provide information about the agency itself. Government sites still do this, thankfully, but basic organizational information has been supplemented with multiple news channels, such as blogs and live webcasts, and with a diverse array of interactive databases, such as the real-time water data from the U.S. Geological Survey that can be analyzed and mapped online. Federal agencies are also providing more services and transactions on their Web sites, including electronic filing of income taxes and online application for Social Security benefits. These online services and transactions are generally referred to as “e-government” or “e-gov.” E-gov is broadly defined as the automation of government processes to improve government’s management, efficiency, and service.

More recently, government has begun to adopt what is variously called “social media,” “new media,” or “government 2.0,” a variation on the widely used label “Web 2.0.” On the Webcontent.gov Web site, the Federal Web Managers Council describes these buzzwords as “umbrella terms that define the various activities that integrate technology, social interaction, and content creation.” Examples of government 2.0 activities include:

- Agency pages on social networking Web sites such as Facebook.com;
- The Office of Science and Technology Policy’s May 2009 call for online public comment on a presidential memorandum concerning scientific integrity;
- The State Department blog, DipNote, open for comments from the public; and
- The Library of Congress use of Flickr.com to let the public view, comment on, and help identify many of the photographs in its collection.

This new direction in the use of the Internet has raised issues for both government information providers and government information users. The adoption of interactive communications and third-party Web sites such as Facebook.com requires government administrators to examine crucial topics like privacy and security. For researchers, major challenges include identifying these scattered resources and determining if the content is really from the government when it is presented on a nongovernment Web site. To help identify the government’s social media communications, USA.gov—the U.S. government’s official portal to the Web—provides a section called Connecting with Government (<http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Multimedia.shtml>). This section provides links to resources such as government blogs, the U.S. Government Channel on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/USGovernment>), and USA.gov’s own communications on Facebook.com and Twitter.com. USA.gov provides a similar portal service on their Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/USA>

gov); the Favorites section links to the Facebook pages of federal agencies and other federal, state, and local government entities. Another way to find government, including military, social media sites is to look for them listed on the agency's main Web site; often, they are in a graphical box labeled "social media" or in the news or multimedia sections of the site. Linking directly from an official government site to agency communications on third-party sites such as Facebook or Twitter is also one way to confirm that you are on the agency's real page and not that of an imposter. Although the *Directory* does not list or index instances of government agencies on Twitter or Facebook or Flickr, the techniques described above will help you find that information.

If you are new to the concepts of Web 2.0 and social media, you may want to consult a two-part online publication from the Federal Citizens Information Center (<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/>) entitled *Web 2.0 in Plain English* (<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cfocus/cfweb2009/focus.htm>). Some other government Web sites provide an explanation of the technology they use. Webcontent.gov describes the term "blog": "A weblog, which is usually shortened to blog, is a website where regular entries are made (such as in a journal or diary) and presented in reverse chronological order." In this book, we describe some of the major government blogs. (See the Master Index, under 'blogs.')

Blogs come and go, however, so we recommend that you check the relevant agency's Web site or USA.gov's Connecting with Government section to find official blogs.

Another technology associated with blogs and Web 2.0 is called RSS. We mention RSS feed availability in many of this book's Web site descriptions. To assist researchers, the federal site Usability.gov answers the question "What is RSS?" (<http://www.usability.gov/rss/helpwithRSS.html>):

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is an easy way to keep up with your favorite news and information. An RSS feed contains headlines, summaries and links to full news stories. If you click an RSS link, you will see XML (or eXtensible Markup Language) code in your browser. This is to be expected, since you do not [typically¹] view RSS content through a browser. You view the headlines through an RSS news reader (also called an RSS aggregator). A wide range of RSS readers can be easily downloaded from the Web. Some readers are Web-based while others require you to download a small software program onto your desktop. Most are free to use. Searching the popular search engines will give you a variety of RSS readers you can install.

Using the *e-Gov Directory*

Diverse, decentralized, and not uniformly indexed by search engines, Web-based government information can be difficult to find. Aids to research are needed. But why publish a printed directory to online information? *The e-Gov Directory* presents some key advantages. It provides the context that an alphabetical list of agency links or the mixed results of a search engine do not. It selects Web sites of value and identifies noteworthy resources, such as online publications and databases, within large sites.

Search engines are most helpful when a researcher knows that certain information exists somewhere on the Web and can construct a search that produces the desired Web site within the first few pages of the search results. Even then, informa-

¹ Since this description was written, Web browsers such as Safari and Firefox have incorporated RSS feed reading capability.

tion may be missed because search engines can't and don't find everything on the Web. The *e-Gov Directory* offers complementary and overlapping approaches to browsing for government information, enabling researchers to discover resources they may not have realized were available or to quickly locate resources that are difficult to describe in a keyword search.

Scope

The *Directory* focuses on U.S. federal government information and services accessible via the Web. The majority of the Web sites described in this book are the products of federal government agencies. The book also includes sites from some interagency groups, federal advisory boards and commissions, private organizations established by congressional legislation, and quasi-governmental organizations, as well as Web sites produced by outside organizations with federal agency sponsorship or partnerships. In addition, it covers selected sites created by nongovernmental organizations to help researchers find federal government information, such as the University of Michigan Documents Center and the privately run National Security Archive.

Each entry typically represents one Web site. In some cases, complementary or companion sites are described in the same entry. The term "site" is used loosely to describe a block of information, data, or services found at the Web address provided. Due to the networked nature of the Web, it is often difficult to define where one Web site ends and another begins. We have taken a practical approach for users of this book, defining sites to be those identifiable blocks of Web pages that serve a research, reference, promotional, or educational purpose. Some Web databases, publications, or services that might be considered part of a larger site are given their own entry in this book when they are of high research or reference value.

Web sites included in the *Directory* span a broad range of subjects and serve an equally broad range of audiences. A sampling of sites representative of this breadth includes Adoption.State.Gov, Business.gov, Career Guide to Industries, Compilation of Presidential Documents, HealthReform.gov, Immigration Statistics, NASA for Students, National Defense University, the National Library of Medicine, and the Storm Prediction Center. The government Web sites in this publication have been selected and annotated because they meet the information needs of citizens, consumers, businesses, librarians, teachers, scientists, students, and others.

For the most part, we have attempted to include only sites that do not require payment or registration, or otherwise limit public access. Where we have made an exception, this is noted. Some sites are publicly accessible but block portions of their content; where significant, we note this as well.

Organization

The *Directory's* table of contents provides a start for browsing Web sites by topic. The table of contents shows the starting page numbers for the 20 subject-oriented chapters and the sub-topic breakdown within those chapters.

The *Directory* features a "Quick Guide to Primary Government Web Sites and Finding Aids" immediately following the table of contents. The Quick Guide has Web addresses for frequently used government information sites and the entry number for each site's listing in the *Directory*. Chapter 1 of the book, Finding Aids, is a good starting point as well.

The *Directory's* prefatory pages include U.S. government organization charts.

Charts are provided for each of the Cabinet-level departments or agencies, the United States Congress, and an overview of the United States government. The charts are based on similar organization charts in the government document *The United States Government Manual* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office) and from organization charts provided on some of the departments' Web sites. The charts are annotated with Web addresses for each organizational component as available. These organization charts are intended not to represent the complete or formal organization of government entities but rather to provide an alternative approach to finding government Web sources.

Other material in this introduction includes a list of government Web sites related to the economic crisis and recovery measures; a list of the types of information typically found on an agency Web site; information on new government Web sites and changes expected in the next year; and information on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)—a tool for obtaining government information not publicly accessible—with a list of agency FOIA offices.

The main section of the book presents entries describing individual government information Web sites. These entries are divided into 20 subject-oriented chapters. Arranged alphabetically, the chapters are further divided by sub-topic. Each chapter begins with a note about the scope of the chapter. The first chapter, Finding Aids, includes sites that cut across many subject areas. The sections that detail libraries and kids' pages also cover many subject areas.

Individual entries are organized as follows.

Entry Number: Each record starts with an entry number. The entry numbers are used in all of the indexes to refer back to specific records, not to a page number.

Site Name: Directly following the entry number is a site name or title for the resource. Determining the site name of an Internet source is not as easy as finding the title of a book. For the purposes of this work, we turn to several sources to identify the site name: agency press releases referring to the site, the name given to the site in the HTML tag, or the initial heading or graphic. Because names of Web sites are subject to ambiguity or change and do not always uniquely identify a site, they are just one way to refer to a resource. The Web address (also referred to as a Uniform Resource Locator or URL) is the best way to uniquely identify a resource, although even it can change.

Primary URL: The Web address or URL indicates the location that should be entered in your Web browser to retrieve the Web site.

Alternate URL: For Web sites with several valid addresses or significant complementary Web sites, the additional URLs are listed in the alternate URL field. The site description often explains the utility of the alternate URL.

Sponsors: This section identifies the lead organization that produces the site. Sponsors are, most often, federal government agencies; commercial, educational, and nonprofit organizations also will be listed here when they host or sponsor a specific resource. Most of the government agencies listed are U.S. federal agencies, so "United States" has usually been dropped from the start of the sponsoring agency names, unless it is an integral part of the name. For government agencies, the sponsor name in the entries usually includes a full or partial organizational hierarchy, such as "Agriculture Department—Economic Research Service." In some cases, the full hierarchy has been collapsed. Consult *The United States Government Manual*, <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/>, the agency's site, or other resources for official organizational information.

Description: The resource description explains a site's organization, principal fea-

tures, menu items, and significant links. For many agencies, a brief description of the agency's mission is included to help explain the site's subject coverage.

Subjects: The subject terms describe the primary focus of the resource. Some of the subject terms contain subheadings to more accurately represent the topic. Subject headings are included in the Master Index. (The book's table of contents, with subject-oriented chapters and chapter subsections, can also be used to find material by topic.)

Publications: This section lists selected publications that are available from the Web site. The types of publications listed include important titles, series, or periodicals, but not every available publication is listed. The Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) number at the end of most of the titles is used by the Federal Depository Library Program to identify and often to shelve print publications from the Government Printing Office. The root SuDoc number is most often used rather than the full SuDoc for each individual item. Selected publications without SuDoc numbers are also included in this field. The Publication Index provides access to the entries containing listed publications by publication title.

Two appendixes at the end of the book list Web addresses for members of the House and Senate and for congressional committees. The committee listings include the names of the chair and ranking member.

At the back of the book, the *Directory* features four indexes.

The **Sponsor Name/Site Name Index** lists entries by their sponsoring department or organization, using the top level of the organizational hierarchy. For example, entries from the Internal Revenue Service are listed under Treasury Department along with sites from other Treasury agencies and bureaus. Excluded from this index are entries for the Web sites of members of Congress and the individual congressional committees.

The **Publication Index** lists government publications referenced in the individual entries. They are in alphabetical order, and some include the Superintendent of Documents number (SuDoc) if available.

The **Spanish Web Site Index** lists sites that have full or substantial versions available in Spanish. Many government Web sites carry some publications or pages in Spanish, and individual entries in the *Directory* note what type of non-English material is available at each site. The Spanish Web Site Index is limited to those with substantially complete Spanish-language versions.

The **Master Index** is a combined index of entries by subject, sponsor name (at the agency, bureau, division, or department level), and site name. Excluded from this index are publication titles and entries for the Web sites of members of Congress and congressional committees.

How to Use this Book

If Looking For . . .	Check . . .
A major department or agency Web site	Quick Guide (following the table of contents) U.S. Government organization charts
Web sites on a specific topic	Table of Contents (with chapters and chapter sub-topics) Master Index
Web sites sponsored by a particular agency or organization	Sponsor/Site Name Index
A major government publication that might be online	Publication Index
Web site for which you know the name, but not the Web address	Master Index

Note: The indexes show entry numbers, not page numbers.

What Can You Find at Agency Web Sites?

Federal executive branch departments and agencies vary widely in the amount and type of information they provide online, but some standard content can typically be found at these sites. A list of the type of content or features one can often—but not always—find at federal agency sites is provided here.

(Agencies are required to provide certain Web content, such as Freedom of Information Act information. The list below is not limited to required content. See the Requirements & Best Practices section of the Webcontent.gov site, <http://www.usa.gov/webcontent/>, for further information on requirements.)

- Advisory council information
- Agency history
- Agency leadership biographies
- Agency leadership speeches and congressional testimony
- Budget, annual report, and strategic plan
- Business opportunities in the areas of agency acquisitions, contracting, and technology transfer programs
- Databases related to the regulatory, research, education, or outreach mission of the agency
- Education resources, career information, and pages designed for kids
- E-mail form for submitting comments or questions
- Employment, fellowships, or internship opportunities
- Forms for program applications, regulatory requirements, or other purposes (Many sites have automated their program application or regulatory filing processes.)
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) information and copies of popular documents previously requested via FOIA
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on programs or services
- Grants information
- Information and reports from the agency's Office of the Inspector General
- Laws and regulations under which the agency operates or which they are responsible for enforcing
- Legal or administrative decisions, rulings, or guidance issued by the agency
- Links to nongovernment Web sites on topics relevant to the agency's work
- Links to related federal and, occasionally, state and tribal agencies
- Links to the agency's presence on third-party sites such as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.
- Links to the Web pages for the departments, divisions, or regional offices of the agency
- News services including e-mail alerts, RSS news feeds, agency blogs, online video, and webcasts
- Official documents, publications, and publication catalogs
- Press releases, media kits, fact sheets, and digital photos related to agency operations
- Program descriptions
- Program information or publications in Spanish or additional languages
- Site search feature and site index or map
- Statistics on programs or populations served

What to Watch for in 2009–2010

Each year, government Web sites are being newly launched or significantly revised as this book goes to press. A sample of noteworthy developments is provided here.

- Throughout 2010 and 2011, the Census Bureau will release upgrades to its **American FactFinder** (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>) demographic database. Planned upgrades include more functionality in producing and customizing reports.
- The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is developing a **Digital Maps–Beta** site (http://nationalmap.gov/digital_map/) it calls “the first step toward a new generation of digital topographic maps.” The maps are available for free download in the GeoPDF format. Future plans include historical topographical maps and additional data layers.
- The Defense Department plans to release a public version of its **DoDTechipedia** wiki, which currently has been available only as an internal resource. The public DoDTechipedia is intended to improve communication between companies and DoD science and technology research organizations in order to help more companies compete for defense contracts.
- The Government Printing Office is developing a new online system for searching, downloading, and ordering government documents. The site, called the **Federal Digital System (FDsys)** is a replacement for the 15-year-old **GPO Access** system. Both GPO Access and FDsys are described in this book. GPO plans to shut down GPO Access at the end of 2009 if all information has been transferred successfully to FDsys. See <http://www.fdsys.gov/> for updates.
- **MyEnvironment** (<http://www.epa.gov/myenvironment>), from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Environmental Information, maps information on air toxics emissions, pollutants by industry, impaired waters, daily UV index, and other environmental health indicators by ZIP code or place name. EPA is also scheduled to release a mapping tool called the **Environmental Justice Geographic Assessment Tool** (<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/ej/>).
- The Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-21) established the **Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission** in the legislative branch. The commission had not yet established a Web site when this book went to press.
- **Recovery.gov**, launched in February 2009, is the central government Web site for finding information about funds dispersed under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law 111-5). Content to be added to Recovery.gov in 2009 includes required quarterly reports from the Council of Economic Advisers and required quarterly reports from the recipients of Recovery Act funds. The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board is working to improve Recovery.gov and plans to re-launch the site in late 2009. See <http://www.recovery.gov/>.
- The White House announced in May 2009 that it would re-engineer the **Regulations.gov** Web site, a database of federal regulatory documents widely seen as difficult to search. A temporary **Regulations.gov/Exchange** Web site was created to collect public input on needed improvements. See <http://www.regulations.gov/> and <http://www.regulations.gov/exchange/>.
- The **USAspending.gov** Web site does not yet include data on subgrant and sub-contract awards. These are awards that are passed down from the original recip-

ient of the award so that the work can be delegated to other parties as intended. By current law, this data is required to be available on USASpending.gov. See <http://www.usaspending.gov/>.

- The **White House** has been creating new offices and advisory boards in the first half of 2009. The President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board does not have a Web site at this time. The new Office of Public Engagement has a site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ope/>. See <http://www.whitehouse.gov/> for further updates.

Economic Recovery Web Sites

The global economic recession has been, by far, the biggest news story of late 2008 and early 2009. The U.S. federal government has set up new Web sites specifically for the new issues and programs born out of the recession. These Web sites address topics including home mortgages, bank conditions, and economic stimulus funding. The sites are described in the relevant chapters, such as Business and Economics and Social Welfare, throughout this book. We highlight them here for quick reference.

Following a list of key federal sites, we list the major recovery sites maintained by individual departments and agencies to report on their Recovery Act spending; these agency recovery sites are not described separately in the book chapters.

Congressional Oversight Panel

<http://cop.senate.gov/>

Provides news, reports, and testimony related to congressional oversight of actions taken by the Treasury Department and financial institutions and their effect on the economy.

EconomicRecovery.Gov

<http://www.economicrecovery.gov/>

Links to government Web sites with guidance on personal finance, jobs, and programs for small businesses and financial institutions.

Financial Crisis Timeline

<http://timeline.stlouisfed.org/>

Tracks news, documents, and data related to the global financial crisis, from 2007 to present.

FinancialStability.gov

<http://www.financialstability.gov/>

Provides news, data, and background information from the Treasury Department about the national Financial Stability Plan and its programs.

Follow the Money: GAO's Oversight of the Recovery Act

<http://www.gao.gov/recovery/>

Reports on aspects of management and spending as required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Public Law 111-5 ("Recovery Act") and provides a link for reporting waste, fraud, and abuse.

Foreclosure Resource Center

<http://www.stlouisfed.org/foreclosure/>

Links to home foreclosure information for consumers, communities, and financial institutions.

HelpWithMyBank.gov

<http://www.helpwithmybank.gov/>

From the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, provides answers to consumers' frequently asked questions about bank accounts, credit cards, mortgages, and related topics; also reports on fraudulent finance scams.

MakingHomeAffordable.gov

<http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/>

Provides mortgage refinancing, modification, and other information for homeowners.

Middle Class Task Force

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/strongmiddleclass/>

Provides news and reports from the task force, chaired by Vice President Joe Biden, on policies to raise the standard of living for the middle-class; includes a public form for submitting ideas and comments.

Recovery.gov

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

Tracks government spending under the Recovery Act; links to individual federal agency and state/territorial government Recovery Act Web sites and to state certification letters accepting the funds.

SIGTARP

<http://www.sig tarp.gov/>

From the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, includes reports, testimony, and a form for reporting waste and fraud.

Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF)

<http://www.newyorkfed.org/markets/talf.html>

Provides documents, guidance, and news about the TALF program.

Whitehouse.gov/Recovery

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/recovery/>

The White House supplements Recovery.gov with their own site providing a Recovery Blog, Road to Recovery initiative information, and an option for citizens to submit photos, videos, or stories about the Recovery Act projects in their local area.

Major Department and Agency Recovery Web Sites

Agency for International Development

<http://www.usaid.gov/recovery/>

Corporation for National and Community Service

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/>

Department of Agriculture

<http://www.usda.gov/recovery>

Department of Commerce

<http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/>

Department of Defense

<http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery>

Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/recovery>

Department of Energy
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery>

Department of Health and Human Services
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

HealthIT/Recovery
<http://healthit.hhs.gov/>
(Recovery link on home page)

National Institutes of Health
<http://www.nih.gov/recovery/>

Department of Homeland Security
<http://www.dhs.gov/recovery>

Department of Housing and Urban Development
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

Department of the Interior
<http://recovery.doi.gov/>

Department of Justice
<http://www.justice.gov/recovery/>

Department of Labor
<http://www.dol.gov/recovery/>

Department of State
<http://www.state.gov/recovery/>

Department of Transportation
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Department of Treasury
<http://www.treasury.gov/recovery/>

Department of Veterans Affairs
<http://www.va.gov/recovery/>

Environmental Protection Agency
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>

Federal Communications Commission
<http://www.fcc.gov/recovery/>

General Services Administration
<http://www.gsa.gov/recovery>

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
<http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/>

National Endowment for the Arts
<http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/>

National Science Foundation
<http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

Office of Personnel Management
<http://www.opm.gov/recovery/>

Railroad Retirement Board
<http://www.rrb.gov/recovery/>

Small Business Administration
<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Smithsonian Institution
<http://www.si.edu/recovery/>

Social Security Administration
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/recovery/>

Social Security Office of the Inspector General
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/oig/recovery/>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
<http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery/>

Freedom of Information Act Web Pages

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) enables public access to U.S. federal executive agency records unless the records meet specific FOIA exemption criteria. Under FOIA, federal executive agency Web sites are required to include information about how to request records from the agency. Many agency Web sites also feature an “Electronic Reading Room” with copies of frequently requested documents, as they are required to do. Before submitting a FOIA request, check for current information and instructions available on the agency’s FOIA page.

The central unit responsible for guiding agency compliance with FOIA is the Department of Justice Office of Information Policy (OIP), <http://www.justice.gov/oip/oip.html>. The OIP Web site includes guidance for citizens using FOIA and has a full list of links to other federal agency FOIA Web pages at http://www.justice.gov/oip/other_age.htm. A partial list of major agency sites is provided below.

Cabinet-Level Departments and Agencies

Department of Agriculture

Main site: <http://www.usda.gov/da/foia.htm>

Individual agencies: http://www.da.usda.gov/foia_agency_pocs.htm

Department of Agriculture
Rita Morgan, FOIA Officer
Room 209-A, Whitten Building
Washington, D.C. 20250
Phone: (202) 720-8164

Department of Commerce

Main site: <http://www.osec.doc.gov/omo/FOIA/FOIAWebsite.htm>

Individual agencies: <http://www.osec.doc.gov/omo/FOIA/contactfoia.htm#bureaus>

Department of Commerce
Departmental Freedom of Information Act Officer
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20230
E-mail: EFoia@doc.gov

Department of Defense

Main site: <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/dfoipo/>

Military services: http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/dfoipo/foia_milservices.html

Defense agencies: http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/dfoipo/foia_defcomp.html

Combatant Commands: http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/dfoipo/foia_combatcomm.html

Department of Defense
OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155

Phone: (703) 696-4689
Toll free: 1-866-574-4970

Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foiatoc.html>

Department of Education
ATTN: FOIA Public Liaison
Office of Management
Regulatory Information Management Services
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 2W220
Washington, D.C. 20202-4536
Phone: (202) 245-6651
E-mail: EDFOIAManager@ed.gov

Department of Energy

Main site: http://www.management.energy.gov/foia_pa.htm
Individual agencies, locations: http://management.energy.gov/contact_us/foia-pa.htm

FOIA
Officer, United States Department of Energy,
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585
Phone: (202) 586-5955

Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/foia/>
Headquarters and regional: <http://www.epa.gov/foia/contacts.html>

National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
Washington, D.C. 20460
Phone: (202) 566-1667
E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov

Department of Health and Human Services

Main site: <http://www.hhs.gov/foia/>
Individual agencies: <http://www.hhs.gov/foia/contacts/>

Freedom of Information Officer
Mary E. Switzer Building, Room 2221
300 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
Phone: (202) 690-7453

Department of Homeland Security

Main site: http://www.dhs.gov/xfoia/editorial_0579.shtm
Individual agencies: http://www.dhs.gov/xfoia/Copy_of_editorial_0318.shtm#2

FOIA/PA

The Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Drive SW
STOP-0550
Washington, D.C. 20528-0550
Toll free: (866) 431-0486
Phone: (703) 235-0790
E-mail: foia@dhs.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Main site: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/foia/>
Regional offices: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/foia/foiaservicecenters.cfm>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Freedom of Information Act Office
451 7th Street, SW, Room 10139
Washington, D.C. 20410-3000
Phone: (202) 708-3866
E-mail: foia_hud@hud.gov

Department of the Interior

Main site: <http://www.doi.gov/foia/>
Individual agencies: <http://www.doi.gov/foia/contacts.html>

Ray McInerney
MS-116, SIB
1951 Constitution Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240
Phone: (202) 565-1076
E-mail: osfoia@nbc.gov

Department of Justice

Main site: <http://www.justice.gov/oip/>
Individual agencies: http://www.justice.gov/oip/04_4.html

FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit
Department of Justice
Room 115
LOC Building
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001
Phone: (301) 583-7354

Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/foia/>
Individual agencies: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/foia/agencies.htm>

Division of Legislation and Legal Counsel
Office of the Solicitor
Attention: FOIA Request
Room N-2428

200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20210
E-mail: foiarequest@dol.gov

Department of State

<http://www.state.gov/m/a/ips/>

Office of Information Programs and Services
A/ISS/IPS/RL
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20522-8100
Phone: (202) 261-8484

Department of Transportation

<http://www.dot.gov/foia/>

Departmental FOIA Office (C-12)
Attention: FOIA Request
400 Seventh Street, SW
Room 5432
Washington, D.C. 20590

Department of the Treasury

Main site: <http://www.treasury.gov/foia/>

Individual agencies: <http://www.treasury.gov/foia/bureaus.html>

FOIA/PA Request
Disclosure Services
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220
Phone: (202) 622-0930

Department of Veterans Affairs

Main site: <http://www.foia.va.gov/>

Individual agencies: http://www.foia.va.gov/FOIA_Contacts.asp

By type of record: http://www.foia.va.gov/FOIA_Send.asp

Department of Veterans Affairs
FOIA/Privacy Act Officers
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20420

Organization Charts

The United States Government

<http://www.firs.gov>

The Constitution

<http://www.gpo.access.gpo.gov/constitution>

Legislative Branch

Congress

<http://fhomas.loc.gov>

Senate

<http://www.senate.gov>

House

<http://www.house.gov>

Architect of the Capitol
<http://www.aoc.gov>

U.S. Botanic Garden
<http://www.usbg.gov>

Government Accountability Office
<http://www.gao.gov>

Government Printing Office
<http://www.gpo.gov>

Library of Congress
<http://www.loc.gov>

Congressional Budget Office
<http://www.cbo.gov>

Executive Branch

The President

http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/president_obama

The Vice President

http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice_president_biden

Executive Office of the President

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop>

White House Office of the Vice President
http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice_president_biden

Council on Environmental Quality
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq>

Council of Economic Advisers
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/cea>

National Security Council
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/nsc>

Office of Administration
<http://whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oa>

Office of Management and Budget
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb>

Office of National Drug Control Policy
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp>

Domestic Policy Council
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/dpc>

Office of Science and Technology Policy
<http://www.ostp.gov>

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
<http://www.ustr.gov>

Judicial Branch

Supreme Court of the United States

<http://www.supremecourt.gov>

United States Court of Appeals
<http://www.uscourts.gov/courtofappeals.html>

United States District Courts
<http://www.uscourts.gov/districtcourts.html>

Territorial Courts
<http://www.gud.uscourts.gov>

<http://www.mid.uscourts.gov>

<http://www.vd.uscourts.gov>

United States Court of International Trade
<http://www.cit.uscourts.gov>

United States Court of Federal Claims
<http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov>

United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
<http://www.armed.uscourts.gov>

United States Tax Court
<http://www.ustaxcourt.gov>

United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
<http://www.vetapp.gov>

Administrative Office of the United States Courts
<http://www.uscourts.gov/admiol>

Federal Judicial Center
<http://www.fjc.gov>

United States Sentencing Commission
<http://www.usssc.gov>

Department of Agriculture
<http://www.usda.gov>

Department of Commerce
<http://www.commerce.gov>

Department of Defense
<http://www.defense.gov>

Department of Education
<http://www.ed.gov>

Department of Energy
<http://www.energy.gov>

Department of Health and Human Services
<http://www.hhs.gov>

Department of Homeland Security
<http://www.dhs.gov>

Department of Housing and Urban Development
<http://www.hud.gov>

Department of Veterans Affairs
<http://www.va.gov>

Department of Interior
<http://www.doi.gov>

Department of Justice
<http://www.justice.gov>

Department of Labor
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Department of State
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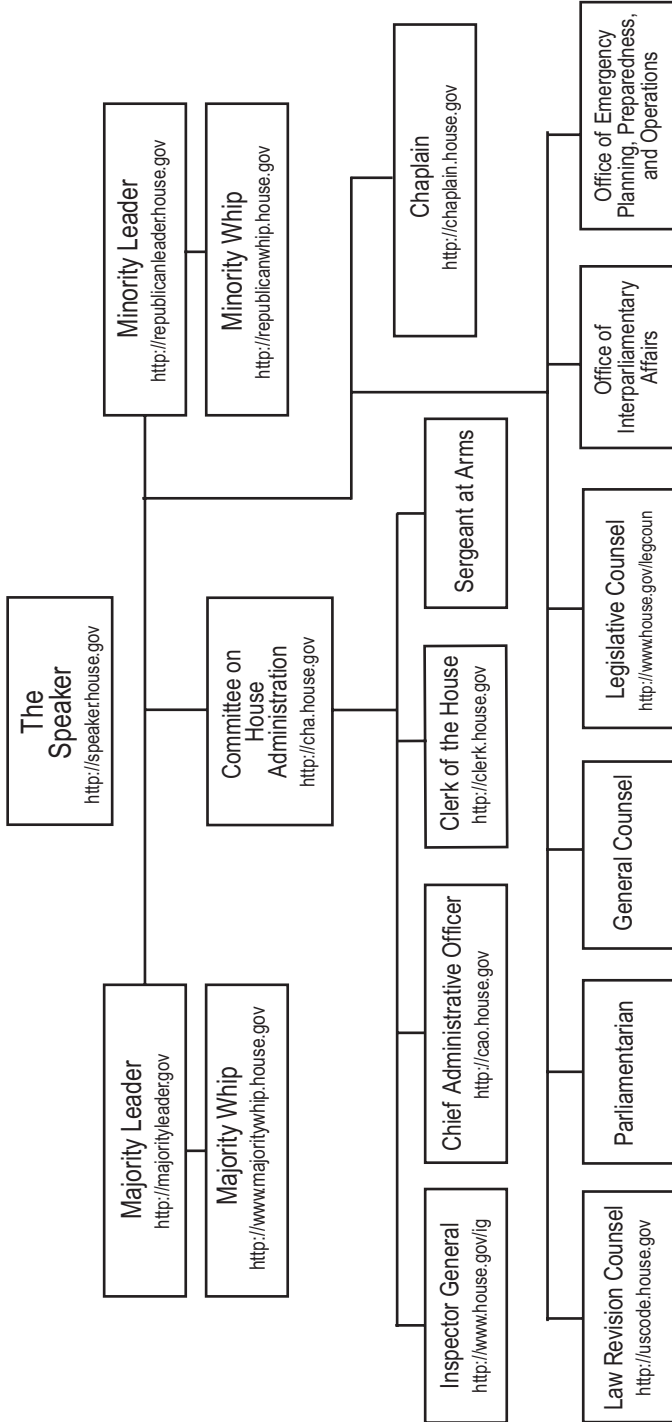
Department of Transportation
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<http://www.treasury.gov>

Independent Establishments and Government Corporations

African Development Foundation http://www.aadf.gov	Federal Reserve System http://www.federalreserve.gov	Office of the Director of National Intelligence http://www.dni.gov
Broadcasting Board of Governors http://www.fcc.gov	Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board http://www.frtib.gov	Office of Government Ethics http://www.usoge.gov
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) http://www.cia.gov	Federal Trade Commission http://www.ftc.gov	Office of Personnel Management http://www.opm.gov
Commodity Futures Trading Commission http://www.cftc.gov	General Services Administration http://www.gsa.gov	Office of Special Counsel http://www.osc.gov
Consumer Product Safety Commission http://www.cpsc.gov	Inter-American Foundation http://www.iafat.gov	Overseas Private Investment Corporation http://www.opic.gov
Corporation for National and Community Service http://www.cnsc.gov	Merit Systems Protection Board http://www.mspb.gov	Peace Corps http://www.peacecorps.gov
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board http://www.dnfsb.gov	National Aeronautics and Space Administration http://www.nasa.gov	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation http://www.pbgc.gov
Environmental Protection Agency http://www.epa.gov	National Archives and Records Administration http://www.archives.gov	Postal Rate Commission http://www.prc.gov
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission http://www.eeoc.gov	National Capital Planning Commission http://www.nopc.gov	Securities and Exchange Commission http://www.sec.gov
Export-Import Bank of the United States http://www.eim.gov	National Credit Union Administration http://www.ncua.gov	Selective Service System http://www.ssss.gov
Farm Credit Administration http://www.fca.gov	National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities http://www.arts.gov	Small Business Administration http://www.sba.gov
Federal Communications Commission http://www.fcc.gov	National Labor Relations Board http://www.nlrb.gov	Social Security Administration http://www.socialsecurity.gov
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation http://wwwfdic.gov	National Mediation Board http://www.nmb.gov	Tennessee Valley Authority http://www.tva.gov
Federal Election Commission http://www.fec.gov	National Railroad Passenger Corporation http://www.amtrak.com	Trade and Development Agency http://www.tda.gov
Federal Housing Finance Board http://www.fhfb.gov	National Railroad Retirement Board http://www.nrrb.gov	U.S. Agency for International Development http://www.usaid.gov
Federal Labor Relations Authority http://www.flra.gov	National Science Foundation http://www.nsf.gov	U.S. Commission on Civil Rights http://www.usccr.gov
Federal Maritime Commission http://www.fmc.gov	National Transportation Safety Board http://www.ntsb.gov	U.S. International Trade Commission http://www.usitc.gov
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service http://www.fmcs.gov	Nuclear Regulatory Commission http://www.nrc.gov	U.S. Postal Service http://www.usps.com
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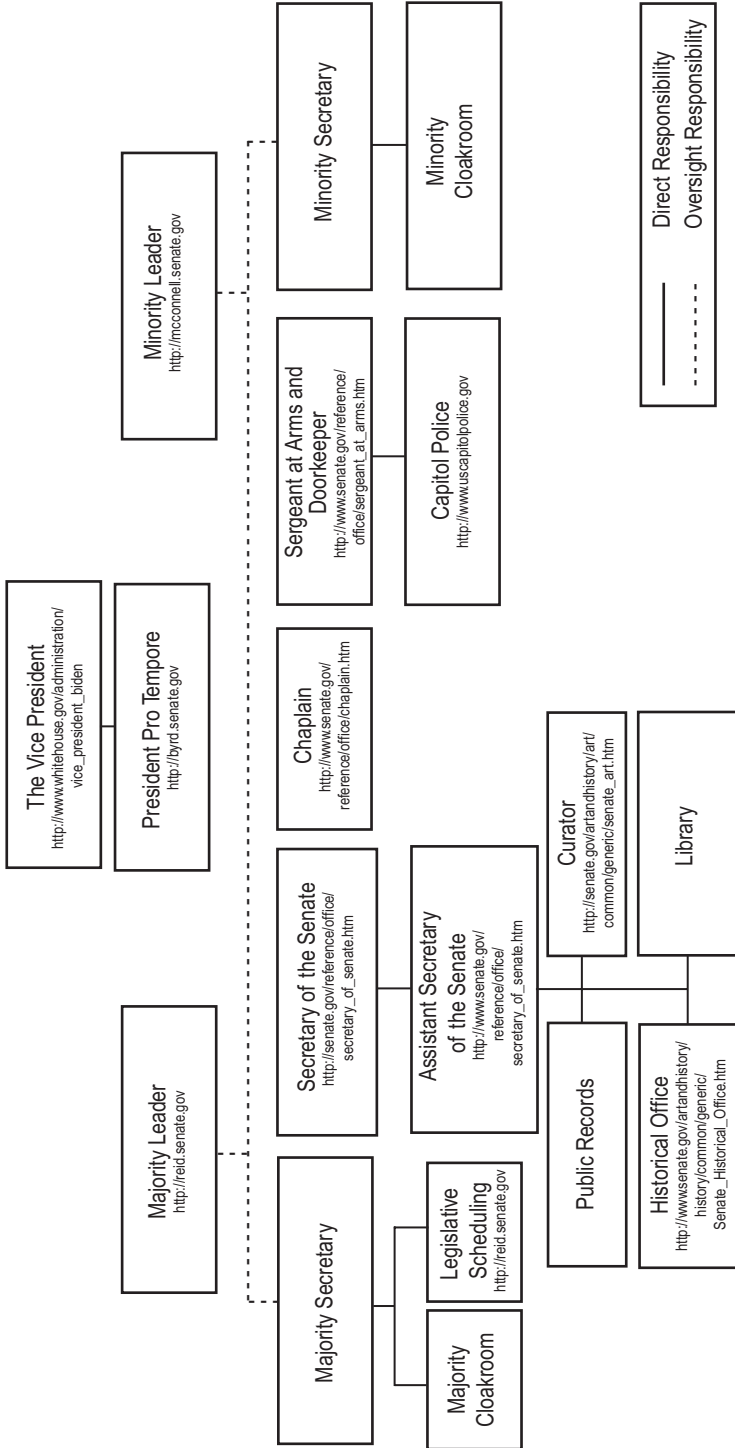
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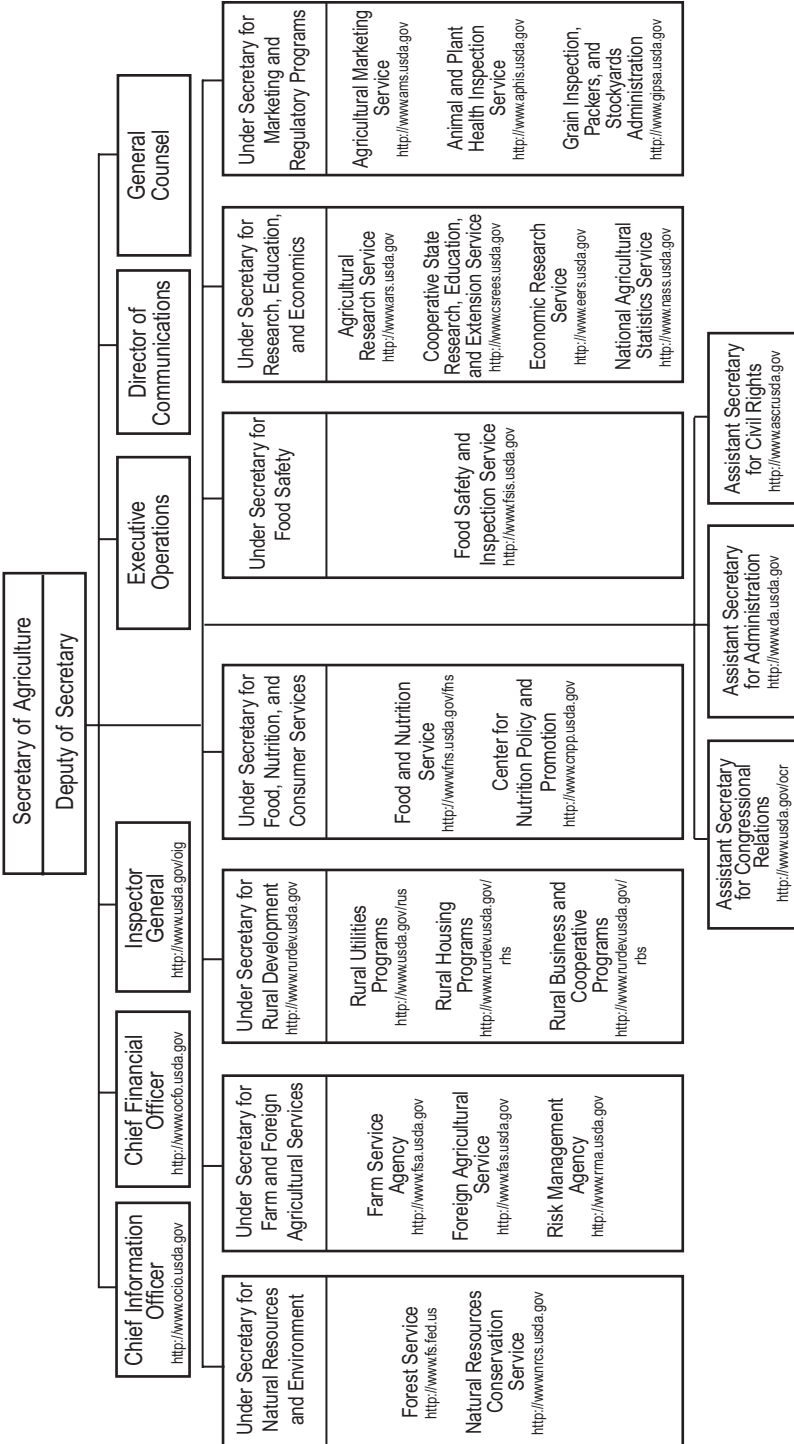
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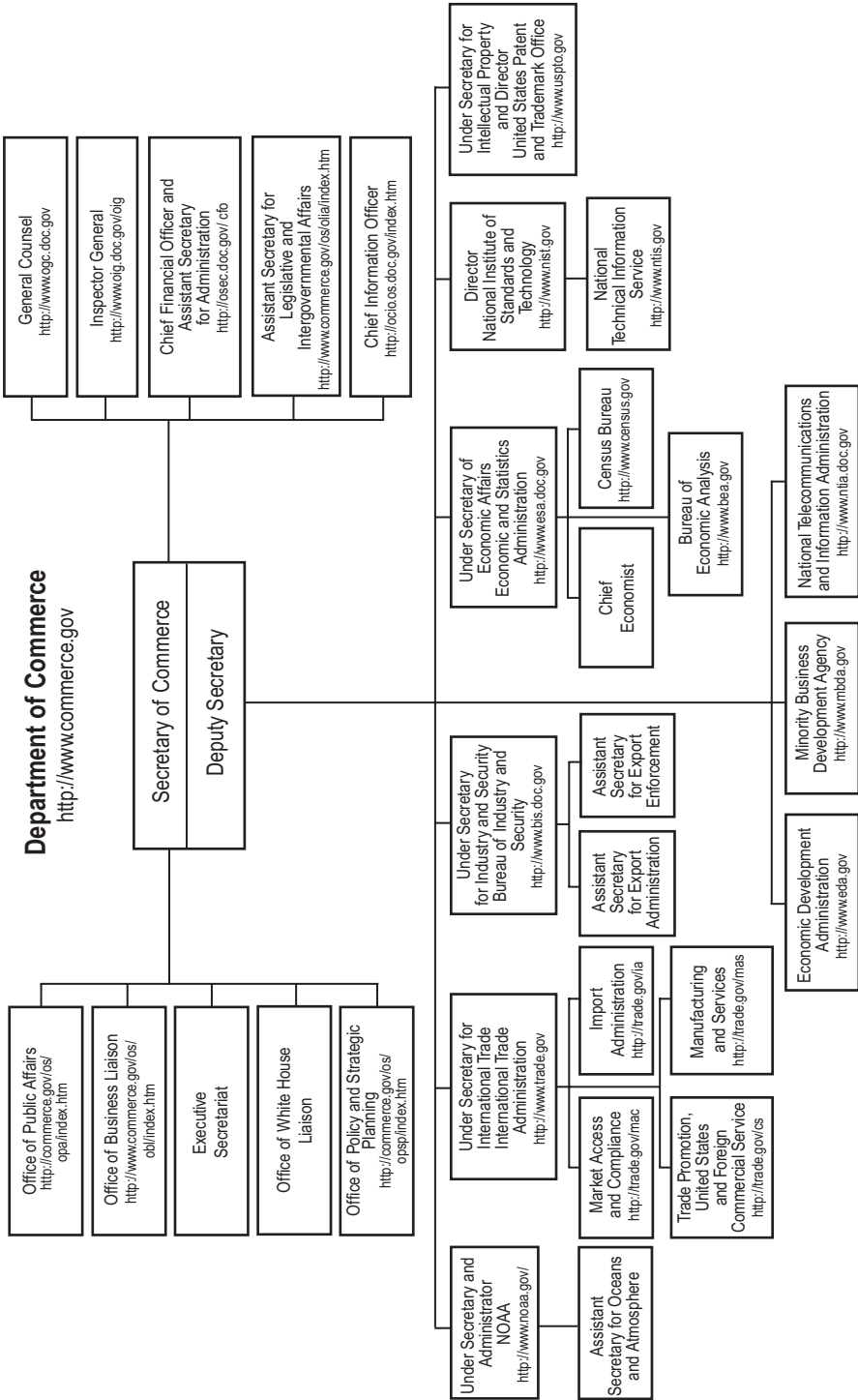


*Many Senate offices do not have their own Web sites and are not included in this chart.

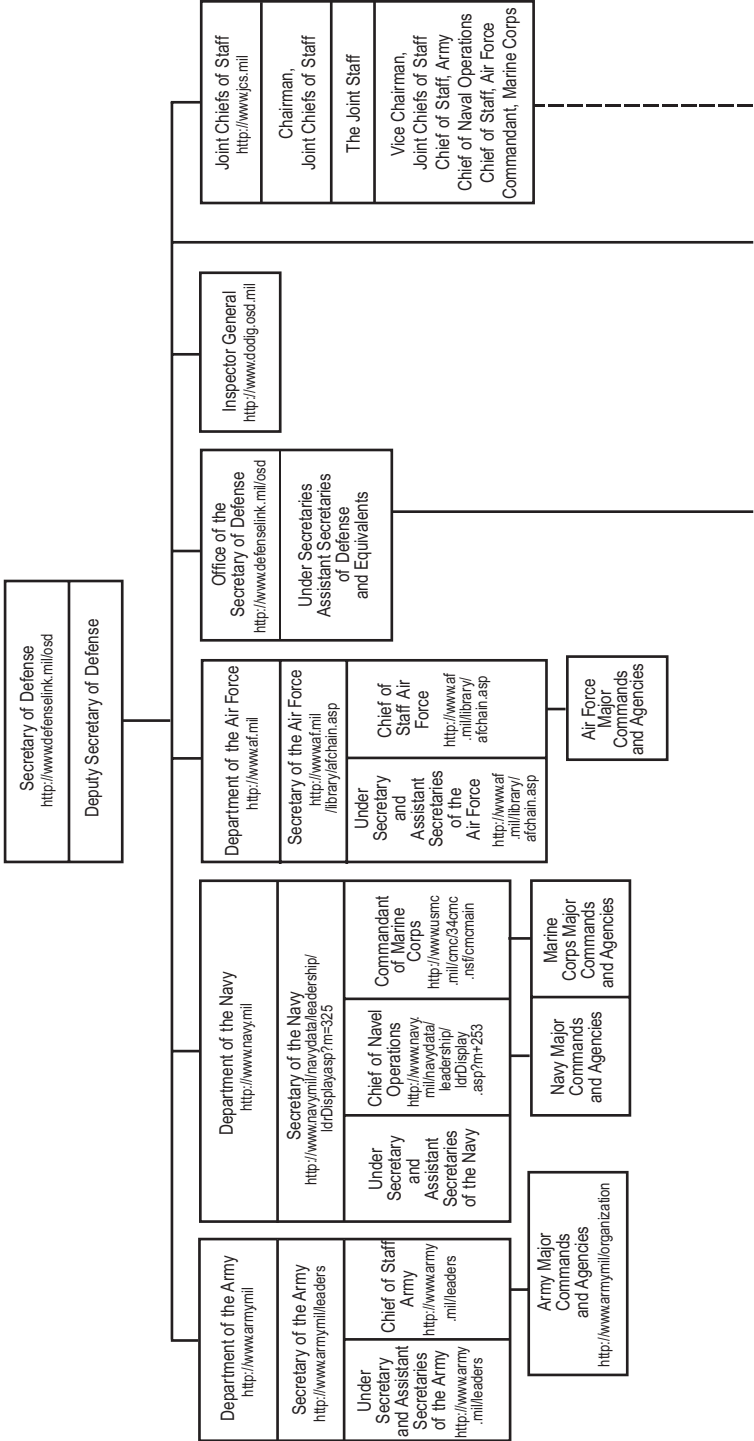
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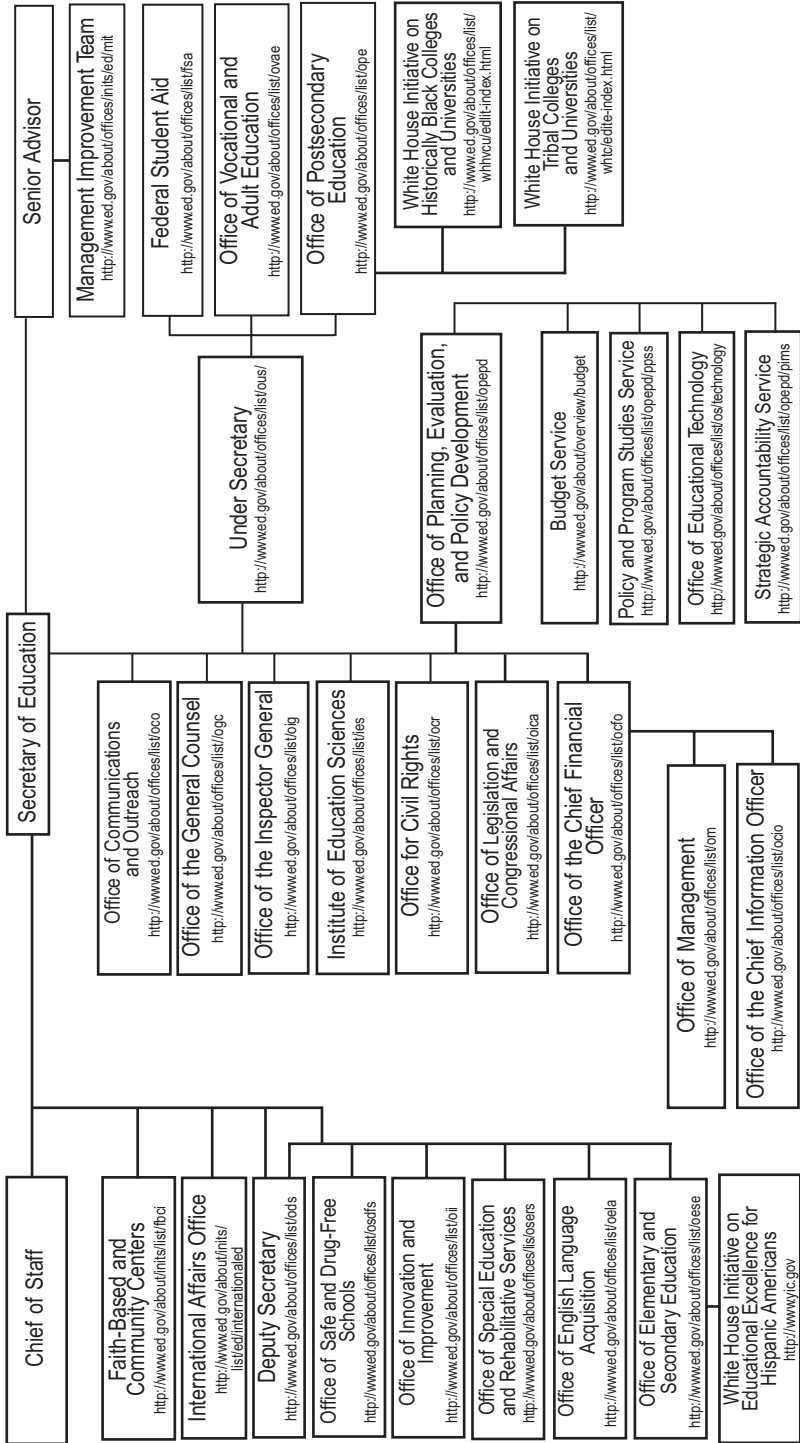
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<p>Department of Defense Field Activities</p> <p>Defense Media Activity http://www.dma.mil</p> <p>Defense POW/MIA Office http://www.wdtic.mil/dpmo</p> <p>Defense Technical Information Center http://www.dtic.mil/dtic</p> <p>Defense Technology Security Administration http://www.defenselink.mil/policy/sections/policy_officers/dtsa</p> <p>Department of Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity http://www.doddea.edu/home/index.cfm</p> <p>Department of Defense Human Resources Activity http://www.dhra.mil/website/index.shtml</p> <p>Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center http://www.oesa.gov/OEAWeb.nsf/home?OpenForm</p> <p>Office of Economic Adjustment http://www.tricare.mil</p> <p>Tricare Management Activity http://www.wtms.mil</p> <p>Washington Headquarters Services</p>
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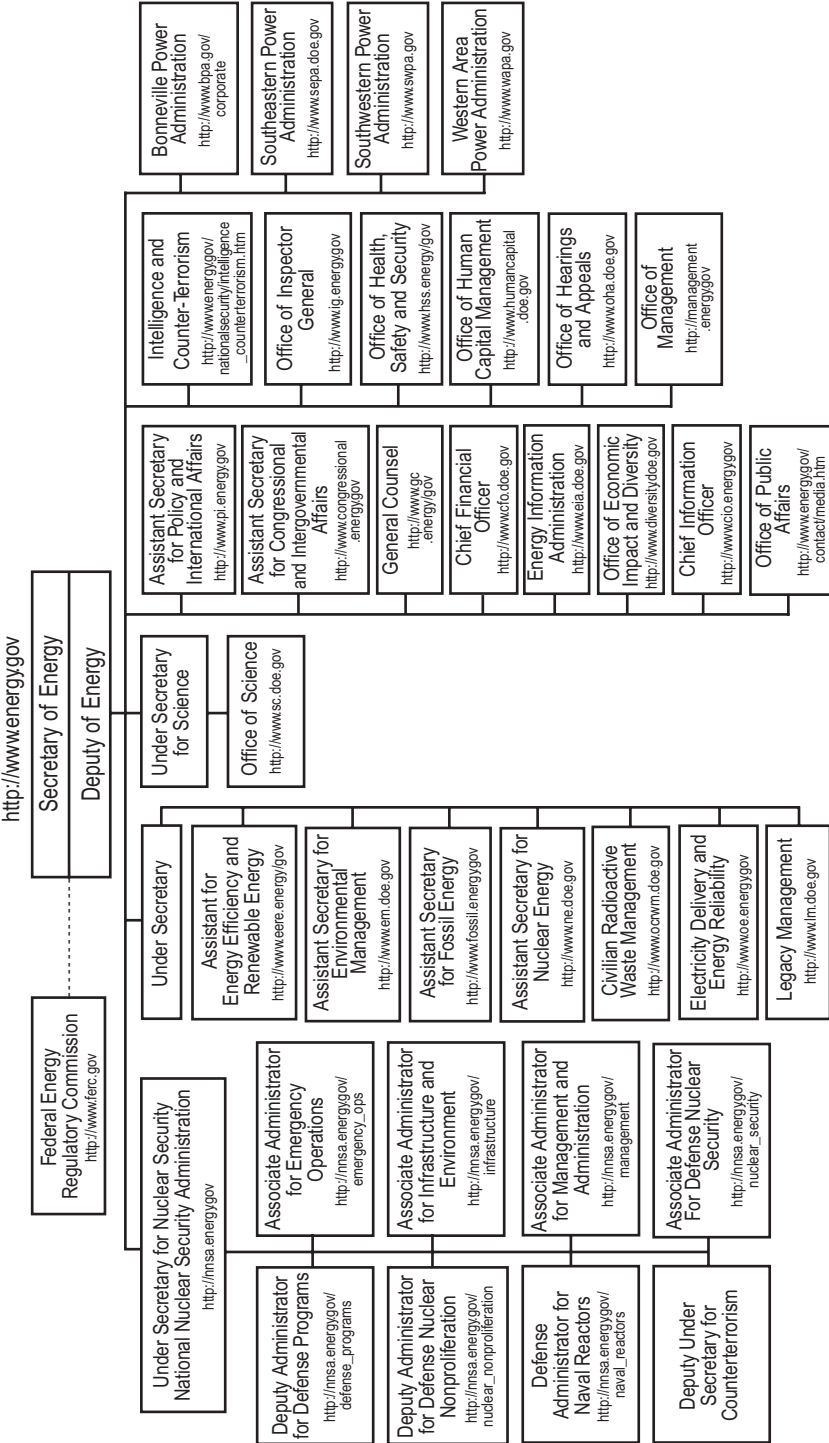
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<p>Combatant Commands</p> <p>Central Command http://www.cccom.mil</p> <p>European Command http://www.eucm.mil/english/index.asp</p> <p>Joint Forces Command http://www.jfcom.mil</p> <p>Northern Command http://www.northcom.mil</p> <p>Pacific Command http://www.pacom.mil</p> <p>Southern Command http://www.southcom.mil</p> <p>Special Operations Command http://www.socom.mil</p> <p>Strategic Command http://www.stratcom.mil</p> <p>Transportation Command http://www.transcom.mil</p>
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<http://www.ed.gov>

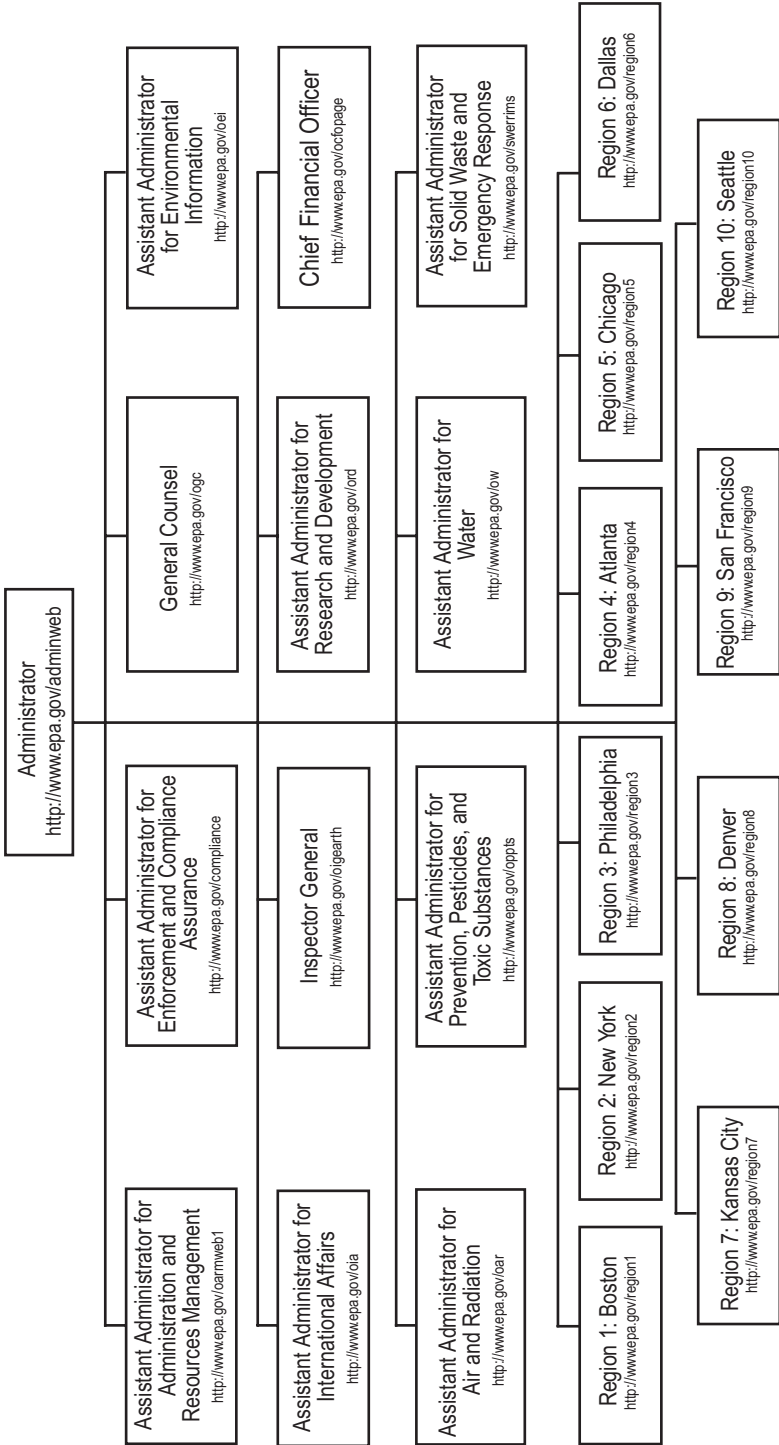


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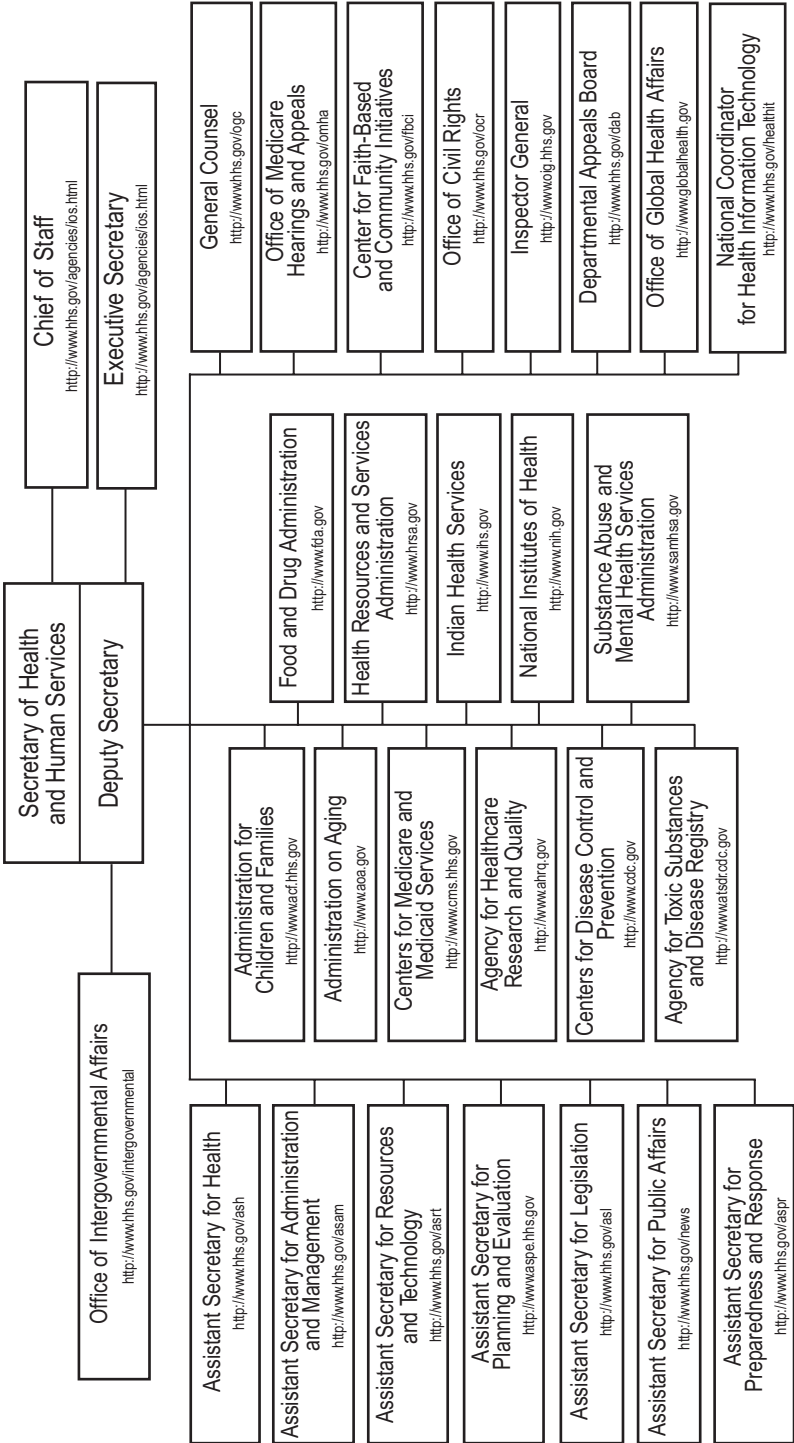
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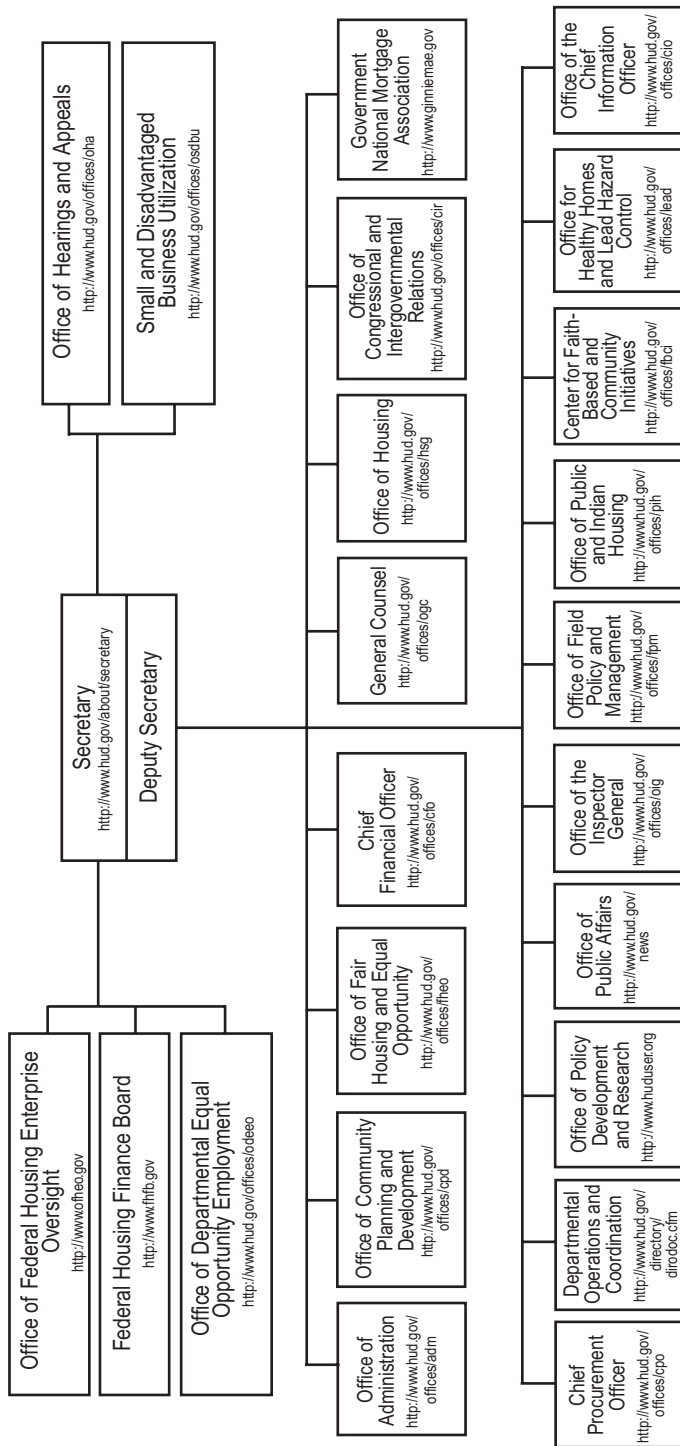


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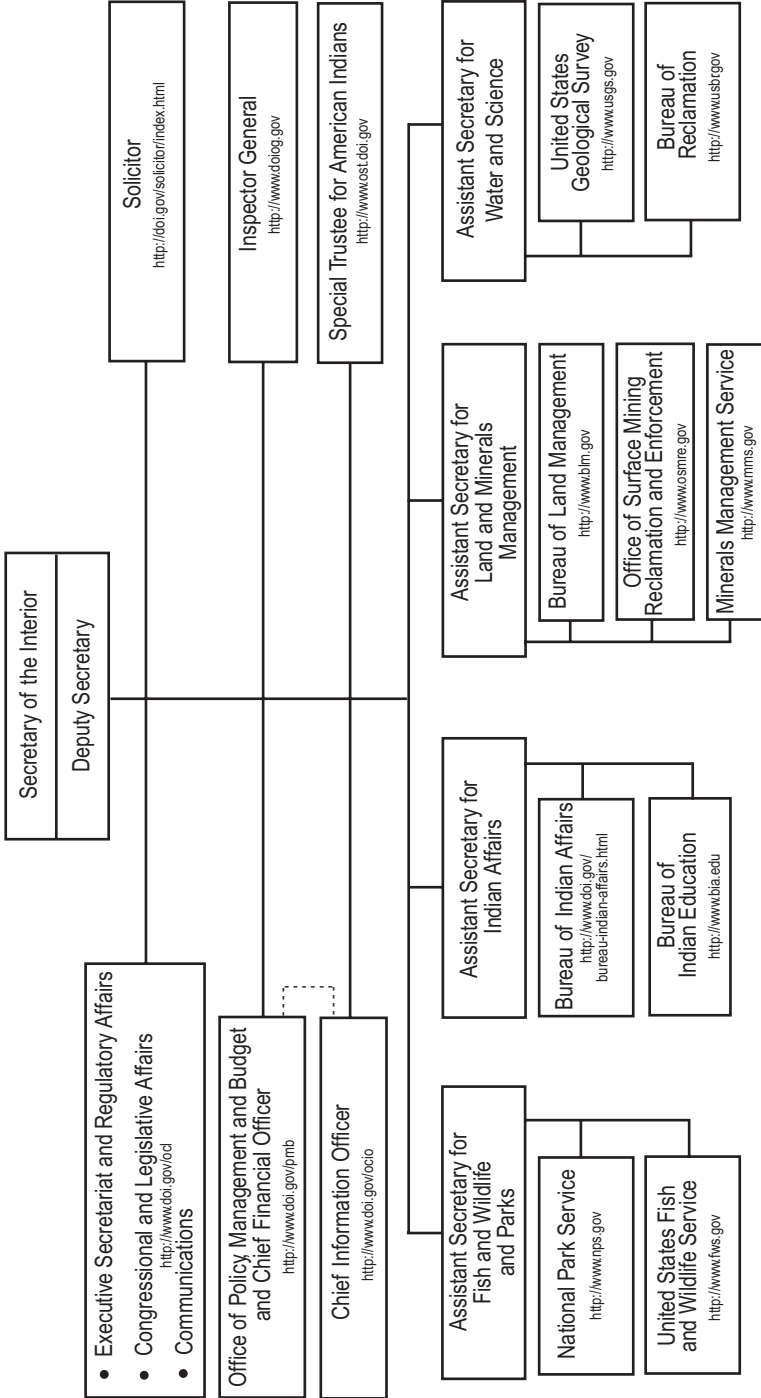
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Department of Housing and Urban Development
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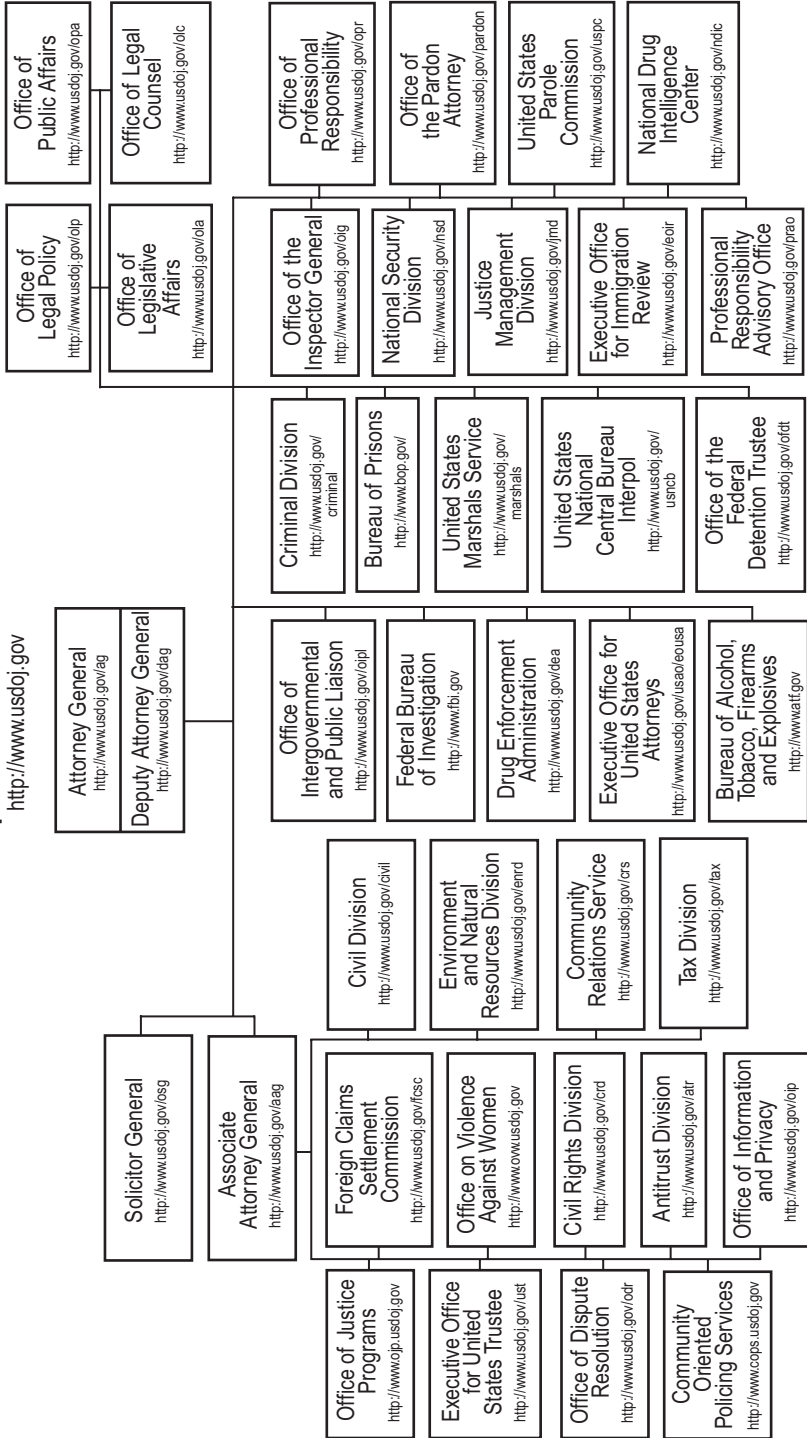


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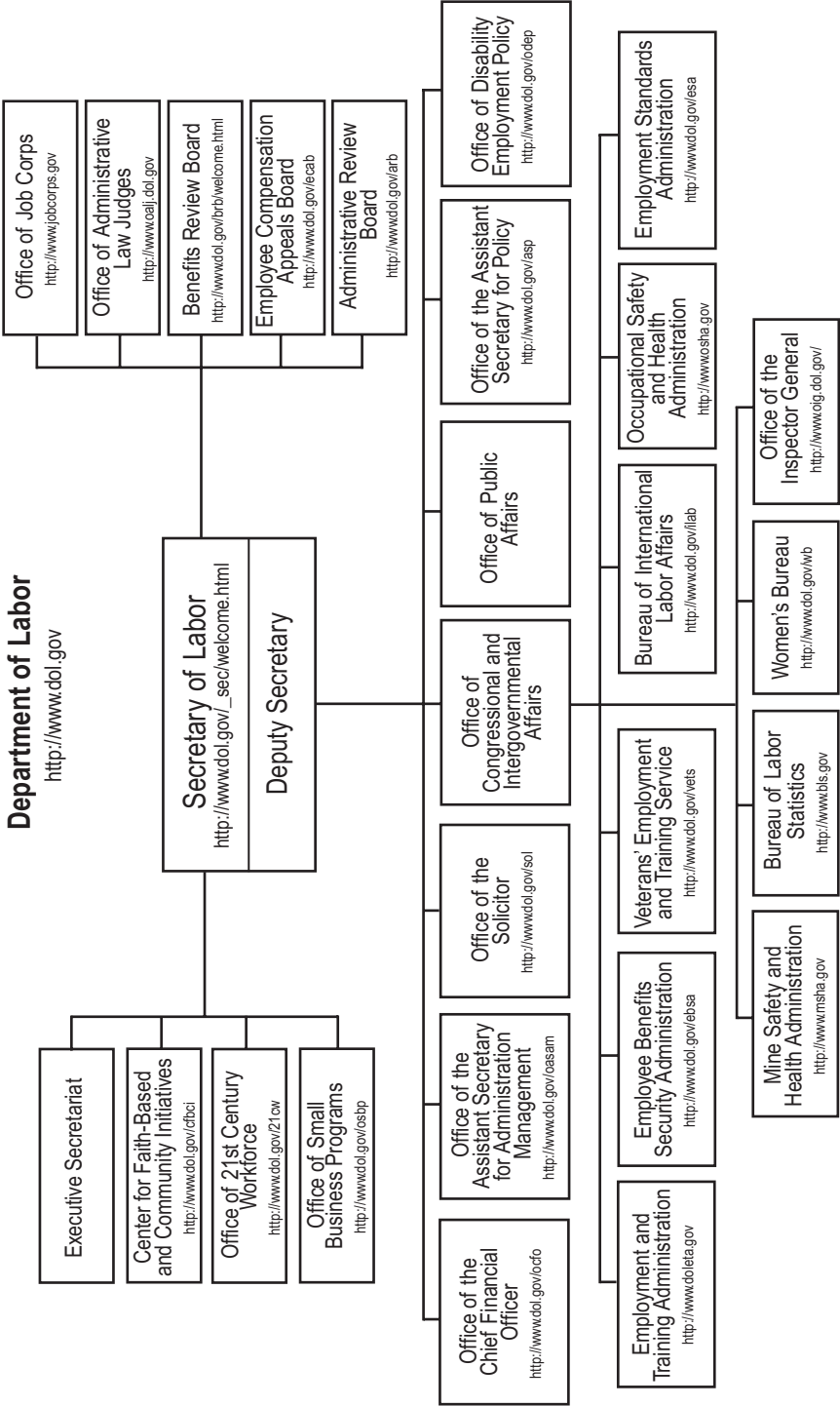


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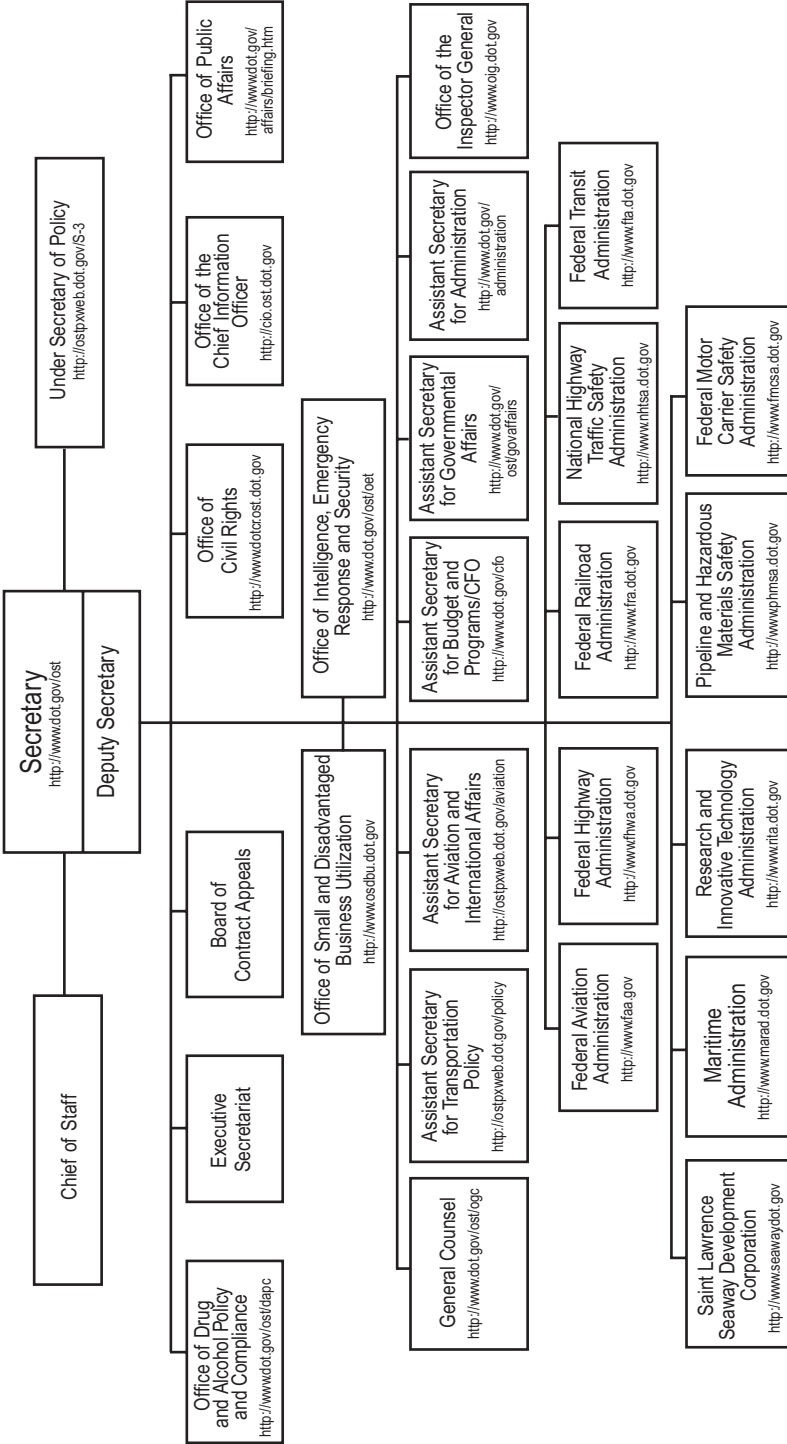


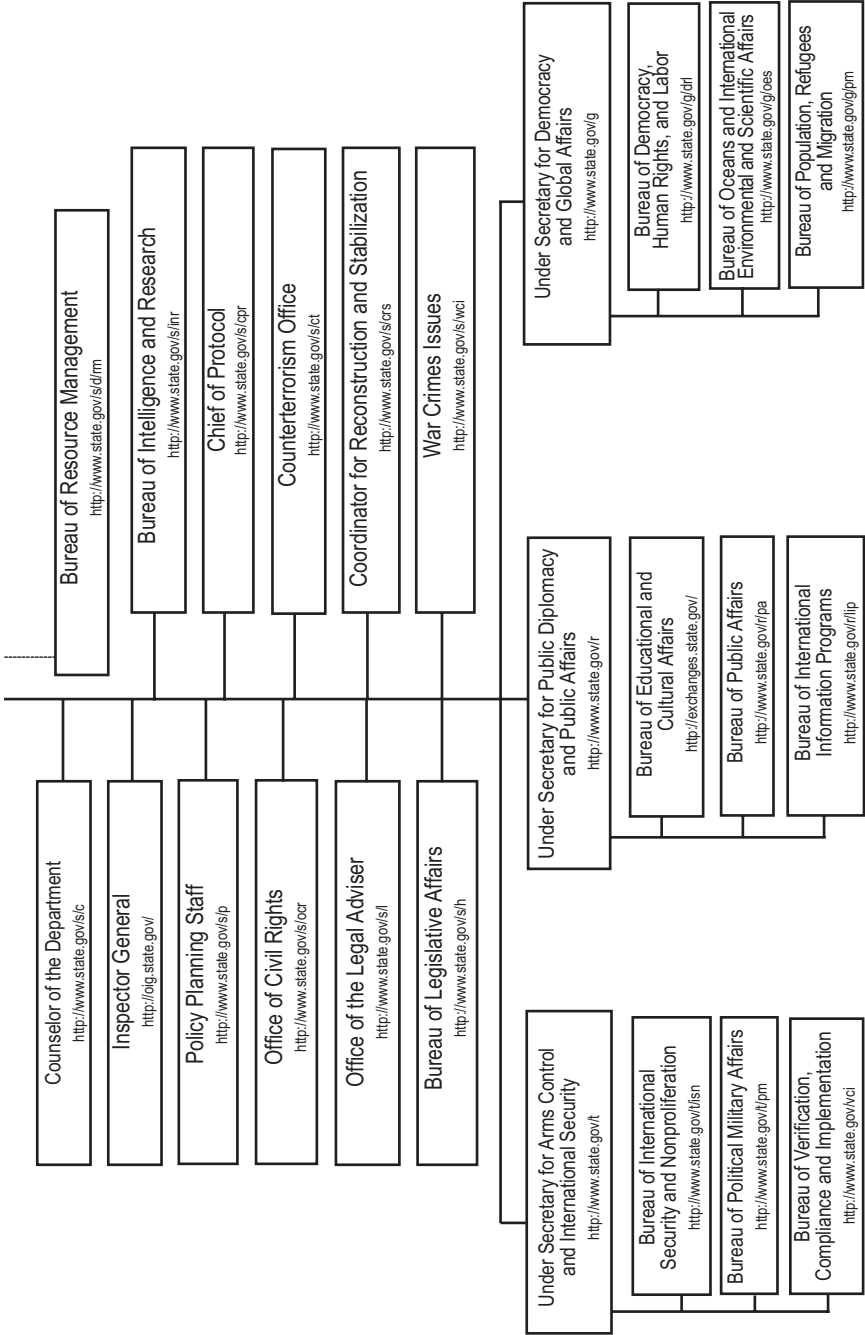
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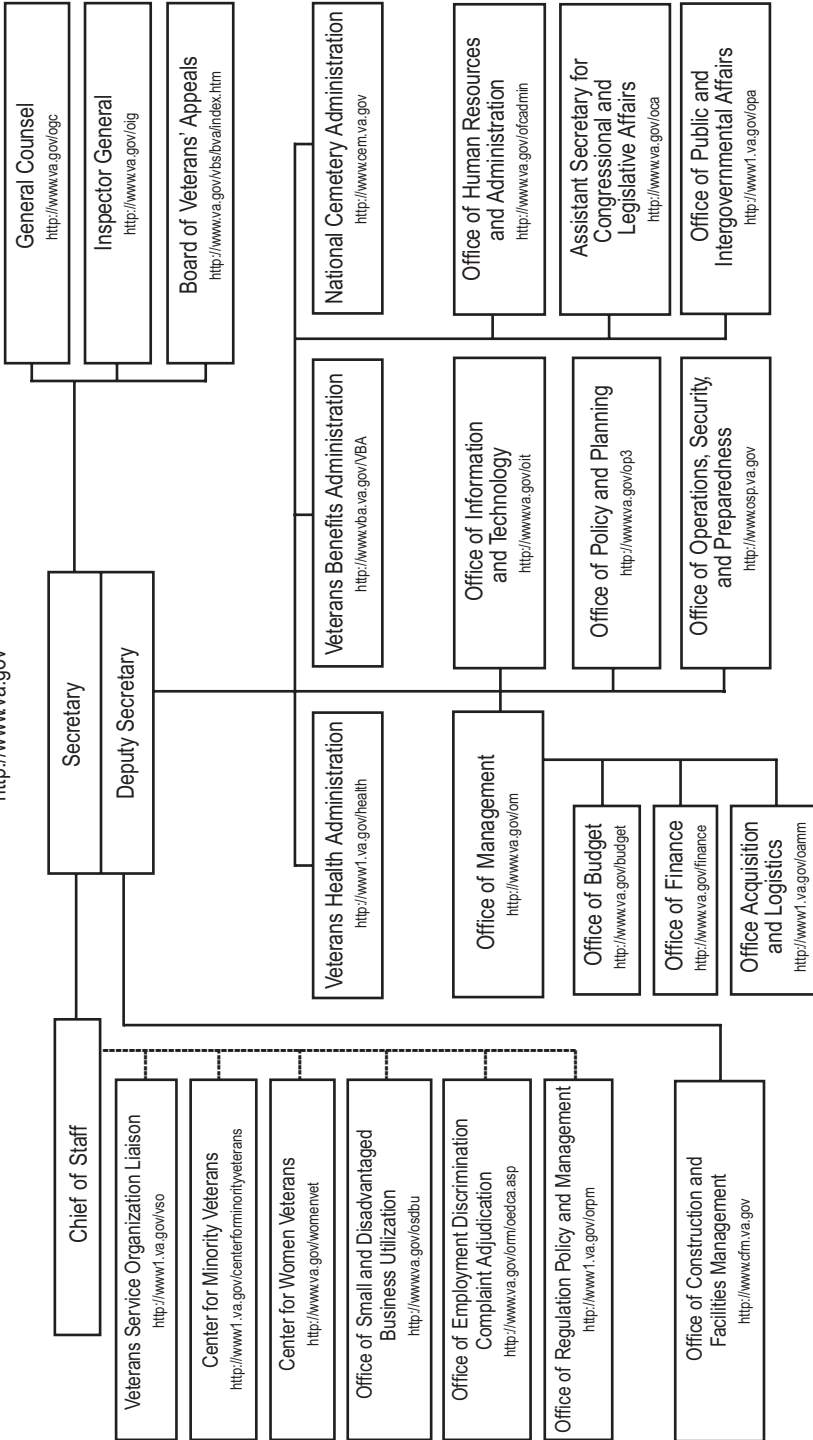
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Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.va.gov>



CHAPTER 1

Finding Aids

The Web sites described in this chapter are designed specifically to help people find United States federal government information. These sites organize access to government grants, forms, press releases, publications, statistics, and more. When searching for government information, they can be much more effective tools than general search engines.

The two subsections of this chapter describe, first, finding aids developed by the U.S. government and, second, those developed by nongovernment organizations.

Government Sources

1. Catalog of U.S. Government Publications

<http://catalog.gpo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)—Superintendent of Documents

Description: The online Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) is a catalog of both print and electronic government publications from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the U.S. government. The catalog records cover government publications cataloged from 1976 onward. The records provide bibliographic information and link to a copy of the cited publication if one is available online.

Use the advanced search option to take full advantage of the CGP's features, such as limiting searches by year, format, or special collection within the catalog.

The CGP is the online version of the *Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications* printed catalog and constitutes the National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications. The CGP is not a sales catalog. Sales publications can be found in the online GPO U.S. Government Bookstore at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>.

Subject(s): Government Publications; Publication Catalogs

2. Federal Telephone Directories

<http://www.info.gov/phone.htm>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This section of the National Contact Center Web site features direct links to telephone directories for cabinet agencies, independent agencies, commissions, members of Congress, and federal toll-free hotline numbers.

Subject(s): Federal Government; Directories

3. FedStats

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Interagency Council on Statistical Policy

Description: FedStats help researchers find statistics from over 100 federal agencies without having to know which agency makes the data available. For the most part, it points to statistical information that is maintained and updated by federal agencies on their own Web servers.

The site has two main sections, Links to Statistics and Links to Statistical Agencies. Links to Statistics is organized into several categories: Topic Links A to Z; MapStats (statistical profiles of states, counties, and congressional or federal judicial districts); Statistics by Geography; Statistical Reference Shelf; and a keyword

search. Agency links are listed alphabetically and by subject. FedStats also links to statistical agency news releases, federal statistical policy documents, and some of the major interactive data tools offered at federal agency Web sites.

FedStats is a central starting point for finding government statistics. The fact that the site points to the originating agency server rather than duplicating statistics at its own site reduces the likelihood of users getting out-of-date numbers from this intermediary. Once an originating agency has been identified, however, researchers may want to search that site directly to be certain not to miss new or supplemental information.

Subject(s): Statistics; Databases

4. Forms.gov: Federal Forms Catalog

<http://www.fedforms.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This portal site provides “one-stop shopping” for forms commonly needed for federal government services. Locate forms by form number, agency name, or form name. Links go directly to the page at the agency Web site where the forms are available.

Forms.gov is most helpful when you know the name or number of a form but do not know the agency. When the agency is known, it may be best to go directly to that agency’s site. Agencies may have new instructions or new forms elsewhere at their site. Forms.gov has a large collection of forms but does not include all forms from all agencies.

Subject(s): Government Forms

5. GobiernoUSA.gov

<http://www.usa.gov/gobiernousa/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This Spanish-language Web site is not a word-for-word translation of the English-language USA.gov site; instead, it is customized for those more likely to use it, with features such as a section for recent immigrants. The search engine allows users to search for words in Spanish and retrieve federal and state government Web results that are in Spanish. Users can also complete some government transactions online in Spanish.

Subject(s): Finding Aids

6. Government News

http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/News.shtml

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This section of the USA.gov Web site offers several useful compilations, including links to agency press releases, e-mail newsletters, blogs, and RSS news feeds.

Each compilation is not necessarily complete. Researchers interested in news from specific agencies should check the agency Web sites directly to find any additional news sources they may provide.

Subject(s): Finding Aids; News Services

7. Grants.gov

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: Grants.gov is the federal government portal for finding and applying for competitive grant opportunities from federal grant-making agencies. Users can

search the full text of grants and refine searches by limiting to certain agencies, topics, dates, or types of grants. Applications can be downloaded and completed offline. Completed grant application packages can then be submitted online. In addition to using the grants search feature, researchers can subscribe to receive e-mail notification of grant opportunities in their areas of interest. Grants.gov issues a quarterly electronic newsletter, *Succeed*.

Subject(s): Grants; Finding Aids

Publication(s): *Succeed*

8. Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects

<http://registry.fdlp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: The Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects describes and links to online collections of digitized U.S. government publications. The collections are from government agencies, universities, and other institutions.

Subject(s): Government Publications

9. U.S. Government News and Press Release Gateway

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call/pressreleases.htm>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: Part of the Federal Citizen Information Center, this Web site links to government press releases from executive branch, congressional, and judicial offices.

Subject(s): Government Publications

10. U.S. Government Photos and Multimedia

<http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Graphics.shtml>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: Part of the USA.gov Web site, this resource links to collections of graphics and photos on federal agency Web sites. The images are arranged by agency or photo collection name. Many but not all of these graphics are freely available for use in the public domain; check the specific disclaimers posted at each source.

Common collection themes include science, nature, medicine, space, and U.S. history. There is no subject index, but the USA.gov Web search engine can be used to search for images on federal, state, and local government Web sites.

Subject(s): Photography; Finding Aids

11. U.S. Government YouTube Channel

<http://www.youtube.com/USGovernment>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)—Citizen Services and Communications Office

Description: The official YouTube channel of the U.S. government, launched in May 2009, provides a single point of access for views from over 25 government agencies.

Subject(s): Government Information; Movies

12. USA.gov

<http://www.usa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: Labeled “the U.S. Government’s Official Web Portal,” USA.gov is an executive branch initiative that offers multiple routes to government information on the Internet. (The site was formerly known as FirstGov but was renamed in January 2007.) USA.gov links are most prominently organized by audience: citizens, busi-

ness and nonprofits, government employees, and visitors to the United States. Topics for citizens include consumer guides, federal benefits and grants, health research, and jobs and education information. A Reference section links to sites with federal forms, data and statistics, and laws and regulations.

USA.gov also has quick links to federal agency Web sites and to the main Web sites for state and tribal governments. A special USA.gov Web search engine searches federal, state, and local government Web sites. The search engine's results display has advanced features such as sorting results by agency.

A Spanish-language version of USA.gov, GobiernoUSA.gov, is described elsewhere in this chapter.

USA.gov does an excellent job of serving multiple audiences and helping users find basic government information faster. The design is particularly well suited for browsing and finding information and services when it is not known which agency is responsible.

Subject(s): Government Information; Finding Aids

13. USASearch.gov

<http://www.usasearch.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)—Citizen Services and Communications Office

Description: USASearch.gov is a search engine for finding federal, state, and some local and tribal government information. It provides a simple search, advanced search, online tutorial, and Spanish-language search. Search results can be sorted by agency or Web site name.

Subject(s): Search Engines

Other Sources

14. CyberCemetery

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/>

Sponsor(s): University of North Texas Libraries

Description: The stated goal of the CyberCemetery is to provide “permanent public access to the Web sites and publications of defunct U.S. government agencies and commissions.” Links to the archived sites are organized by branch of government, by date of the office's expiration, and by name; the sites can also be searched by keyword. Archived sites include those of the Coalition Provisional Authority for Iraq, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and the National Partnership for Reinventing Government. The CyberCemetery is operated under a partnership with the U.S. Government Printing Office and is an Affiliated Archives of the National Archives and Records Administration.

The policies, processes, and technologies for systematic archiving of electronic government information—and for providing access to and preservation of that information—are being actively developed by federal agencies. In the meantime, the CyberCemetery is providing a commendable service to researchers with straightforward access to resources that might otherwise be lost.

Subject(s): Digital Libraries; Government Information

15. Google U.S. Government Search

<http://www.google.com/unclesam>

Sponsor(s): Google Inc.

Description: Google U.S. Government Search searches federal, state, and some local and tribal government Web sites. It uses the same search techniques as the familiar Google search engine.

Subject(s): Search Engines

16. Government Information en Español

<http://library.stmarytx.edu/acadlib/doc/spannew.htm>

Sponsor(s): St. Mary's University. Library.

Description: This compilation of links to Spanish-language material on federal government Web sites is conveniently organized by topic. The Web site itself is in Spanish, with parenthetical English-language translations of federal agency names. The government documents library section of St. Mary's University in San Antonio maintains the site.

Subject(s): Finding Aids

17. Government Periodicals

<http://library.louisville.edu/government/periodicals/periodall.html>

Sponsor(s): University of Louisville. Ekstrom Library.

Description: This university library Web site offers a list of links to U.S. government bulletins, journals, and other periodicals issued by government agencies. Links to the periodicals are arranged alphabetically by title.

This Web site's simple interface provides quick access to hundreds of government periodicals online. The site is not comprehensive but can help researchers quickly locate a title.

Subject(s): Government Publications; Finding Aids

18. LSU Libraries Federal Agencies Directory

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/>

Sponsor(s): Louisiana State University. Library.

Description: The Federal Agencies Directory is an unannotated list of links to federal government Web sites. Links are in alphabetical order and arranged by category (Executive; Independent; Judicial; Legislative; Quasi-Official; and Boards, Commissions, and Committees). The Directory's FAQ section features guides to popular topics such as Grants and Funding, Military Records, and Jobs. This finding aid is the product of a partnership between Louisiana State University and the Government Printing Office's Federal Depository Library Program.

Subject(s): Federal Government; Finding Aids

19. University of Michigan Documents Center

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/>

Sponsor(s): University of Michigan. Library.

Description: This extensive compilation of Web links is maintained at the University of Michigan Library's Document Center. Links are organized into divisions including Federal, Foreign Governments, International, Local, and State. Special sections focus on Documents in the News, Political Science, and Statistics. The resources themselves include government, nonprofit, and commercial Web sites related to government and political information. Because a primary audience is the university, cited resources also include some only available to the campus.

This site is one of the more comprehensive online finding aids for government and political information on the Internet. Links do not lead only to government sources, and they appear to be selected and annotated based on frequently asked reference questions.

Subject(s): Government Information; Finding Aids

CHAPTER 2

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

This chapter describes Web sites covering agricultural practices, science, marketing, statistics, and related areas. Web sites concerning food and nutrition can be found in the Health and Safety chapter. This chapter also includes Web sites about fishing (or aquaculture) and forestry; additional resources on fish and forests can be found in the Environment and Nature chapter.

Subsections in this chapter are Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry.

Agriculture

20. AGRICOLA

<http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: AGRICOLA, also called the NAL Catalog, is a large bibliographic database covering literature from all areas of agriculture and related fields. It indexes journal articles, short reports, book chapters, and other materials. The database was created in 1970 but also contains content from prior years. Users of AGRICOLA on the Web can search the book collection of the National Agricultural Library (NAL) separately or in combination with AGRICOLA. Cited materials are not available online through AGRICOLA in full-text format. The site describes document delivery options; most remote users will need to find the materials through their local libraries.

Due to its quality, size, scope, and historical coverage, AGRICOLA is a key resource for conducting literature searches on topics related to agriculture.

Subject(s): Agriculture Information

21. Agricultural Marketing Service

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Description: AMS supports the marketing, testing, regulation, and efficient transportation of agricultural commodities and issues marketing orders that establish basic minimum prices for commodities. The agency also runs the National Organic Program.

AMS programs on the Web site concern cotton, dairy, poultry, fruit and vegetable, livestock and seed, science and technology, tobacco, transportation and marketing, and civil rights (ensuring agency compliance with federal laws). Additional sections cover commodity pricing news, farmers markets, federal rulemaking developments, and AMS services in the global marketplace. State Marketing Profiles for each state include a state summary, congressional district-by-district consumption profiles, farmers market operations, organic agriculture information, agricultural marketing research projects, and urban demographics and consumption profiles. Special Market News Portals for Fruit and Vegetable and for Livestock and Grain provide current, detailed market statistics for those commodities.

The AMS Web site provides essential data for users concerned with the domestic

agriculture sector. The site is designed to provide quick access to the key pricing and statistical information available in such releases as the *Market News Reports*.

Subject(s): Agricultural Commodities; Food Safety

Publication(s): *Daily Spot Cotton Quotations*, A 88.11/4:

Dairy Market Statistics, Annual Summary, A 88.14/13:

Grain Transportation Report, A 88.68:

Market News Reports, A 88.66:

National Farmers Market Directory, A 88.69/2:

National Weekly Pricing Report, A 88.71:

Ocean Freight Rate Bulletin, A 88.70

Pesticide Data Program Annual Summary, A 88.60:

Plant Variety Protection Database, A 88.52/2:

Standards for (Fruits, Vegetables, etc.) (irregular), A 88.6/2:

Weekly Cotton Market Review, A 88.11/2:

22. Agricultural Research Service

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Description: ARS leads the Department of Agriculture's research projects in agriculture, nutrition, technology, and the environment. The ARS Web site presents information about its national research programs in four major areas: Nutrition and Food Safety and Quality, Animal Production and Protection, Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems, and Crop Production and Protection. The Research section of the site includes a database of ARS research projects and detailed information on the agency's national and international research programs.

In the Products and Services section, the ARS Web site links to educational resources, ARS publications (including *Agricultural Research* magazine articles back to January 1996), and the TEKTRAN database of pre-publication notices of recent ARS research results. This section also provides software and data sets of interest to scientists working in agricultural research areas. In the News and Events section, the site has press releases, video programs, and an image gallery with digital photographs of crops, produce, plants, and insects. The site also has a Spanish-language version available.

The ARS Web site will primarily be of interest to agricultural researchers and research institutions, although it also contains materials that may be of interest to food and science reporters and teachers and students.

Subject(s): Agricultural Research

Publication(s): *Agricultural Research*, A 77.12:

Food & Nutrition Research Briefs, A 77.518:

Healthy Animals, A 77.519:

TEKTRAN: Technology Transfer Automated Retrieval System, A 77.518/2:

USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, A 77.715:

23. Agriculture Network Information Center (AgNIC)

<http://www.agnic.org/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: AgNIC links to agricultural information on the Internet as selected by the National Agricultural Library, land grant universities, and other institutions. AgNIC is a distributed network that provides access to agriculture-related information, subject area experts, and other resources. From the AgNIC Web site's home page, users can perform a simple search of the information database or browse its

contents by subject. A calendar of events lists conferences, meetings, and seminars in various agricultural fields.

AgNIC is not a government organization but is supported in part by the National Agricultural Library.

Subject(s): Agriculture Information

24. Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: AFSIC is a portal to information on alternative cropping systems (such as sustainable, organic, low-input, biodynamic, and regenerative agriculture), alternative crops, and new uses for traditional crops. The Web site links to alternative farming databases and publications. Special sections focus on farming methods, farm diversification, agriculture funding resources, aquaculture, and historic Department of Agriculture publications related to organic agriculture.

Subject(s): Aquaculture; Farms and Farming

25. Amber Waves

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Amberwaves/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Economic Research Service (ERS)

Description: *Amber Waves*, a Department of Agriculture magazine published five times a year, features information and economic analysis about food, farms, natural resources, and rural community issues. An Indicators section provides data and charts on crop and livestock cash receipts, farm household income, agricultural imports and exports, food spending, and other related topics. A print version of the magazine is available by paid subscription, but issues can be downloaded for free from the Web site. The free online version adds articles and updates in advance of the printed issues. *Amber Waves* began publication in February 2003, replacing *Agricultural Outlook*, *FoodReview*, and *Rural America*.

Subject(s): Agricultural Economics

Publication(s): *Amber Waves*, A 93.62:

26. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Description: APHIS's mission is to protect the animal and plant resources of the United States from agricultural pests and diseases. Major sections of its Web site cover animal health surveillance, plant pests, biotechnology regulation, emergency response, wildlife damage management, animal welfare, and importing and exporting concerns. The animal health section includes a wealth of information from major animal health monitoring and surveillance programs. The site also has information about reporting a pest or disease, veterinarian accreditation information, and tips on traveling with a pet.

Subject(s): Agriculture—Regulations; Animals—Regulations; Plants—Regulations; Veterinary Medicine

Publication(s): *APHIS Fact Sheets*, A 101.31:

27. Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)

<http://www.ba.ars.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Description: BARC performs research in a variety of agricultural science disciplines. Its Web site describes research coming out of BARC's many laboratories. Major sections include Animal and Natural Resources, Human Nutrition, Plant Sciences, and the National Arboretum. A Products and Services section includes searchable databases and online data sets and models.

Subject(s): Agricultural Research; Nutrition—Research; Plants—Research

28. Carl Hayden Bee Research Center

<http://gears.tucson.ars.ag.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Description: The mission of the Carl Hayden Bee Research Center is “solving problems associated with the transport and introduction of honey bee colonies for crop pollination. Our research is directed at honey bee nutrition, Varroa mites, Africanization of European honey bees, and crop pollination” (from the Web site). The Web site's Research section includes information about advanced research projects and dealing with bee stings. The Flash version of the Web site, available through a link on the main page, has further research and education information.

Subject(s): Beekeeping; Entomology

29. Center for Veterinary Medicine

<http://www.fda.gov/cvm/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)

Description: CVM regulates the manufacture and distribution of drugs and feed additives intended for animals. Its Web site features sections including Aquaculture, Food Safety, Antimicrobial Resistance, Biotechnology, BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy or “mad cow disease”), the “Green Book” (*FDA Approved Animal Drug Products*), the Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act, and Guidance Documents. The site also carries the *FDA Veterinarian* newsletter. Some publications are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Veterinary Medicine

Publication(s): *FDA Approved Animal Drug Products*, HE 20.4411:

FDA Veterinarian, HE 20.4410:

30. Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

Description: CSREES supports agricultural research, education, and extension programs in the Land-Grant University System and other organizations. Its Web site organizes information about funding and activities into major topical program areas, including Agriculture and Food Biosecurity, Biotechnology and Genomics, Economics and Commerce, Education, and Pest Management. The site includes the Current Research Information System (CRIS) database of ongoing and recently completed research and education projects in agriculture, food and nutrition, and forestry.

The mission and functions of CSREES are scheduled to be folded into a new

Department of Agriculture organization, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, in late 2009.

Subject(s): Agricultural Education—Grants; Agricultural Research—Grants; Extension Services

Publication(s): *CSREES—Update*, A 94.20:

Family Economics News, A 94.28:

Small Farm Digest, A 94.23:

31. Crop Explorer

<http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov/cropeexplorer/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Description: Crop Explorer is an interactive Web tool for mapping global crop production information, based on satellite imagery and weather data. For major crop-growing areas around the world, Crop Explorer displays thematic maps of conditions such as precipitation, temperature, and soil moisture. The site also provides frequently updated satellite data and imagery, regional growing season profiles, and narrative reports.

Crop Explorer is designed to assist in forecasting production, supply, demand, and food assistance needs. The site has a well-designed interface and a rich library of current data.

Subject(s): Agriculture—International

32. Economic Research Service

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Economic Research Service (ERS)

Description: ERS produces key economic indicators and detailed data on the economics of food, farming, natural resources, and rural development. The ERS Web site provides multiple ways of accessing its information by topic. Its Briefing Rooms offer in-depth information on topics such as agricultural biotechnology, bioenergy, food safety policy, rural economies, and food prices and spending. The Browse by Subject section links to a fuller array of topics; it lists publications, data sets, and Briefing Rooms related to each of these topics. Researchers can also browse by farm commodity or by U.S. regions and states, as well as by a selection of foreign countries and world regions. The New Releases calendar on the home page includes an option to be notified automatically by e-mail or RSS feed when new ERS data and publications are released.

The Publications section includes the full text of the agency's publications from 1996 onward; these are searchable by title, topic, or date. The ERS Outlook Reports, included in the catalog, provide analysis and data on production, consumption, international trade, and prices received for key agricultural commodities.

ERS is a key resource for data and analysis on the agricultural economy. Its Web site provides excellent, multiple approaches to discovering this information.

Subject(s): Agricultural Economics; Agriculture—Statistics; Rural Development—Statistics

Publication(s): *Amber Waves*, A 93.62:

Aquaculture Outlook, A 93.55:

Cotton and Wool Outlook, A 93.24/2:

Feed Outlook, A 93.11/2:

Floriculture and Nursery Crops Outlook, A 93.29/2-3:

Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, A 93.17/7:

Fruit and Tree Nuts Outlook, A 93.12/3:

Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, A 93.46/3:
Oil Crops Outlook, A 93.23/2:
Retail Scanner Prices for Meat, A 93.2:
Rice Outlook, A 93.11/3:
Sugar and Sweeteners Outlook, A 93.31/3:
Tobacco Outlook, A 93.25:
Vegetables and Melons Outlook, A 93.12/2:
Wheat Outlook, A 93.11:

33. Farm Credit Administration

<http://www.fca.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Farm Credit Administration (FCA)

Description: As stated on the Web site, the “FCS [Farm Credit System] is a Government-sponsored enterprise created by Congress in 1916 to provide American agriculture with a dependable source of credit.” FCA is responsible for enforcement and regulation of the FCS, which includes the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac). The Reports and Publication section of the Web site has financial reports on the FCS. The Laws and Regulations section includes the rules and regulatory guidance. The FCS Information section includes details on FCS institutions and Farmer Mac programs.

Subject(s): Farm Loan Programs

34. Farm Service Agency

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Description: FSA assists farmers in income stabilization, resource conservation, credit services, and disaster recovery. The Web site links to state and county FSA offices and information about their services and provides online services and forms for FSA customers. Specific programs and topics covered by the Web site include aerial photography (with over 10 million aerial images), commodity operations, disaster assistance, farm loan programs, price support, and the Tobacco Transition Payment Program.

Subject(s): Farm Loan Programs

35. FAS Online

<http://ffas.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Description: FAS represents U.S. interests in foreign markets. Its Web site includes information about countries, commodities, trade policy and negotiations, export assistance programs, and buying U.S. products. News releases, reports, fact sheets, congressional testimony, *Federal Register* notices, and featured reports are available in the Newsroom section. Under Search FAS, the option for database-specific searches serves as a directory to FAS databases, including Attaché Reports; export and import statistics; the Production, Supply and Distribution Database (PS&D); the Export Sales Query System; and a directory of subject experts inside and outside FAS.

Subject(s): Agricultural Trade; International Trade—Statistics

Publication(s): *Cotton: World Markets and Trade*, A 67.18:FC

Dairy: World Markets and Trade, A 67.18:FD

Export Assistance, Food Aid, and Market Development Programs, A 67.46:

FAS Worldwide, A 67.7/3:

Grain: World Markets and Trade, A 67.18:FG

Livestock & Poultry: World Markets and Trade, A 67.18:FL&P
Monthly Summary of Export Credit Guarantee Program Activity, A 67.47:
Oilseeds: World Markets and Trade, A 67.18:FOP
Sugar: World Markets and Trade, A 67.18:FS
Tobacco: World Markets and Trade, A 67.18:FT
Tropical Products: World Markets and Trade, A 67.18:FTROP
U.S. Export Sales Report, A 67.40:
U.S. Planting Seed Trade, A 67.18/3:
Wood Products: International Trade and Foreign Markets, A 67.18:WP
World Agricultural Production, A 67.18:WAP

36. Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

<http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Description: GIPSA facilitates the marketing of grains, livestock, poultry, and meat for the overall benefit of consumers and U.S. agriculture. The GIPSA Web site features services provided by the Federal Grain Inspection Service and information about the Packers and Stockyards Programs. Target audiences for the site include grain inspectors, livestock producers, poultry growers, and international governments and customers. The Markets and Trade section of the site provides export, processing, and inspection data for the grain and livestock markets. Many of the GIPSA publications can be located via the News and Events section.

Subject(s): Grains—Regulations; Livestock—Regulations

Publication(s): *Annual Report of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration*, A 113.1:

Assessments of the Cattle and Hog Industries

Export Registrants Directory, A 113.2:

Grain Inspection Handbook, A 113.8:

Official United States Standards for Beans, A 113.10/3:

Official United States Standards for Grain, A 113.10:

Official United States Standards for Rice, A 113.10/2:

Official United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils, A 113.10/4:

Packers and Stockyards Statistical Report, A 113.15:

U.S. Grain Exports: Quality Report, A 104.12/2-3:

37. GrainGenes

<http://wheat.pw.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Description: GrainGenes is a genetic database for Triticeae, oats, and sugarcane. Access to the data is available through an alphabetical browse feature (by category and name) and by a variety of keyword searches. The site also has information about related news, projects, data, publications, and other resources.

The GrainGenes database contains a substantial amount of genetic information and many links to other genome databases. The interactive and collaborative capabilities of the Internet are used to good advantage, as researchers can submit data for entry into the database and browse through data that has already been included.

Subject(s): Germplasms; Grains—Research; Plant Genetics

38. Green Book

http://www.fda.gov/cvm/Green_Book/greenbook.html

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)

Description: *FDA Approved Animal Drug Products*, known as the “Green Book,” is available online in searchable form. The printed publication is issued annually, with monthly updates. The online book includes FDA Approved Animal Drug Database files that support production of the book, all chapters of the printed book itself, and a searchable archive of monthly updates dating back to 2001.

This is a useful database for veterinarians and anyone interested in official FDA information about specific animal drugs.

Subject(s): Veterinary Medicine

Publication(s): *FDA Approved Animal Drug Products*, HE 20.4411:

39. GRIN National Genetic Resources Program

<http://www.ars-grin.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Description: The National Genetic Resources Program is responsible for acquiring, characterizing, preserving, documenting, and distributing scientific information about germplasms of all life forms important for food and agricultural production. Its Web site features the Germplasm Resources Information Network (GRIN), which has germplasm information about plants, animals, microbes, and invertebrates within the National Genetic Resources Program. Each of the germplasm databases varies in terms of scope and access points. The four databases available are the National Plant Germplasm System, the National Animal Germplasm Program, the National Microbial Germplasm Program, and the National Invertebrate Genetic Resources Program. Information from the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council (NGRAC) is also available.

This site will primarily be of interest to users researching the germplasm of plants and animals.

Subject(s): Germplasms; Plant Genetics

40. Journal of Extension

<http://www.joe.org/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

Description: The *Journal of Extension (JOE)*, a peer-reviewed journal for Extension Service personnel, is published six times a year and only in electronic format. The print version ceased publication in 1994. Issues from 1963 through the present are available on the site.

JOE is an easy-to-use online journal, with supplemental material about the journal, its peer review procedures, and usage statistics.

Subject(s): Extension Services

Publication(s): *Journal of Extension*

41. National Agricultural Library Digital Repository

<http://naldr.nal.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: The National Agricultural Library Digital Repository (NALDR) is a collection of digitized agriculture documents from past years. The collection can be

browsed or searched by keyword. It comprises over 2,000 digitized volumes, including the *Yearbook of the U.S. Department of Agriculture* series dating back to 1894.

Subject(s): Agriculture Information

42. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Description: NASS publishes a broad range of state and national statistics on crops, livestock, and farming. The Web site's sidebar allows users to browse NASS data by the following topics: Crops and Plants, Demographics, Economic (land values, prices paid by farmers, and more), Environmental, and Livestock and Animals. The site has searchable data from the *Census of Agriculture*, which is conducted every five years. Data from the 2007 census is being released in 2009. The Data and Statistics section features the QuickStats database for searching national, state, and local data by commodity, state, and year. The Newsroom section provides NASS statistical reports and news releases, available as an RSS feed.

Subject(s): Crop Production—Statistics; Farms and Farming—Statistics; Livestock—Statistics

Publication(s): *Agricultural Prices*, A 92.16:

Agricultural Statistics, A 1.47:

Census of Agriculture, A 92.53:

Farm Labor, A 92.12:

43. National Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center

<http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The National Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center, or Ag Center, offers information about environmental regulatory compliance for the agricultural community. The information is organized by agricultural sector, such as crops, forestry, and animals. Topics include agricultural waste, aquaculture, and fertilizers.

Subject(s): Environmental Law; Farms and Farming—Regulations

44. National Agriculture Safety Database (NASD)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Description: NASD is an online clearinghouse for a diverse array of materials related to agricultural health, safety, and injury prevention. Its long list of topics includes chemicals/pesticides, hearing conservation, lightning, personal protective equipment, and supervising for safety. Safety videos are available for online viewing. Many brochures are also available in Spanish.

NASD provides easy access to practical guides that may also be of use to non-farm industries. Due to the diversity of these materials, users may want to check the source and date provided at the bottom of each document.

Subject(s): Farms and Farming; Safety

45. National Animal Identification System (NAIS)

<http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Description: NAIS is a cooperative and voluntary program to standardize and expand animal identification practices for all livestock species and poultry. The NAIS program goal is to provide a record of a diseased or exposed animal's movements in order to help contain the spread of animal-borne disease. The NAIS Web site provides background information about the program and details about the program's Animal Identification Number and Premises Identification Number systems. The site links directly to each state government Web page with Premises Registration information.

Subject(s): Animals—Regulations

46. National Arboretum

<http://www.usna.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Description: The National Arboretum's Web site is more than an online brochure for those planning to visit its gardens in Washington, DC. The site has information of interest to the general gardening public, including horticultural facts, pest management, new hybrid plant releases, lists of state trees and flowers, and a plant hardiness map depicting the lowest expected temperatures in the United States. Information for researchers includes a directory of National Arboretum scientists and their specialties. Visitor information includes an interactive map of the grounds and calendars of blooms and educational events.

This well-designed site is a useful resource for serious nonprofessional gardeners and plant enthusiasts.

Subject(s): Gardening and Landscaping; Trees

Publication(s): *Arboretum Plant Introduction and Winners (fact sheets)*, A 77.38/2:

47. National Center for Agricultural Law

<http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/>

Sponsor(s): University of Arkansas. School of Law.

Description: The National Center for Agricultural Law is funded by the Department of Agriculture and operated by the University of Arkansas School of Law. The center conducts original research into areas of food and agricultural law. Its Web site presents this research alongside research material from other sources. A series of Reading Room sections organizes information by topic, including biotechnology, country of origin labeling, marketing orders, and international agricultural trade. Each Reading Room category links to related major laws, regulations, case law, legal research, and government publications. Other highlights on the site include an agricultural policy glossary, legislative histories for past Farm Bills, general reference links, and digests of federal regulations and court cases concerning agricultural law.

The National Center for Agricultural Law site is an excellent starting point for legal, legislative, and government documents research on agricultural policy topics.

Subject(s): Agriculture—Laws

48. National Organic Program

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Description: This Web site presents Department of Agriculture regulations and policies concerning growing, labeling, and marketing farm produce as organic. A Questions and Answers section addresses the definition of organic produce, production requirements, certification, and the national list of allowed and prohibited substances. It also has a section on the National Organic Standards Board.

This informative site should be of practical benefit to producers, retailers, and consumers of organic food.

Subject(s): Food—Regulations

49. National Plant Data Center (NPDC)

<http://npdc.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Description: NPDC focuses its resources on the acquisition, development, integration, quality control, dissemination, and access of plant information. Its Web site features the fully searchable PLANTS Database and detailed fact sheets on selected trees and plants. Special sections focus on endangered and threatened plants, invasive species, and culturally significant plants. The site also has general information about NPDC and its activities.

Subject(s): Plants

Publication(s): *PLANTS Database*, A 57.80:

50. NRCS Soils

<http://soils.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Description: The NRCS Soils Web site is part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, a cooperative federal-state-academic project. The site has a broad range of scientific, applied, and educational information about soils. The centerpiece of the site is the Soil Survey, which has survey maps, soil characterization data, and soil climate data. The Soil Data Mart enables the downloading of tabular and spatial soil data. Other major sections provide images of soil, information about soil use, classification standards, current research topics, and resources for teachers and students.

Subject(s): Soil Surveys

Publication(s): *Field Book for Describing and Sampling Soils*, A 57.2:

Keys to Soil Taxonomy, A 57.2:

National Soil Survey Handbook, A 57.6/2:

Soil Taxonomy, A 1.76:

51. Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_Fsis/OPHS/index.asp

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

Description: OPHS provides scientific analysis and recommendations on public health and science topics of concern to FSIS. The OPHS Web site describes the agency's major departments and programs, including the Food Emergency Response Network, the Human Health Sciences Division, and the Microbiology

Division. It also links to a directory of the FSIS Regulatory Field Services Laboratories.

Subject(s): Food Safety—Research

52. Pesticides

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This EPA site provides pesticide regulation and compliance information along with environmental, safety, and scientific information. The site has registration information for sellers and distributors of pesticides. It also provides information on product labeling, storage, disposal, and restricted and canceled uses of pesticides. Other sections of the site provide consumer alerts, fact sheets, pesticide hotlines and information centers, EPA pesticide advisory committees, and more. The site has an A-Z index.

Subject(s): Pesticides

53. PLANTS National Database

<http://plants.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Description: The PLANTS National Database features standardized information about the plants found in the United States and its territories. It includes names of plants, checklists, automated tools, identification information, species abstracts, distributional data, crop information, plant symbols, plant growth data, plant materials information, plant links, and references. The database can generate reports such as lists of endangered and threatened plants, invasive and noxious plants, wetlands plants, and state-specific lists of plants. The PLANTS Web site includes a gallery of over 30,000 plant images.

This database is an excellent source for verifying plant names and other plant information.

Subject(s): Plants

Publication(s): *PLANTS Database*, A 57.80:

54. Pollinators

<http://www.fws.gov/pollinators/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: Pollinators include bees, birds, bats, and insects. This Web site provides information on the importance of pollinators, threat to pollinators, and what you can do to help pollinator populations. For more information on the threat to the domestic honeybee population, the site links to the FWS Colony Collapse Disorder information at <http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/Info/CCD.html>.

Subject(s): Beekeeping; Birds

55. PS&D Online

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Description: The Production, Supply and Distribution (PS&D) online database has current and historical Department of Agriculture data on production, supply, and distribution of agricultural commodities for the United States and selected producing and consuming countries. The site offers predefined tables and the opportunity to download the raw data in comma-separated value format. Users can also perform

custom queries by searching for a specific commodity, type of statistic, country, and year.

Subject(s): Agricultural Commodities—Statistics

56. Risk Management Agency

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Risk Management Agency (RMA)

Description: RMA manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) and other risk management programs for agricultural producers. The site features extensive information on farm risk planning. It also has a directory of RMA field offices, insurance agent and company locators, an annual list of insurable crops, and other program information.

Subject(s): Crop Insurance; Disaster Assistance

57. State Fact Sheets from USDA/ERS

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/StateFacts/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Economic Research Service (ERS)

Description: The State Fact Sheets Web site contains basic demographic and farm statistics for each state. These statistics are also available for the United States as a whole and include population, employment, income, farm characteristics, top agriculture commodities, top agriculture exports, and farm financial indicators. Data come from six different government sources and are updated as new information becomes available.

This is a simple service for basic demographic and agricultural profiles of the states. Researchers looking for more detailed data can click on the links provided throughout each fact sheet to consult more extensive data tables. Agency contacts are also provided.

Subject(s): Farms and Farming—Statistics

58. United States Department of Agriculture

<http://www.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: The main Department of Agriculture Web site provides efficient and uncluttered access to department information. The front page of the site contains current news, event announcements, quick task-based links (such as “Find a Form” and “Find Current Food Recalls”), information about administration initiatives, and a feature to browse site contents by subject area. Major topical sections include: Agriculture, Education and Outreach, Food and Nutrition, Laws and Regulations, Marketing and Trade, Natural Resources, Rural and Community Development, and Research and Science. The Newsroom section provides speech transcripts, radio and television broadcasts, e-mail and RSS news alerts, and agency publications.

As the umbrella site for a large department, the Department of Agriculture site provides a page of links to the Web sites for its agencies, services, and programs. The site also features a Spanish-language version, which contains news, program information, and educational material.

This is a well-organized site with a simple, consistent interface. It serves as a gateway to the organization of the department and its major programs and publications. The Web sites of the department’s component agencies have been redesigned to follow the standard format of this main site.

Subject(s): Agriculture

Publication(s): *Agriculture Fact Book*, A 1.38/2:

59. USDA Economics, Statistics and Market Information System (ESMIS)

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Cornell University—Mann Library

Description: This Web site features a collection of nearly 2,500 reports and data sets from Department of Agriculture economics agencies, including the Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. It includes current and historical data and reports on national food and agricultural developments; it also forecasts the effects of changing conditions and policies on domestic and international agriculture.

Users may search the entire database or a combination of its components for reports or data sets. They may also browse by topic, with available topics including agricultural baseline projections; farm sector economics; field crops; food; inputs, technology, and weather; international agriculture; land, water, and conservation; livestock, dairy, and poultry; rural affairs; specialty agriculture; and trade issues. In addition, information may be browsed alphabetically by agency through the links at the top of the home page.

Materials cover both U.S. and international agricultural topics. Most reports are presented as PDF or ASCII text files. Most data sets are in spreadsheet format and include time-series data that are updated annually. The Calendar section organizes reports and data sets by expected release date, and users can sign up to receive selected reports when they are released.

While some of these reports are available in full from Department of Agriculture Web sites, the value of this Cornell University Web site lies in its standard interface, centralized access, and historical back files.

Subject(s): Agriculture—Statistics; Agriculture Information

60. Water Quality Information Center

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: The Water Quality Information Center (WQIC) Web site compiles links to Internet resources concerning water supply and water quality in relation to agriculture. Resources include Web sites, conference reports, journal articles, and other online publications, which mostly come from government and academic sources. The site links to water-related databases and has numerous bibliographies on such topics as conservation buffers, drainage, nutrient management, and wetlands. The WQIC also has educational materials, tools, and guides.

Subject(s): Agricultural Waste; Farms and Farming; Water

61. Weather and Climate

<http://www.usda.gov/oce/weather/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—Agriculture Department (USDA)—World Agricultural Outlook Board

Description: The Joint Agricultural Weather Facility (JAWF) collects global weather and agricultural information to determine the impact of growing season weather conditions on international crops and livestock production prospects. This JAWF Web site features U.S. Agricultural Weather Highlights, Major World Crop Areas and Climatic Profiles, and the *Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin*.

Subject(s): Agriculture—International; Weather

Publication(s): *Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin*, C 55.209:

62. World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB)

<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—World Agricultural Outlook Board

Description: WAOB coordinates analysis from many Department of Agriculture agencies to produce a monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* report, and it houses the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility. This Web page, part of the larger Department of Agriculture Office of the Chief Economist Web site, provides information about the WAOB and copies of its publications.

Subject(s): Agricultural Economics—International

Publication(s): *USDA Agricultural Baseline Projections to . . .*, A 93.44:
World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, A 93.29/3:

Fishing

63. Aquaculture Information Center

<http://www.lib.noaa.gov/docaqua/frontpage.htm>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

Description: This Web site acts as a portal to other aquaculture-related Web sites. Links are organized under such topics as statistics, laws and regulatory information, and NOAA-funded research. The site also links to aquaculture education resources and to related programs from the Department of Commerce and international partners.

Subject(s): Aquaculture

64. Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)

<http://www.asmfc.org/>

Sponsor(s): Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Description: The ASMFC, a group made up of the 15 Atlantic coastal states, was formed by an interstate compact approved by Congress. These states work together through ASMFC to manage the Atlantic fisheries. The ASMFC Web site includes news, research and statistics, law enforcement compliance reports, links to other fisheries organizations, and information about pending actions open for public input.

Subject(s): Fisheries

Publication(s): *Habitat Hotline Atlantic*

65. Fisheries and Habitat Conservation

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) maintains this Web site as a portal to FWS division and program Web sites concerned with fisheries and habitat conservation. Topics include invasive species, pollution, restoration, and wildlife. Program links lead to the Web sites for the Division of Fish and Wildlife Management and Habitat Restoration, the National Fish Hatchery System, and related sites. The site also has a section on grants and cooperative agreements.

Subject(s): Conservation (Natural Resources); Fisheries

66. FishWatch—U.S. Seafood Facts

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/fishwatch/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Marine Fisheries

Description: FishWatch provides consumers with information on the health and sustainability of U.S. seafood fisheries. The site explains what is meant by “sustainable” and supplies detailed sustainability, management, and nutrition profiles for over 30 types of fish. Other sections cover fisheries management, fishing vessels, U.S. seafood trade, and health and nutrition information.

FishWatch is an excellent consumer-oriented site that provides quick access to information written for the general public, as well as significant detail for those who wish to learn more.

Subject(s): Fish

67. Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

<http://www.gsmfc.org/>

Sponsor(s): Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC)

Description: GSMFC is a Congress-authorized organization made up of the five Gulf of Mexico states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida). Its Web site includes sections with information on programs, publications, meetings, and regulations.

Subject(s): Fisheries

68. NOAA Fisheries—National Marine Fisheries Service

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Marine Fisheries

Description: The National Marine Fisheries Service is the component of NOAA charged with conserving, protecting, and managing living marine resources. The Sustaining Fisheries section of the Web site covers issues related to overfishing, domestic fisheries, highly migratory species, seafood inspection, and laws such as the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act. The Protecting Marine Species section discusses endangered species, marine mammal conservation, and coral reefs. The Conserving Marine Habitat section links includes habitat publications and announcements. The Science and Technology section includes fisheries statistics and economic information, along with reports on the work of NOAA Fisheries science centers and research vessels. The Law Enforcement section describes the work of NOAA Fisheries special agents and enforcement officers. Other sections of the site provide information about grants, legislation, permits, and international cooperation relating to marine resources.

Although it sports an uncluttered and fun look (with fish graphics and a search function that says “Go Fish!”), the NOAA Fisheries site contains broad and deep coverage of its topics. Users can easily navigate the NOAA divisions to find science, research, statistics, regulations, and other information related to NOAA’s marine resources activities.

Subject(s): Fisheries; Marine Mammals

Publication(s): *Fisheries of the United States*, C 55.309/2-2:

Fishery Bulletin, C 55.313:

Fishery Market News, C 55.318:

Imports and Exports of Fishery Products, Annual Summary, C 55.309/2-10:

NOAA Fisheries Glossary, C 55.13/2:

Our Living Oceans, Annual Report on the Status of U.S. Living Marine Resources, C 55.1/2:

69. Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC)

<http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Marine Fisheries

Description: NWFSC is a NOAA Fisheries research center. Its Web site describes the center's research and includes publications and image libraries for marine life, marine mammals, and killer whales. The Library section links to numerous Web sites relevant to marine life and fisheries research; it features a section on the Pacific salmon.

This site has a wide variety of research information, primarily in the Publications, Resources, and Library sections.

Subject(s): Fisheries

70. Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

<http://www.psmfc.org/>

Sponsor(s): Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)

Description: PSMFC, authorized by Congress in 1947, is one of three interstate commissions dedicated to resolving fishery issues. It serves as a forum for discussion of fishery issues in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. Its Web site has information about current projects, events, grants and contracts, workshop proceedings, and links to fisheries data projects.

Subject(s): Fisheries

Forestry

71. Ecosystem Management Coordination

<http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Forest Service (USFS)

Description: The Ecosystem Management Coordination (EMC) Office is concerned with information and analysis to support Forest Service planning. Its Web site includes information about the Forest Service's environmental appeals and litigation, information related to the National Environmental Protection Act and Environmental Impact Statements, and planning documents related to the National Forest Management Act.

Subject(s): Environmental Law; Forests—Policy

72. Forest Service

<http://www.fs.fed.us/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Forest Service (USFS)

Description: The Forest Service manages public lands in national forests and grasslands. Its Web site includes the following sections: Employment, Fire and Aviation, Maps and Brochures, Passes and Permits, Recreational Activities, Safety, Research and Development, and State and Private Forestry. The Publications section includes the full-text versions of USFS directives, manuals, handbooks, and other publications. The Projects and Policies section highlights proposed regulatory and policy initiatives and links to the Schedule of Proposed Actions "that will soon begin or are currently undergoing environmental analysis and documentation" (from the Web site).

The Research and Development section has databases of research publications and offers links to six regional research stations and to the International Institute of Tropical Forestry in Puerto Rico. Each regional research station provides publications and more in-depth research information about local forestry topics.

The State and Private Forestry section concerns Forest Service assistance to land-owners, state governments, and other communities and institutions. Topics covered include tribal relations, sustainable development, conservation education, and urban forestry.

The site is well organized with a substantial amount of information about the agency, its component forests, and publications.

Subject(s): Forestry

Publication(s): *Fire Management Today*, A 13.32:

Global Leaflet, A 13.153:

Land Areas of the National Forest System, A 13.10:

U.S. Forest Facts and Historical Trends, A 13.2:F 76/

73. Forestry Technical Resources

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/forestry.html>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Description: This Web page serves as a central point for links to the Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies that provide information about forestry. Web links cover topics from agroforestry to windbreaks.

Subject(s): Forestry

74. Healthy Forests and Rangelands

<http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: The Healthy Forests and Rangelands Web site is a portal to information about the National Fire Plan (NFP), Healthy Forests Initiative (HFI), and related initiatives. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture manage the Web site. The site provides reports, news, and documents relating to wildfires.

Subject(s): Forest Fires; Forests—Policy

75. USDA National Agroforestry Center

<http://www.unl.edu/nac/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: Agroforestry combines forestry, agriculture, land conservation, and sustainable development practices. The National Agroforestry Center (NAC) is a partnership of the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and National Resource Conservation Service. The NAC Web site provides research publications, analytical tools, guides, and other material related to agroforestry practices. Special topics include riparian forest buffers, silvopasture, and forest farming. The site also provides a blog with conservation news and an agroforestry image library.

Subject(s): Forestry—Research

Publication(s): *Agroforestry Notes*, A 13.164/2:

Inside Agroforestry, A 13.164:

Working Trees, A 13.2:

CHAPTER 3

Business and Economics

The federal government regulates and supports U.S. businesses, and it monitors and influences the national economy. These roles drive much of the business and economic information published by the government, which has long been an important, authoritative source of industry and finance data. While this chapter has broad coverage, it does not feature labor-related information (see the Employment chapter) or government finance and taxation (see the Government and Politics chapter).

Subsections in this chapter are Business and Industry, Consumer Information, Economics, Federal Reserve System, Finance, International Trade, and Money.

Business and Industry

76. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

<http://www.ttb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

Description: TTB was created by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which moved the law enforcement functions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) from the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Justice. The act established TTB to manage the ATF functions that remained at the Treasury Department. TTB administers and enforces the federal laws and tax code provisions related to the production and taxation of alcohol and tobacco products. The bureau also collects all excise tax on the manufacture of firearms and ammunition.

The TTB Web site is divided into sections covering beer, wine, distilled spirits, other alcohol, tobacco, and firearms and ammunition. Information includes tax and fee schedules, services for the regulated industries, and legal and regulatory information. An extensive Frequently Asked Questions section addresses such topics as starting a business to import tobacco, the federal and state excise taxes imposed on alcohol, and the legality of selling home-produced wine. The site also has information on American viticultural areas, labeling requirements for organic alcoholic beverages, and alcohol import requirements. Some information is available in Spanish, French, and Chinese via the Language Links in the bottom left column.

Subject(s): Guns—Regulations; Taxation; Tobacco—Regulations; Alcohol—Regulations

Publication(s): *Monthly Statistical Release—Tobacco*

Monthly Statistical Release—Wines, T 70.9/5:

TTB Newsletter

77. Baldrige National Quality Program (BNQP)

<http://www.quality.nist.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, sponsored by the Department of Commerce, is the centerpiece of the BNQP. This award recognizes performance excellence and focuses on an organization's overall performance man-

agement system. The award may be presented to five types of organizations: manufacturers, service companies, small businesses, and education or health care organizations. The BNQP Web site presents detailed information about the award, the award process, performance criteria, past winners, and the Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Subject(s): Business Management—Awards and Honors

78. Business.gov

<http://www.business.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: Business.gov provides one-stop access to business-related information and services from numerous federal agencies, including the SBA. The Business.gov Web site emphasizes access to regulatory and legal compliance information. Users can select a business topic (such as finance or information security) or an industry (such as transportation or construction) to find federal compliance and business assistance information. In addition, the site covers popular business topics, such as taxes and small business loans. Business.gov also has a new tool, Permit Me, which provides state and federal permit and license information with references to local requirements.

This easy-to-navigate site is an excellent starting point and source of information for businesses searching for government assistance, regulations, forms, and guidance.

Subject(s): Business Information; Small Business

79. Center for Veterans Enterprise

<http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: The Center for Veterans Enterprise works to promote veteran-owned businesses. Its Web site includes a clearinghouse for business assistance programs and a database of veteran-owned businesses that have registered with the site.

Subject(s): Small Business; Veterans

80. Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/international-affairs/cfius/>

Sponsor(s): Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States (CFIUS)

Description: CFIUS, an interagency committee chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury, reviews notices of foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies and may investigate on behalf of the president if such acquisitions could threaten national security. This Department of the Treasury Web page links to CFIUS documents and to 2008 regulations resulting from CFIUS reform.

Subject(s): Companies and Enterprises—Regulations; National Security

81. Company Statistics Division

<http://www.census.gov/csd/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census Bureau's Company Statistics Division (CSD) Web site links to information on its statistical programs: Statistics of U.S. Businesses, Annual Capital Expenditures Survey, Information and Communication Technology Survey, Quarterly Financial Report (business financial conditions), Survey of Business Owners, and Economic Census of Island Areas. The site also links to other Census Bureau sources of aggregated company statistics.

Subject(s): Companies and Enterprises—Statistics; Economic Statistics

Publication(s): *Annual Capital Expenditures*, C 3.289:

82. Competition and Real Estate

http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/public/real_estate/

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Antitrust Division

Description: This special Web site from the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department focuses on the real estate brokerage industry. The site examines laws and practices that increase prices and suggests alternative models.

Subject(s): Real Estate

83. Department of Commerce

<http://www.commerce.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department

Description: The Department of Commerce Web site is an excellent starting point for finding government information related to the world of business. The site also provides population totals, weather forecasts, and the time of day, as the Census Bureau, the National Weather Service, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology all fall under the jurisdiction of the Commerce Department. The main page of the site links to the Web sites for the Office of the Commerce Secretary and each of the major component agencies. It features economic news, information about specific Commerce programs, links to staff and office directories, and a link to a Spanish-language version of the page.

Most substantive program information can be found at the individual Web sites for agencies within the Commerce Department.

Subject(s): Business Information; International Trade

84. E-Stats: Measuring the Electronic Economy

<http://www.census.gov/eos/www/ebusiness614.htm>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: E-Stats is a central clearinghouse for reports and data from the Census Bureau that define and measure electronic commerce across multiple economic sectors. The E-Stats Web site has quarterly reports on online retail sales and annual reports comparing e-commerce sales to total sales.

Subject(s): Electronic Commerce—Statistics

85. Federal Trade Commission

<http://www.ftc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: The FTC enforces federal antitrust and consumer protection laws. Its Web site provides tabbed pages for each of the FTC's roles. The Competition tab includes antitrust case filings and pre-merger notifications under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. The Consumer Protection tab includes guides for businesses and individual consumers dealing with unfair or fraudulent business practices. The General Counsel tab has the statutes enforced by the FTC and FTC amicus briefs. The Actions tab provides documents such as FTC advisory opinions, adjudicative opinions of the commission, advocacy filings, public comments on proposed regulations, and commission and staff reports. Other tabbed sections provide FTC news, economic reports, congressional testimony, and information on the FTC's international efforts. The site also provides several RSS news feeds.

On the consumer side, the FTC site offers many fact sheets and guides, an online

complaint form, and links to federal consumer Web sites on specific topics such as identity theft, Internet scams, and the National Do Not Call Registry. The FTC also has a version of the site available in Spanish, with an emphasis on providing news and consumer protection information.

This Web site serves a valuable public function by presenting clear, fresh, and timely information. The multiple ways to access information ensure that both consumers and antitrust researchers will be able to find what they need.

Subject(s): Business—Regulations; Consumer Information

Publication(s): *Federal Trade Commission Decisions*, FT 1.11:

Hart-Scott-Rodino Annual Report, FT 1.1/3:

86. FTC Consumer Protection—Business Information

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/business.shtml>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)—Bureau of Consumer Protection

Description: This section of the FTC Web site is a central point for finding compliance information for businesses and fraud protection advice for businesses. Topics include credit, e-commerce, identity theft, information security, and telemarketing.

Subject(s): Business Practices

87. Manufacturing, Mining, and Construction Statistics

<http://www.census.gov/mcd/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Census Bureau gateway Web site compiles all census-related information about manufacturing, mining, and construction into one page. Data primarily come from the *Annual Survey of Manufactures*, *Current Industrial Reports*, and the *Economic Census*, although information from other programs is also available. Construction statistics include new residential construction, sales, and building permits. The Manufacturing section includes the latest releases on manufacturers' shipments, inventories, and orders.

Subject(s): Construction Industry—Statistics; Manufacturing—Statistics; Mining—Statistics

Publication(s): *Annual Survey of Manufactures*, C 3.24/9

Current Industrial Reports, Manufacturing Profiles, C 3.158/4:

Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders, C 3.158:

88. Minority Business Development Agency

<http://www.mbda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

Description: MBDA's mission is to promote the growth and competitiveness of minority business enterprises (MBEs) of all sizes. The agency funds business development centers throughout the United States to assist MBEs. The MBDA Web site has agency news and events, a directory of regional offices, and background information about federal contracting, business development, and finance. The site also offers a variety of online business tools that can be used after setting up a free account. Tools include the MBDA Capital and Resource Locator and an interactive business plan writer.

Subject(s): Minority-Owned Businesses

Publication(s): *Characteristics of Minority Businesses and Entrepreneurs*

89. NAICS—North American Industry Classification System

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: NAICS is the official industry classification system used by U.S. statistical agencies. Adopted in 1997, NAICS replaced the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes that had been used in government reports since the 1930s. This Web site is the central location for NAICS news and documentation. It includes information about the current, 2007 edition of the *NAICS Manual* and previous editions. A NAICS Search section allows keyword and NAICS code number searching of the 2002 and 2007 editions of the *NAICS Manual*, with links to display the code's hierarchy and description.

The official, 1,400-page 2007 U.S. NAICS manual is available in print and on CD-ROM from the National Technical Information Service, <http://www.ntis.gov>. The next revision will be issued in 2012.

Subject(s): Industries

90. National Women's Business Council

<http://www.nwbc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Women's Business Council

Description: The National Women's Business Council is a federal advisory council that provides advice and policy recommendations to the president, Congress, and the Small Business Administration on issues relevant to female business owners. Its Web site features reports, conference information, and referrals to business mentoring programs. The Publications section includes fact sheets, statistics, and analysis pertaining to women and entrepreneurship.

Subject(s): Women-Owned Businesses

91. Patent and Trademark Office

<http://www.uspto.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Description: Major sections of the PTO Web site include Patents, Trademarks, Policy and Law, How To Guides, and Inventor Support. The How To Guides page includes basic explanations and specialized technical guides, a PTO office directory, and a tutorial for using the PTO Web site. It also links to standard reference material, such as the Index to the United States Patent Classification (USPC) System and the *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure*. The site's News section links to relevant *Federal Register* notices, the *Patent Official Gazette*, the *Trademark Official Gazette*, and press releases.

The site has resources for searching about, checking the status of, and filing for patents and trademarks. Patents issued since 1976 are available in full-text format; those issued since 1790 are in full-image format. Published patent applications are online for March 2001 and onward. TESS, a database of pending, registered, and dead federal trademarks, is also available through the site. In addition to the databases, the site provides information about the agency, patent and trademark statistics, international intellectual property issues, and more.

Patent and trademark law are complex fields, and the PTO site is a complex interface to resources on the topic. The overall site could be organized better to serve specific audiences, from the novice to the patent professional. Existing aids to help the searcher include an alphabetical index of site contents, a glossary, and instructions for requesting help from the agency. For the serious searcher, various

commercial services offer patent and trademark databases that provide more functionality than the official PTO site.

Subject(s): Intellectual Property; Patent Law; Trademarks

Publication(s): *Basic Facts About Registering a Trademark*, C 21.2:R 26/

Electronic Official Gazette: Patents, C 21.5:

General Information Concerning Patents, C 21.26/2:

Index to the U.S. Patent Classification, C 21.12/2:

List of Patent Classification Definitions (database), C 21.3/2:

Manual of Patent Classification, C 21.12:

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, C 21.15:

Patent Public Advisory Committee Annual Report, C 21.1/4:

Products and Services Catalog, C 21.30:

Trademark Official Gazette, C 21.5/4:

Trademark Public Advisory Committee Annual Report, C 21.1/3:

U.S. Patent Applications Database, C 21.31/17:

92. Patent and Trademark Office Electronic Business Center

<http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/indexebc.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Description: The Electronic Business Center Web site links to the online services provided by the PTO. These include the patent and trademark databases, online document ordering services, and electronic filing systems. The site also has an interface for managing deposit accounts with the PTO.

Subject(s): Patent Law; Trademarks; Databases

93. SBA Office of Advocacy

<http://www.sba.gov/advo/>

Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: The SBA Office of Advocacy Web site states that the office was created to “protect, strengthen and effectively represent the nation’s small businesses within the federal government’s legislative and rule-making processes.” The office provides regulatory alerts, notices of documents published in the *Federal Register* and open for comment that may significantly affect small businesses, and information on laws and legislation affecting small businesses. The Research and Statistics section includes a full array of statistics on small business and the small business economy, as well as research papers on topics such as small business finance and the impact of regulatory costs on small firms. The State Activities section reports on the office’s Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Initiative.

Subject(s): Business Statistics; Small Business—Regulations

Publication(s): *Annual Report of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy on Implementation of the Regulatory Flexibility Act*, SBA 1.1/5:

SBA Research Publications, SBA 1.18/5:

Small Business Advocate, SBA 1.51:

Small Business Economic Indicators, SBA 1.1/2-2:

Small Business Economy: A Report to the President, SBA 1.1/2:

Small Business Profiles for the States and Territories, SBA 1.50:

94. Small Business Administration (SBA)

<http://www.sba.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: The mission of the SBA is to assist and protect the interests of small business. What constitutes a small business? The Web site answers that question in the Services section under Contracting Opportunities, or go directly to <http://www.sba.gov/services/contractingopportunities/sizestandardsttopics/>. The Services section also links to information about SBA financial assistance, business counseling, and online training. The Tools section of the site contains publications, forms, legal information, podcasts, and Web chats. The site also features a planner for small businesses and directory of local SBA offices and mentoring resources. A link in the upper right corner leads to a Spanish-language version of the site.

Subject(s): Small Business

Publication(s): *SBA Forms*, SBA 1.40:

95. StopFakes.Gov/Small Business

<http://www.stopfakes.gov/smallbusiness/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.uspto.gov/smallbusiness/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Description: This Web site is part of the PTO campaign to educate small businesses about the effects of piracy, counterfeiting, and theft of intellectual property. It includes basic information about patents, trademarks, and the government's anti-piracy campaign. The Download Materials section has a fact sheet on small business and intellectual property theft.

Subject(s): Intellectual Property; Small Business

Consumer Information

96. Aviation Consumer Protection Division

<http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department

Description: The Aviation Consumer Protection Division of the Department of Transportation receives the general public's complaints about airline consumer issues and works with the aviation industry to improve compliance with consumer protection requirements. The Web site's Air Travel Problems and Complaints section explains how to file a complaint and includes an e-mail address and other filing options. The Air Travel Consumer Report section has monthly statistics on flight delays, mishandled baggage, and other complaint areas. The Service Cessations section has chronological and detailed information on airlines that have ceased flight operations. The Travel Tips and Publications section has consumer information on topics such as travel with animals and charter flights; it also includes an HTML version of the publication *Fly Rights: A Consumer Guide to Air Travel*. The Regulations section includes guidance letters to the air travel industry on such topics as service animals and honoring the tickets of insolvent airlines. The site also links to FAA's flight delay alert service. A version of the site is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Airlines; Consumer Information

Publication(s): *Fly Rights: A Consumer Guide to Air Travel*, TD 1.8:F 67/

97. Consumer Action Website

<http://www.consumeraction.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This Web site is an online version of the *Consumer Action Handbook*, which is also available in print or in PDF format online. The site offers basic consumer advice on topics such as cars, insurance, credit, and utilities. The Resources Directory section provides an extensive directory of addresses, phone numbers, and Web sites for corporations, state and county consumer protection agencies, state insurance regulators, national consumer organizations, and other useful groups.

Subject(s): Consumer Information

98. Consumer Product Safety Commission

<http://cpsc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

Description: CPSC develops and enforces standards to reduce the risk of injury or death from consumer products. The CPSC Web site highlights recent product recall news; these highlights are available as an RSS feed, podcast, or downloadable MP3 file. The site has a database of previous recall announcements organized by date, product category, and company. The Library-FOIA section of the site includes links to CPSC publications, CPSC *Federal Register* notices, and statistics related to consumer product safety. The Library section also features the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) database of emergency hospital visits involving an injury associated with consumer products.

The Business section of the site includes regulatory guidance, information on how to report a potentially hazardous product, and a directory of testing labs by product. Some portions of the CPSC Web site, consumer guides and alerts in particular, are available in Spanish.

This is a useful site for consumers, who can use it to report defective consumer products and check to see which products have been recalled. Consumers may also wish to visit the federal government's Recalls.gov Web site.

Subject(s): Product Recalls; Product Safety

Publication(s): *Consumer Product Safety Review (quarterly)*, Y 3.C 76/3:28
CPSC Public Calendar, Y 3.C 76/3:26

99. Consumer.gov

<http://www.consumer.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: This one-stop government Web site provides links to consumer information from numerous government agencies. Major topical sections include Food, Product Safety, Health, Home and Community (emergency preparedness, home improvements, and mortgages), Money, Transportation, Children, Careers and Education, and Technology. Consumer news headlines and popular topics, such as Internet fraud and credit reports, are featured on the main page.

Rumors circulate quickly around the Internet, but Consumer.gov is an authoritative source for reliable information about fraud, scams, and a wide variety of other consumer concerns.

Subject(s): Consumer Information; Finding Aids

100. EConsumer.gov

<http://www.econsumer.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: The EConsumer.gov Web site is a collaborative effort of 20 nations; the FTC is primarily in charge of United States participation. The site was developed in response to the international nature of Internet fraud. It provides general information about consumer protection in all of the countries that belong to the International Consumer Protection Enforcement Network (ICPEN), contact information for consumer protection authorities in those countries, and an online complaint form. The site can be viewed in English, Spanish, German, French, Korean, and Polish.

Subject(s): Fraud

101. FCC Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

Description: The FCC Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) informs consumers on telecommunications issues and works with other government agencies to formulate telecommunications policy. The CGB Web site carries news, regulatory announcements, fact sheets, and consumer alerts on topics such as charges on phone bills, broadband Internet access, and the regulation of indecency and obscenity on broadcasts. The Inquiries and Complaints Division section features a quarterly press release with statistics on the types of consumer inquiries and complaints received by the bureau. The site also provides a wealth of consumer information in Spanish.

This FCC site provides clear answers for common consumer questions and alerts users to telephone, broadcast, and Internet scams. It also helps explain the consumer side of a wide range of technologies, such as cell phones and digital television.

Subject(s): Consumer Information; Telecommunications; Telephone Service

102. Federal Citizen Information Center

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/spanish/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This Federal Citizen Information Center Web site provides numerous consumer-oriented resources on a variety of topics. It is essentially an online version of the well-known *Consumer Information Catalog*. Unlike the print catalog, which simply lists the various federally produced free consumer publications, this site includes the full-text versions of many of the publications. Instructions for ordering the print versions are provided. Some of the publications are available in Spanish, and a Spanish-language version is at the alternate URL listed above.

This site is a treasure trove for consumer information. By providing the full texts of the publications themselves, users can browse the publications much more easily.

Subject(s): Consumer Information

Publication(s): *Consumer Focus*, GS 11.9/3-2;

Consumer Information Catalog, GS 11.9:

103. FTC Consumer Information

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/consumer.shtml>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)—Bureau of Consumer Protection

Description: This Web site features over 100 full-text pamphlets from FTC with advice for consumers. These publications are online versions of *Facts for Consumers* and are categorized into sections, including Automobiles; Credit and Loans; Investments and Business Opportunities; Diet, Health, and Fitness; and Identity Theft, Privacy, and Security. Most pamphlets are available in HTML and PDF formats. The site also offers online ordering of printed pamphlets. A Spanish-language version of the site and Spanish-language versions of many of the pamphlets are available.

Although brief, these consumer and business information brochures can be excellent resources for users.

Subject(s): Consumer Information

Publication(s): *Facts for Consumers*, FT 1.32:

104. HelpWithMyBank.gov

<http://www.helpwithmybank.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)

Description: HelpWithMyBank.gov is designed for customers of national banks. It addresses common consumer questions about bank accounts, credit cards, insurance, loans and credits, mortgages, and other banking topics. The site's "Need More Help?" section discusses how to determine if a financial institution is a national bank and how to file a banking complaint. The site's top menu links to a dictionary of financial terms.

Subject(s): Banks; Consumer Information

105. Mymoney.gov

<http://www.mymoney.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Financial Literacy and Education Commission

Description: Aimed at the individual consumer, this Web site provides tips on financial planning, credit, saving, home ownership, retirement, and other personal finance topics. A Spanish-language version is also available. The U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission, an interagency organization, sponsors the site.

Subject(s): Personal Finance

Publication(s): *Taking Ownership of the Future: National Strategy for Financial Literacy*

106. National Do Not Call Registry

<http://www.donotcall.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: The National Do Not Call Registry is managed by FTC and allows individuals to block most telemarketing calls to their phones. Consumers can use this Web site to register their phone numbers or file complaints about violations of the "do not call" rules. A Spanish-language version of the site is available. The site also links to compliance information for telemarketers.

This site is clearly written and easy to use.

Subject(s): Telemarketing—Regulations

107. OnGuard Online

<http://onguardonline.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: OnGuard Online presents practical tips for securing personal computers and personal information. Topics covered on its Web site include spyware, wireless security, laptop security, online scams, and teaching kids about online safety. The File a Complaint link directs users to appropriate agencies. A Spanish-language version is also available.

Subject(s): Computer Security

108. Privacy Initiatives

<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: This FTC Web site focuses on educating consumers and businesses about the importance of personal information privacy and what the FTC is doing to help make private information more secure. Major sections of this site are Unfairness and Deception, Financial Privacy, Credit Reporting, and Children’s Privacy. Each section provides information on laws and regulations, enforcement, consumer education, business guidance, FTC testimony and reports, and news of current developments.

Subject(s): Privacy

109. Recalls.gov

<http://www.recalls.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

Description: Recalls.gov is a central interagency source for information about product recalls and safety alerts. Information about recalls is organized into several sections: Consumer Products, Motor Vehicles, Boats, Food, Medicine, Cosmetics, and Environmental Products (pesticides and auto emissions equipment). Participating agencies include the Coast Guard, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Department of Agriculture. The site can search recall notices from each of these sources individually. Limited information is available in Spanish.

Despite the “one-stop” goals of the site, Recalls.gov does not integrate product recall information into a single stream. Each product category page merely directs users to the recall information available on separate agency Web sites. The most integrated information is available in the Recent Recalls section, which offers a one-page view of six separate windows linking to each agency’s product recall press releases. Nevertheless, the site performs a service by making it easier for consumers to find individual agency sites.

Subject(s): Product Recalls

Economics

110. ALFRED: Archival Federal Reserve Economic Data

<http://alfred.stlouisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: ALFRED is an economic database that allows researchers to analyze historical decisions made based on the data that were available at the time (prior to revisions and updates). “Vintage” data sets, as they are called on ALFRED, can be

downloaded as compressed spreadsheets or as tab-delimited text files. Over 19,000 data sets are organized into 14 categories, including Banking, Consumer Price Indexes, Gross Domestic Product, Interest Rates, Business/Fiscal (which includes wages, federal debt, and industrial production), Reserves and Monetary Base, and Trade. The Regional Data category has vintage data sets for states, counties, and metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in the United States.

ALFRED is intended for academic professionals and other advanced economics researchers.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics

111. Bureau of Economic Analysis

<http://www.bea.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

Description: BEA produces the data for the U.S. national income and product accounts (NIPAs), which feature estimates of gross domestic product (GDP) and related measures of the national economy. The BEA home page features the latest economic releases, an annual schedule for all BEA releases, and an RSS feed of BEA news releases. BEA also has the online *Survey of Current Business* journal, with issues dating back to 1994. (Issues from 1921 to 1997 are available on the Web site of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis at <http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/publications/SCB/>.)

BEA organizes links to its data under National, International, Regional, and Industry sections. National data includes GDP, Personal Income and Outlays, and Corporate Profits. International data includes Balance of Payments and Trade in Goods and Services. Regional data includes GDP by State, and the BEA Regional Facts (BEARFACTS) narratives for states, counties, metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), and BEA Economic Areas. Industry data includes GDP by Industry and Capital Flow.

The BEA Web site presents important national economic statistics, with multiple access points and several convenient downloading options. The site design makes it easy to access current or historical data.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics; National Accounts—Statistics

Publication(s): *National Income and Product Accounts*, C 59.11/5-3:

State BEARFACTS . . . , C 59.29/

Survey of Current Business, C 59.11:

112. Census Bureau Economic Programs

<http://www.census.gov/econ/www/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Web page provides a central access point for economic data from a variety of Census Bureau programs. The site's sidebar organizes links to Census Bureau data by sector (such as construction) and by topic (such as companies, small business, and historic data). It also provides links to economic data at other government agency Web sites.

The Economic Programs Web page offers both an introduction to and easy finding tool for economic data from the Census Bureau.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics

113. Economic Census

<http://www.census.gov/econ/census07/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: Every five years, the Economic Census profiles the U.S. economy from the national to the local level. This census tabulates the number of business establishments (or companies), number of employees, payroll, and measures of output (such as sales and receipts); data are reported by industry sector and by geography. The Economic Census also surveys business owner characteristics such as race, age, and education. Data and reports from the Economic Census are available from this Web site and via the Census Bureau's American FactFinder (described elsewhere in this book; see the Master Index). The Web site also supplies a number of guides to using the data.

Data from the 2007 Economic Census will be released throughout 2009 and 2010.

Economic Census data have applications for market research, business planning, and economic policy. The Census Bureau uses an online guide and series of online slide presentations to make the data accessible and understandable.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics; Industries—Statistics

Publication(s): *Guide to the Economic Census*, C 3.253/4:

114. Economic Indicators

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/indicators/>

Sponsor(s): Council of Economic Advisers (CEA)

Description: The monthly publication *Economic Indicators* is prepared by the CEA for Congress's Joint Economic Committee. *Economic Indicators* is hosted online by the Government Printing Office Access system. Analyzed indicators include gross domestic product (GDP), sources of personal income, unemployment rates, productivity, producer prices, consumer prices, federal receipts and outlays, and more. Issues of *Economic Indicators* can be searched online from 1995 onward and browsed from 1998 onward. Each issue is available in text and PDF formats.

Economic Indicators is a convenient compilation for reference use. However, as it is a monthly publication, researchers should check elsewhere to see if an indicator has recently been updated. *Economic Indicators* notes the source of each indicator and makes it easy for users to check the Web site of the issuing agency, such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Researchers will also want to consult the Economic Indicators.gov site, which is described elsewhere in this chapter. The Federal Reserve's FRASER® Web site has *Economic Indicators* back to 1948. FRASER® is also described elsewhere in this publication.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics

Publication(s): *Economic Indicators*, Y 4.EC 7:

115. Economic Indicators.gov

<http://www.economicindicators.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)

Description: Economic Indicators.gov is a gateway to current economic statistics from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the Census Bureau. For each economic indicator, the Web site provides information about the agency source, release frequency, and scheduled hour of release, as well as a direct link to the

agency's current news release. The site will automatically send out selected indicator announcements by e-mail.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics

116. Economics and Statistics Administration

<http://www.esa.doc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)

Description: ESA delivers economic data, analyses, and forecasts. Its Web site links to information from its better-known component agencies, including the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and STAT-USA. ESA periodically conducts its own studies, and these are available in the Reports section. The Economic Links section has an annotated list of government, academic, and commercial Web sites that provide economic information.

Subject(s): Economics

117. FRASER®—Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research

<http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: FRASER® provides copies of historical economic statistical publications and releases in PDF format. Key documents include *All-Bank Statistics, United States, 1896–1955*, which was published by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in 1959, and the Fed's *Banking and Monetary Statistics* for the periods 1914–1941 and 1941–1970. Other statistical series include the *Annual Statistical Digest* (1970–2000), *Productivity and Costs* (1985–2003), and the *Business Statistics* supplement to the *Survey of Current Business* (1932–1965). The site also carries digitized documents reflecting the Fed's history, such as excerpts from the Open Market Investment Committee and its successor for the 1923–1931 period.

By providing resources that were previously only available in printed form, FRASER® helps researchers compile uninterrupted historical data series. FRASER® also allows researchers to obtain data as they were reported in preliminary, revised, and final releases.

Subject(s): Banking—Statistics; Economic Statistics

118. FRED®—Economic Data

<http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: FRED®—Federal Reserve Economic Data—is a database of U.S. economic data available as time series. FRED® data can be downloaded in spreadsheet or text formats or viewed as charts. Data series are grouped under topical headings such as Banking, Exchange Rates, Interest Rates, Consumer Price Indexes, Producer Price Indexes, and Monetary Aggregates. In addition to topical browsing, FRED® offers keyword searching of series titles. Data updates are posted in reverse chronological order as a current awareness service.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics

119. GeoFRED™

<http://geofred.stlouisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: GeoFRED™ can be used to create thematic maps of U.S. economic data for states, counties, metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), and other geographic areas. The data available to be mapped depends upon the geographic area selected.

Custom maps can be printed or saved as PDF files, GeoFRED™ can build a Web link for the map, and the data can be downloaded. The site also offers student lesson plans based on GeoFRED™.

GeoFRED puts simple thematic mapping of economic data into the hands of the general public. For important background information and instructions, see the Help link.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics; Maps and Mapping

120. International Economics Statistics Database

<http://liber8.stlouisfed.org/iesd/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: The IES (International Economic Statistics) Database provides descriptive records and links for Web sites reporting economic indicators for the nations of the world. The database can be searched by keyword, country name, subject (e.g., exports, inflation, and unemployment), and institutional source of the data.

Subject(s): Economic Conditions—International; Country Information—Statistics

121. Liber8™ Economic Information Portal

<http://liber8.stlouisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: The full subtitle of the Liber8™ Web site is “An Economic Information Portal for Librarians and Students.” The site links to recent economic research, the latest economic indicators, and other useful economics-oriented Web sites. Each of the site’s categories is divided into International, National, and Regional information sections. Most of the links access resources from the Federal Reserve Web sites or other government Web sites; some link to educational or commercial Web sites. The site also includes the International Economic Statistics (IES) database maintained by the St. Louis Fed’s Research Library. The monthly *Liber8 Economic Newsletter*, launched in September 2007, typically includes an essay on a financial topic followed by links to relevant articles and data sources elsewhere.

Liber8™ provides an uncluttered interface that links to a carefully selected and organized set of Web resources. It should be of assistance to anyone unsure of where to begin researching economic conditions.

Subject(s): Economic Conditions—Research

122. Office of Economic Policy

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/economic-policy/index.html>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Office of Economic Policy

Description: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Economic Policy analyzes domestic and international economic issues and the financial markets. The office’s Web site includes economic policy reports, reports on key economic indicators and the monthly schedule for their release, and annual reports of Total Taxable Resources (TTR). It also contains the Social Security Trustees Report and the Medicare Trust Funds Trustees Report, which the office prepares for the secretary of the treasury.

Subject(s): Economic Policy

Publication(s): *Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds*, SSA 1.1/4:

Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, Y 1.1/7:

123. Quarterly Services Survey (QSS)

<http://www.census.gov/indicator/qss/QSS.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census Bureau's QSS provides information about total operating revenue for service industry sectors. QSS, which began in 2004, covers the sectors of information; professional, scientific, and technical services; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; and hospitals and nursing and residential care facilities. The QSS Web site has current and past quarterly releases in PDF format, with supporting tables available in spreadsheet format.

Subject(s): Service Industries—Statistics

124. Regional Economic Conditions (RECON)

<http://www2.fdic.gov/recon/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

Description: RECON provides standard reports, graphs, and maps depicting economic conditions and their changes over time at the state, county, and metropolitan statistical area (MSA) levels. Data cover employment and job growth, housing and construction, commercial real estate activity, and banking conditions. RECON is updated eight times a year, and a tutorial is available at the site.

Subject(s): Economic Conditions

125. STAT-USA/Internet

<http://www.stat-usa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)

Description: Unlike most of the resources described in this directory, STAT-USA is a fee-based subscription service. However, free subscriptions are available for federal depository libraries. The goal of STAT-USA is to provide a central access point for economic, business, and international trade information produced by the U.S. government. Its principal offerings are the State of the Nation database and the information contained in the GLOBUS & NTDB (National Trade Data Bank) section. The State of the Nation database provides access to current and historical economic and financial releases and economic data. The GLOBUS & NTDB section has current and historical trade-related releases, international market research, country analyses, and trade leads.

STAT-USA is a large, important collection of statistics and business-related, full-text publications. While a significant portion of the data available here is freely accessible from other sites, the ease of access and the unique resources available may make a STAT-USA subscription worth considering for individuals and organizations with a frequent need for this type of information.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics; Databases

Federal Reserve System

126. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Board of Governors

Description: The Federal Reserve, the central bank of the United States, hosts this Web site with sections on the Federal Reserve System, Monetary Policy, Banking Regulation, Payment Services to Banks, Economic Research and Data, Consumer

Financial Education, and Community Development. The site offers RSS feeds of news and data. A special Data Download Program section provides a menu-based approach to selecting data elements and formats for downloading a variety of the Fed's statistical releases. Some consumer-level information is also available in Spanish.

In the Monetary Policy section, the site has information on the Federal Open Market Committee, which announces targets for the federal funds rate. The Monetary Policy section also links to the Fed's *Summary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions by Federal Reserve District*, commonly known as the *Beige Book*. The Publications section includes articles from the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* (no longer available in print), bank supervision manuals, and news releases and historical data for interest rates, foreign exchange rates, consumer credit, and other related topics.

This Web site offers a substantial body of information and statistics from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. It serves as a good starting point for users seeking information about the system as a whole. However, valuable data are also available from the individual Federal Reserve Banks. One limitation of this main site is that its links to the member bank Web sites are several clicks away; they can be found in the About the Fed section.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Annual Report*, FR 1.1:

Federal Reserve Bulletin, FR 1.3:

Monetary Policy Report to Congress, Y 4.B 22/3:

Summary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions (Beige Book)

127. CASSIDI

<http://cassidi.stlouisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: The CASSIDI database has geographic and deposit information for all U.S. bank holding companies, banks, thrifts, and their branches. It also has tools to compare market concentrations across banking markets. The site is intended to help those in the banking and finance industry examine how potential mergers or acquisitions could affect market structures and competition.

Subject(s): Banking

128. Fed in Print

<http://www.frbsf.org/publications/fedinprint/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Description: Fed in Print is an index to Federal Reserve economic research. Sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, it covers Federal Reserve publications from all of the system's banks. The search form supports searches by keyword, title, author, bank, publication year, and publication name.

Fed in Print focuses on economic research. The Federal Reserve System has a comprehensive online catalog on the New York Fed's Web site at <http://www.newyorkfed.org/publications/>.

Subject(s): Economics—Research; Databases

129. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

<http://www.frbatlanta.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Description: The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta encompasses banking institutions in the Sixth Federal Reserve District, which is made up of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and parts of parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The main sections of the Atlanta Fed's Web site are About the Fed (including information about the Atlanta Fed and the Federal Reserve System), Banking Information, Services for Financial Institutions, Community Development, Consumer Information, Economic Research and Data, News and Events, and Publications. The Publications section includes the quarterly magazine *EconSouth*, which focuses on the economy of the Southeast region.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *EconSouth*

130. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

<http://www.bos.frb.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Description: The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston serves the First Federal Reserve District, which includes the six New England states: Connecticut (excluding Fairfield County), Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Along with full information from the Federal Reserve System, the Boston Fed's Web site features a New England Spotlight section with links of local economic interest. Local information includes the Web site for the Federal Reserve Banks' New England Public Policy Center; the monthly *New England Economic Indicators* publication; banking, economic, and government finance profiles for the region; and a link to the educational New England Economic Adventure Web site. Online publications include *Bank Notes* and *Communities and Banking*.

This site is an excellent resource for New England economic reports, and also has a wealth of educational resources for teachers.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Bank Notes*

Communities & Banking

New England Economic Indicators

New England Economic Review

Regional Review

131. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

<http://www.chicagofed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Description: The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Web site features a wide range of banking information for the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which comprises all of Iowa and most of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. The main sections of the site include Economic Research and Data, Banking Supervision and Regulation, Community Development, and Education Resources. Online periodicals include *AgLetter*, *Chicago Fed Letter*, and *Economic Perspectives*. Regional information for the Midwest economy includes the Chicago Fed Midwest Manufacturing Index and the Michigan Retail Index.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *AgLetter*

Chicago Fed Letter

Economic Perspectives

132. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

<http://www.clevelandfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Description: This Web site serves the Fourth Federal Reserve District, which is made up of Ohio, western Pennsylvania, eastern Kentucky, and the northern panhandle of West Virginia. The Our Region section provides local demographic, business, and economic statistics. The Cleveland Fed has set up a special Foreclosure Resource Center on its Web site, as other Fed sites have done.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

133. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

<http://www.dallasfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Description: The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas covers the 11th Federal Reserve District, which includes Texas, northern Louisiana, and southern New Mexico. It has branches in El Paso, San Antonio, and Houston. Its Web site features a Spanish-language section called Entrada. Regional economic data is available in both the Economic Research and Economic Data sections, including the DataBasics introduction to Texas economic indicators. The Publications and Resources page features periodicals including *Houston Business*, *Southwest Economy*, and *Crossroads—Economic Trends in the Desert Southwest*. The site also offers e-mail alerts and RSS news feeds.

The Dallas Fed Web site is a good resource for information on economic factors affecting the 11th District, such as the impacts of the oil industry and trade with Mexico.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Banking and Community Perspectives*

Crossroads—Economic Trends in the Desert Southwest

Houston Business

Southwest Economy

134. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

<http://www.kc.frb.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Description: This Web site serves the 10th Federal Reserve District, which comprises Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, northern New Mexico, and western Missouri. The Kansas City Fed's site includes sections that cover financial services, banking supervision, community development, consumer protection, and financial education. Regional information under Research and Data includes regional economic indicators, the Tenth District manufacturing survey, and the online newsletter *Main Street Economist*. The Research section also features information on payment systems research.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

135. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

<http://www.minneapolisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Description: This Web site features a variety of resources for the Ninth Federal Reserve District, which includes Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and northwestern Wisconsin. Publications online include the *fedgazette*, *The Region*, and *Community Dividend*. The site also has a Foreclosure Resource Center.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Community Dividend*

fedgazette

The Region

136. Federal Reserve Bank of New York

<http://www.newyorkfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Description: The New York Federal Reserve Bank is responsible for the Second District: New York State, the 12 northern counties of New Jersey, and Fairfield County in Connecticut. Research and data on the geographical region can be found throughout the site but are most readily available in the Research and Regional Outreach sections. Second District publications include *Current Issues in Economics and Finance*, *Second District Highlights*, and *Upstate New York Regional Review*. In addition to the regional economic research and data, highlights of this Web site include a rich Education section and numerous RSS feeds for news, events, and research topics. The New York Fed also posts some of its data in XML format for re-use and broadcasts data and news updates using the Twitter online service.

The site also serves as the center for information on the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF). The Federal Reserve created TALF in November 2008 to increase credit availability for consumers and small businesses.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Current Issues in Economics and Finance*

Economic Policy Review

Second District Highlights

137. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

<http://www.philadelphiafed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Description: The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia is responsible for eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and the state of Delaware. It features a special Payment Cards Center (PCC), which focuses on “credit cards, debit cards, prepaid cards, smart cards, and similar payment vehicles” (from the Web site). The PCC includes pertinent studies, legislative information, and consumer information. Other sections of the site include Research and Data, Bank Resources, Community Development, and Education. The Publications page includes the Annual Report, Circular Letters, Consumer Booklets, and Research Publications subsections.

The PCC provides information useful at a national level. The current and diverse resources from the PCC should be of interest to consumers, policymakers, academics, and others.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Consumer Credit—Research; Monetary Policy

138. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

<http://www.richmondfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

Description: The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond serves the Fifth Federal Reserve District—which includes the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and most of West Virginia. Its Web site features Research, Banking, Resources, Community Development, and Education. Regional data can be found in both the Research section and in the online magazine *Region Focus*. The Richmond Fed also offers a variety of RSS feeds and a Twitter feed.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Region Focus*

139. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

<http://www.frbsf.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Description: This Web site serves the 12th Federal Reserve District, which comprises the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, as well as the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Banking information includes lists of member and nonmember banks in the region and domestic and foreign bank holding companies. The site also features research from the San Francisco Fed’s Center for Pacific Basin Monetary and Economic Studies and its Center for the Study of Innovation and Productivity. Education resources include “Ask Dr. Econ” and the online American Currency Exhibit, which provides images and the history of money.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Econ and the Fed*

140. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

<http://www.stlouisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis represents the Eighth Federal Reserve District, which comprises all of Arkansas and portions of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. The Economic Research section of their Web site provides numerous research resources not available on other Fed sites. For example, the site’s FRED® database provides easy access to U.S. economic time series. Another database, FRASER®, provides historical economic statistical publications. The ALFRED® database has archival economic data. These resources (and others) from the St. Louis Fed are also described in separate entries in this book.

The innovative resources in the Economic Research section make the St. Louis Fed Web site one of the more interesting regional sites for national-level research.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation; Monetary Policy

Publication(s): *Central Banker*

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review
Regional Economist

141. Federal Reserve Education

<http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/FRED/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve

Description: This Web site organizes links to the many educational resources made available by the Federal Reserve Banks. Sections provide both teacher resources (classroom activities, curriculum packages, and teacher workshops) and personal financial education information (Web sites about credit, mortgages, interest rates, and more). The site highlights educational publications and videos from the Fed and links to other Web sites related to economic education. An interactive section called Fed 101 describes the Fed’s history, structure, and responsibilities.

This Federal Reserve Web site does an excellent job of compiling numerous educational resources from a variety of sources and putting them together under a helpful interface. Many of the resources are aimed at teachers, but the site is also useful for anyone who wants to learn more about the Fed or finance.

Subject(s): Economics; Educational Resources

142. Federal Reserve System Online

<http://www.federalreserveonline.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Board of Governors

Description: This Web directory site provides links to the Web sites of the individual Reserve Banks and to system-wide sites such as the Reserve System's online publication catalog and consumer help page.

Subject(s): Federal Reserve System

143. Federal Reserve System Publications Catalog

<http://www.ny.frb.org/publications/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Description: This Web site presents a comprehensive guide and online ordering facility for all publications and materials available from the Federal Reserve System. Most items are free of charge, and many are available in PDF format.

At the time this site was reviewed, the Advanced Search feature could only be accessed by clicking on the Search Catalog box or by first displaying some search results.

Subject(s): Banking; Monetary Policy; Publication Catalogs

144. National Information Center—Federal Reserve System

<http://www.ffiec.gov/nicpubweb/nicweb/nichome.aspx>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Board of Governors

Description: This Web site describes the National Information Center (NIC) database as a “central repository of data about banks and other institutions for which the Federal Reserve has a supervisory, regulatory, or research interest, including both domestic and foreign banking organizations operating in the United States.” The Institution Search enables searches by institution name, location, or type. FBO Search enables searching for U.S. Branches and Agencies (USBAs) of Foreign Banking Organizations (FBOs). In addition, NIC has lists and information on the nation's top 50 bank holding companies.

Subject(s): Banking; Databases

Finance

145. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

<http://www.cftc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

Description: CFTC is an independent agency regulating commodity futures and options markets in the United States. The Market Reports section of the Web site includes *Commitments of Traders* reports in short and long formats, *Bank Participation in the Futures and Options Markets*, and other reports. The Consumer Protection section includes CFTC Fraud Advisories and fraud case status reports.

The About the CFTC section includes commissioner biographies, the CFTC organization chart, advisory committee information, CFTC history, and an online video. The Industry Oversight section links to the exchanges designated by the CFTC as contract markets and derivatives clearing organizations registered with the CFTC. The site also features an Education Center with basic information on how futures markets work and consumer protection advice for those investing in futures markets.

Subject(s): Securities and Investments—Regulations

Publication(s): *Commitments of Traders in Futures*, Y 3.C 73/5:9-3/
This Month in Futures Markets

146. Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

<http://www.cdfifund.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Office of Domestic Finance

Description: The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund assists community development financial institutions to promote economic revitalization in underserved and low-income areas. The site has information for applicants and for recipients of CDFI Fund awards. Under the Impact We Make heading, the site has a database of awards made from 1996 to the present. Further detail on the CDFI program is available in reports generated from the Community Investment Impact System (CIIS).

Subject(s): Economic Development

147. EDGAR—SEC Filings and Forms

<http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml>

Sponsor(s): Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Description: The EDGAR database holds reports and documents submitted by publicly traded companies and others required by law to file forms with the SEC. The filings provide information on company finances, management, legal proceedings, and more. The EDGAR Search page includes options for finding companies and their current associated filings, browsing the latest filings, and searching archived EDGAR documents. In 2006, the SEC added the capability to search the full texts of filings. SEC also added a Mutual Fund Search and Variable Insurance Products Search in 2006. The EDGAR Web site includes a tutorial, a guide to SEC filings, file transfer capability, and detailed information on the database content.

The SEC is in the process of replacing EDGAR with a system built on the XBRL, or eXtensible Business Report Language, format. The SEC home page links to information on the replacement system, IDEA.

The filings available through EDGAR are a standard source of information about publicly traded companies. Many researchers supplement EDGAR with commercial, for-fee database subscriptions that provide the same data but with enhanced search and report features. There are also free commercial Web sites for EDGAR filings, such as SEC Info at <http://www.secinfo.com/>.

Subject(s): Companies and Enterprises

148. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

<http://www.fdic.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

Description: The FDIC was created during the Great Depression to insure deposits in banks and thrift institutions in the United States. Major topical sections of the FDIC Web site are Deposit Insurance, Consumer Protection, Industry Analysis (bank statistics, a directory of FDIC-insured institutions, and a failed banks list), Regulations and Examinations, and Asset Sales (from failed banks). The site organizes content by audience, with separate pages for bankers, consumers, analysts, and investors; there is also a link to the limited Spanish-language material available on the site.

The FDIC Web site's offerings will be appealing to both professionals and the consumers. For professionals, the detailed statistics and various full-text reports provide opportunities for research into banking trends and specific institutions. For

consumers, the site offers advice, referrals to rating services, and statistics on individual institutions.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation

Publication(s): *FDIC Consumer News*, Y 3.F 31/8:24/

FDIC Quarterly, Y 3.F 31/8:38/

FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile, Y 3.F 31/8:29/

FDIC Statistics on Banking, Y 3.F 31/8:1-4/

Financial Institution Letters, Y 3.F 31/8:34

Historical Statistics on Banking, Y 3.F 31/8:26/

Merger Decisions: Annual Report to Congress, Y 3.F 31/8:1-3/

149. Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

<http://www.ffiec.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www2.fdic.gov/ubpr/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)

Description: The FFIEC is “a formal interagency body empowered to prescribe uniform principles, standards, and report forms for the federal examination of financial institutions by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision and to make recommendations to promote uniformity in the supervision of financial institutions,” according to the Web site. Financial institutions and examiners are primary audiences for the site, which provides reporting forms and data to facilitate regulatory compliance. It also features sections on the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, Private Mortgage Insurance Companies, and the Community Reinvestment Act. The Enforcement Actions section links to enforcement and orders pages at Council members’ Web sites.

The FFIEC’s Internet Reporting System is hosted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Web site, at the alternate URL listed above. The Reporting System provides access to Uniform Bank Performance Reports (UBPRs) for commercial banks in the United States that are supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and for FDIC-insured savings banks.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation

Publication(s): *Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Examination Manual*, Y 3.F 49:

HMDA Aggregate Reports, FR 1.63/54:

HMDA Disclosure Statements, FR 1.63/55:

150. Financial Crisis Timeline

<http://timeline.stlouisfed.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: The full title of this Web site is “The Financial Crisis: A Timeline of Events and Policy Actions.” The site provides news, data, and government reports related to the 2008–2009 financial crisis. The site is organized around a timeline starting in February 2007. Each event on the timeline links to the related source document.

Subject(s): Banking; Economic Conditions

151. Financial Stability Oversight Board

<http://www.financialstability.gov/about/oversight.html>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: The Financial Stability Oversight Board reviews actions taken by the Treasury Department under the authority of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (Public Law 110-343.) The site links to the board's bylaws, minutes, and reports to Congress.

Subject(s): Economic Policy

152. FinancialStability.gov

<http://financialstability.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: This site provides news and information on the administration's Financial Stability Plan. It describes the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) established under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-343). TARP includes the Capital Assistance Program, Consumer and Business Lending Initiative, Making Home Affordable Program, Public-Private Investment Program, Capital Purchase Program, Asset Guarantee Program, Targeted Investment Program, and Automotive Industry Financing Program. The site provides TARP Transaction Reports, the Tranche Reports, and other reports to Congress. The Impact section has a searchable database of contracts and agreements related to the Financial Stability Plan, copies of the monthly bank lending surveys, and a map showing locations where the Department of the Treasury has funded transactions through the Capital Purchase Program.

Subject(s): Banks; Economic Policy

153. Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries

<http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/actuaries/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: The Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries sets the qualification standards and certification process for individuals who perform actuarial services as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Its Web site provides information on the board and its qualification and renewal processes.

Subject(s): Finance—Regulations

154. MSB.gov

<http://www.msb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: Money Services Businesses (MSBs) are nonbank financial institutions defined as such for purposes of the Bank Secrecy Act. This Web site provides a definition of MSBs, regulatory guidance, forms, news, and background information.

Subject(s): Finance—Regulations

155. National Credit Union Administration

<http://www.ncua.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)

Description: NCUA is an independent federal agency that supervises and insures credit unions. The NCUA Web site offers pages tailored to its two main audiences, with pages on "Resources for Credit Unions" and "Resources for Consumers." The section for credit unions includes manuals and forms, regulatory information, and guidance on implementing information technology. The section for consumers

includes a searchable directory of credit unions and an online Consumer Complaint Center. Documents available from the NCUA Web site include relevant laws, rules, and regulations; statistical reports; and *NCUA Letters to Credit Unions*. The site also has a section covering the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF).

Subject(s): Credit Unions—Regulations

Publication(s): *Accounting Manual for Federal Credit Unions*, NCU 1.8:

NCUA Credit Union Directory, NCU 1.16:

NCUA Letters to Credit Unions, NCU 1.19:

NCUA Year End Statistics for Federally Insured Credit Unions, NCU 1.9/2:

Regulatory Alert, NCU 1.6/2:

Your Insured Funds, NCU 1.2:F96/

156. Office of Domestic Finance

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/domestic-finance/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Office of Domestic Finance

Description: The Office of Domestic Finance has broad policy and oversight roles in areas relating to financial institutions, financial markets, and government finance. Programs and offices managed by the Office of Domestic Finance include the Bureau of the Public Debt, the Federal Financing Bank, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program. The office's Web site provides detailed descriptions of their programs and links to associated boards, commissions, bureaus, and resources.

Subject(s): Finance—Policy

157. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

<http://www.occ.treas.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)

Description: An independent bureau of the Department of the Treasury, OCC charters, regulates, and supervises all national banks and supervises the federal branches and agencies of foreign banks. The OCC Web site features information about banking regulations, banker education, community development investments of national banks, consumer rights, and electronic banking, and other topics. The Corporate Applications section features the *Weekly Bulletin*, a record of the actions by the OCC on all applications involving national banks (nationwide) for new banks, branches, mergers, conversions, changes in bank control, fiduciary powers, domestic subsidiaries, relocations of main offices and branches, and information on notices such as changes in corporate titles and branch closings. The Issuances section consists of advisory letters, alerts, and *OCC Bulletins*. The Legal section contains a database of formal enforcement actions. The Public Information section explains how to find information on the Web about individual banks and answers common questions about national bank operations. The OCC Web site has both a site map and a subject index to help users find specific information.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation

Publication(s): *Comptroller's Licensing Manual*, T 12.17/4:

Economic Working Papers, T 12.22:

OCC Advisory Letters, T 12.23:

OCC Alerts, T 12.21:

OCC Bulletins, T 12.20:

Quarterly Journal, Comptroller of the Currency, T 12.18:

Weekly Bulletin, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

158. Office of Thrift Supervision

<http://www.ots.treas.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS)

Description: OTS is the primary regulator of all federal and many state-chartered thrift institutions, including savings banks and savings and loan associations. Its Web site includes the necessary filing forms for thrift institutions and a section for legal and regulatory guidance. The Publications and Data section contains information about the industry's financial performance, searchable databases of institutions and holding companies, and statistical information. The site also has information on OTS enforcement actions and on Community Reinvestment Act. OTS links to the FDIC Web site for its database of *Thrift Financial Reports*.

Subject(s): Savings and Loan Institutions; Thrift Institutions

159. SEC IDEA

<http://idea.sec.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Description: IDEA (an acronym for Interactive Data Electronic Applications) is the SEC's planned replacement system for its EDGAR financial disclosure filing system. Like EDGAR, IDEA provides a searchable database of the documents that public companies and mutual funds must file with the SEC. The IDEA Web site includes a search page, user guide, and background information on IDEA.

Subject(s): Companies and Enterprises

160. Securities and Exchange Commission

<http://www.sec.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Description: The SEC, which is led by five presidentially appointed commissioners, regulates the securities markets. The SEC Web site features both financial information for investors and information for the securities industry that it oversees. A major offering is the IDEA database of company information, described elsewhere in this chapter. Other sections of the site include Investor Information, Regulatory Actions, Staff Interpretations, News and Public Statements, Litigation, and SEC Divisions. Information is also arranged by audience groups such as accountants, funds and advisers, municipal markets, and small businesses.

The daily *SEC News Digest* is in the News and Public Statements section and is available as an RSS feed. The Investor Information section contains the bulk of the online publications, with some consumer education publications available in Spanish. The SEC also provides webcasts of its open meetings, forums, and other public events.

Subject(s): Securities and Investments—Regulations

Publication(s): *SEC Rules of Practice*

SEC Special Studies, SE 1.38:

Securities and Exchange Commission News Digest, SE 1.25/12:

161. SIGTARP

<http://www.sig tarp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: The Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP) coordinates audits and investigations of the purchase, management, and sale of assets under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). The Web site includes SIGTARP organizational information, press releases, and

reports to congress. Citizens can report suspected TARP waste, fraud, or abuse via the Web site or an 800 number.

Subject(s): Financial Crimes; Inspectors General

162. Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility

<http://www.newyorkfed.org/markets/talf.html>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Description: The Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF) was created in December 2008 to meet the credit needs of households and small businesses, in response to the financial crisis. The Web site has TALF announcements, documents and forms, and program terms and conditions. It also provides a guide for investors and a TALF FAQ.

Subject(s): Finance

163. Treasury International Capital System

<http://www.treas.gov/tic/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: The Treasury International Capital (TIC) System tracks the flow of investment funds between U.S. residents and foreign residents. Data are released on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis, and are available from this site.

Subject(s): International Finance—Statistics

International Trade

164. AESDirect

<http://www.aesdirect.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: AESDirect (Automated Export System Direct) allows shippers to electronically file Shipper's Export Declarations (SEDs) with the Census Bureau. Its Web site offers an online tour, registration information, and instructions for use. It also provides information on the AESDirect interface with third-party Internet application developers. The data collected are used by the Census Bureau to compile trade statistics.

Subject(s): Exports—Regulations; Shipper's Export Declarations

165. African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

<http://www.agoa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: AGOA implementation is designed to offer incentives for African nations to maintain open economies and free market practices. Under the act, eligible sub-Saharan African countries may export certain products to the United States with no import duty. The AGOA Web site describes the original legislation, Public Law 106-200, and its subsequent amendments. The site includes AGOA reports to Congress, lists of eligible countries and products, African trade statistics, and information from the AGOA trade forums.

Subject(s): Trade Agreements; Africa

166. Bureau of Industry and Security

<http://www.bis.doc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)

Description: BIS regulates the export of sensitive goods, such as weapons technologies and encryption software and regulates exports to certain countries in accordance with U.S. policy. BIS also enforces U.S. antiboycott laws, the Fastener Quality Act, and the reporting provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Prior to April 2002, BIS was known as the Bureau of Export Administration.

The BIS Web site links to major regulations, export licensing guidelines, news, and training courses on export restrictions. The primary audience for the site is the U.S. exporter community. The Policies and Regulations section has a link to the Export Administration Bureau regulations hosted at the GPO Access Web site and information about countries that come under special export restrictions. It explains restrictions on the export of high-performance computers and on U.S. participation in other countries' boycotts. The site provides information about the multilateral Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies. Other sections discuss licensing, regulatory compliance, enforcement (with a list of major cases), and the Defense Industrial Base programs. BIS also provides a section called "Lists to Check," which links to information on the Denied Persons List, the Debarred List, and similar lists.

While geared toward the practical needs of exporters, the BIS Web site is also a good source for general research on U.S. export controls.

Subject(s): Exports—Regulations

Publication(s): *Export Administration Regulations*, C 63.23:

167. China Business Information Center

<http://www.export.gov/china/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: The China Business Information Center Web site provides information for U.S. companies seeking to do business with China. It provides information on trade policy initiatives and China's business laws and regulations. The site also has sections on trade leads, trade events, industry sectors with the best prospects, and links to other useful sites.

Subject(s): Exports; China

Publication(s): *China IPR News for U.S. Industry*
China Pulse

168. Commercial News USA

<http://www.thinkglobal.us/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: This Web site is the online version of *Commercial News USA*, an official export magazine of the Department of Commerce. The magazine and Web site are designed to assist importers around the world in their efforts to locate the desired American products and services.

Although an official publication of the Commerce Department, this magazine is managed by a private company and accepts advertising.

Subject(s): Exports

Publication(s): *Commercial News USA*, C 61.10:

169. Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA)

<http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/cita.htm>

Sponsor(s): Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA)

Description: CITA is an interagency committee responsible for taking actions to comply with and ensure compliance with the international textile agreements to which the United States is a party. CITA is chaired by the Department of Commerce and receives staff assistance from the Office of Textiles and Apparel. The CITA Web site consists of a very brief description of the committee's role.

Subject(s): Textile Industry; Trade Agreements

170. Customs and Border Protection Bureau

<http://www.cbp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Customs and Border Protection Bureau

Description: CBP was created as part of the Department of Homeland Security. Its responsibilities lie in areas previously covered by the Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Major sections of CBP's Web site include Trade, Travel, and Border Security (including the Border Patrol, described in a separate entry in this publication). A Quicklinks section links to popular features, such as Locate a Port of Entry, Exporting a Motor Vehicle, and Auctions. Online databases include the Customs Rulings Online Search System (CROSS) and the Intellectual Property Rights Search (IPRS); both databases can be found in the Trade section. The Trade section also features importing and exporting regulatory compliance guides, CBP Bulletins, and legal decisions.

The Border Security section includes information on the Secure Border Initiative, the Secure Freight Initiative, and the Container Security Initiative. The Travel section features information about current border wait times, restricted or prohibited goods, and travel alerts. The Trusted Traveler section covers the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) program, the United States-Canada NEXUS program, and the FAST Driver Program for commercial truck traffic.

Subject(s): Customs (Trade); International Borders; Law Enforcement

Publication(s): *Frontline Magazine*

Importing into the United States, T 17.17:

Know Before You Go, T 17.2:

171. DataWeb—USITC Interactive Tariff and Trade Database

<http://dataweb.usitc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): International Trade Commission (ITC)

Description: DataWeb is a tariff and trade database designed by the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC). The data comes from the Census Bureau, the Customs Service, and the ITC itself. The system is free of charge but requires registration. DataWeb offers a number of options for specifying commodity level and country or country groupings. The site has online sort capabilities with report options that include downloading to a spreadsheet format. DataWeb also generates prepared summary tables for commonly requested information, such as U.S. trade by geographic regions and by partner country. A separate Tariff Database presents tariff treatment information and links to trade data.

DataWeb is a flexible and relatively sophisticated system for U.S. trade data. Users may need to run through the search and display options several times to master all the system's capabilities. For regular trade and tariff data users, DataWeb can be

a very useful tool; new users may first wish to see if the site's prepared trade data tables can answer their questions.

Subject(s): Trade Statistics

172. Defense Technology Security Administration

http://www.dod.mil/policy/sections/policy_offices/dtsa/index.html

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA)

Description: DTSA's primary mission is to preserve critical U.S. military technological advantages through control of technology exports and technical exchanges. The Web site has sections describing the work of DTSA's Licensing, Policy, Space, and Technology Directorates.

Subject(s): Arms Control; Exports—Regulations; Military Technology

173. Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC)

<http://pmdotc.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Defense Trade Controls Directorate

Description: The DDTC Web site provides information about the rules governing U.S. exports of defense materials and services. For manufacturers, exporters, and brokers of defense articles, the site has information on registration and compliance. The site also has a chart of new country policies and embargoes as announced in the *Federal Register* and meeting records for the Defense Technology Advisory Group.

Subject(s): Exports—Regulations

174. Doing Business in International Markets

<http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/cba/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Economic and Business Affairs Bureau

Description: The Office of Commercial and Business Affairs (CBA) within the Department of State's Economic and Business Affairs Bureau sponsors this page of links to State Department international business information. The Web site includes CBA office contacts specializing in world regions.

Subject(s): International Business

175. Export Administration Regulations

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/bis/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)

Description: This is the online version of the loose-leaf subscription service for *Export Administration Regulations*, which features a compilation of official regulations and policies governing the export licensing of commodities and technical data. Each section is marked with the date of its last update. Regulations are in PDF, ASCII, and WordPerfect® format. The online version also includes the text of rules published in the *Federal Register* from 1996 onward that affect the *Export Administration Regulations*.

Subject(s): Exports—Regulations

Publication(s): *Export Administration Regulations*, C 63.25/2:

176. Export.Gov

<http://www.export.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: Export.Gov is a portal for information relevant to U.S. exporters. The site covers export basics, trade leads, trade events, export finance, market research, trade data, and trade problems (such as trade barriers and unfair practices). The market research section includes a step-by-step guide for researching markets using government Web sites and other resources. The site also includes webcasts and webinars on export topics.

As with other subject-oriented government Web portals, this Web site provides one-stop access to resources available from a variety of government agencies. While it is intended for those in the export business, it also serves as a useful entry point and reference resource for international trade researchers.

Subject(s): Exports

177. Export.Gov/Iraq

<http://www.export.gov/iraq/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Iraq Investment and Reconstruction Task Force (IIRTF)

Description: IIRTF assists companies that are pursuing reconstruction and other business opportunities in Iraq. This Web site provides information on Iraqi economic development, business climate, and market opportunities.

Subject(s): Exports; Iraq

178. ExportControl.org

<http://www.exportcontrol.org/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.state.gov/t/isn/ecc/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Nonproliferation Bureau

Description: ExportControl.org is sponsored by the Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance program (EXBS), a U.S. government interagency program designed to help other countries improve their export control systems. The site has an overview of the U.S. export control program and describes its best practices. The Resource Links section directs users to information from the European Union, nongovernmental organizations, and other sources. The Department of State's Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation manages the program. More information about the program is available at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Arms Control; Exports—Regulations

179. Export-Import Bank of the United States

<http://www.exim.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Export-Import Bank of the United States

Description: The Export-Import Bank offers export financing for U.S. businesses. The Products and Policies section of its Web site provides information about the bank's working capital financing, export credit insurance, loan guarantees, and direct loans. Application forms and instructions on applying are included with the information. Users should also look in the Apply section, where more services are listed. The Apply section contains reference material, such as the Country Limitation Schedule, which indicates where the bank puts restrictions on financing. The site also features sections for specific audiences, including small business, U.S. exporters, and lenders.

Subject(s): Finance; International Trade

Publication(s): *Exporter News*

180. Foreign Trade Statistics

<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Foreign Trade Division (FTD) of the Census Bureau manages two major statistical programs: the Automated Export System (AES), which captures shipping data, and the compilation and reporting of trade statistics. The AES portion of the Web site will primarily be of interest to exporters participating in the program. Foreign trade data, which appears in the Statistics section, appeals to a much broader range of interests. The Statistics section also features reports on individual country balance of trade and products traded with the United States, a monthly list of the top trading partners with the United States, state export data, and historic trade balance data going back to 1960. In the Press Releases section, current and past issues of the *FT900*—the major monthly update of U.S. trade in goods and services—are available. Exhibits, or data announced in the *FT900* release, are available in PDF, text, or spreadsheet formats.

Subject(s): Trade Statistics

Publication(s): *Imports of Steel Products*, C 3.164:900-A/

U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, FT900, C 3.164:900/

181. Import Administration (IA)

<http://www.trade.gov/ia/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)—Import Administration

Description: IA enforces laws and agreements to prevent unfairly traded imports. Its Web site provides IA documents on antidumping and countervailing duties reviews and determinations. The Highlights and News section provides notice of IA actions with links to related documents. Major programs and offices within IA have their own sections on the site; sections include Administrative Protective Orders, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis, Textiles and Apparel, Subsidies Enforcement, and Trade Remedy Compliance.

Subject(s): Trade Laws and Regulations

182. Import Safety

<http://www.importsafety.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: This site reports on the activities of the Interagency Working Group on Import Safety, established by Executive Order 13439 (July 18, 2007). The site carries press releases and reports from the group and links to related information. Working group membership includes 12 departments and agencies; it is chaired by the Health and Human Services secretary.

Subject(s): Imports; Safety—Regulations

183. International Trade Commission

<http://www.usitc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): International Trade Commission (ITC)

Description: ITC is an independent federal agency that examines unfair trade practices and the impact of imports on U.S. industries. The ITC Web site's Trade Remedy Investigations section includes major case news and documents regarding antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, intellectual property investigations (called "section 337" investigations), and "global safeguard" investigations. The site features DataWeb, ITC's international trade statistics and U.S. tariff data-

base. The Tariff Information Center includes the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS)*, which describes all goods in trade for duty, quota, and statistical purposes. *HTS* is available online in PDF and database formats. The Industry and Economic Analysis section contains detailed reports on products, services, and regions.

The availability of the tariff schedules and the DataWeb statistical tool makes this a core resource for international trade information.

Subject(s): International Trade

Publication(s): *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, Annotated for Statistical Reporting Purposes*, ITC 1.10:

Industry Trade and Technology Review, ITC 1.33/2:

International Economic Review, ITC 1.29:

184. Manufacturing and Services

<http://www.trade.gov/mas/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: Manufacturing and Services, a division of ITA, offers services to promote U.S. exports and has special expertise in U.S. industry sectors. Its Web site contains pages for over 15 sectors, such as Chemicals and Metals. Content on the sector pages varies, but most provide links to industry reports and information on industry-specific export programs. The site also has a directory of industry experts on staff.

Subject(s): Exports

185. Market Access and Compliance

<http://www.mac.doc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)—Market Access and Compliance

Description: Market Access and Compliance, or MAC, “identifies and overcomes trade barriers, resolves trade policy issues, and ensures that our trading partners fully meet their obligations under our trade agreements” (from the Web site). The About MAC section of the site has an organizational chart, links to regional offices, and links to MAC programs such as the Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) program for Eurasia.

Like other ITA Web sites, the main page of the MAC Web site follows a standard ITA template. However, pages at the secondary level are arranged differently, making the navigation of them somewhat confusing.

Subject(s): Exports; Trade Laws and Regulations

186. Market Research Library

<http://www.buyusainfo.net/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)—Commercial Service

Description: The Market Research Library is a full-text database of reports from the U.S. Commercial Service about foreign markets. The database can be searched by industry sector, country, and other criteria. It includes the *Country Commercial Guides* series prepared by U.S. Commercial Service trade specialists working in over 80 countries. The site also has customizable e-mail alerts for notices of new market research in an industry sector and region.

Subject(s): Market Research—International; Country Information

Publication(s): *Country Commercial Guides*, S 1.40/7:

187. Middle East and North Africa Business Information Center

<http://www.export.gov/middleeast/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: The Middle East and North Africa Business Information Center (MEN-ABIC) Web site provides information to assist U.S. companies doing business in that region. Sections include Country Information, Industry Information, Trade Leads, Trade Events, Assisting U.S. Exporters, and Key Links for Middle East Business.

Subject(s): Exports; Middle East

188. Notify U.S.

<http://www.nist.gov/notifyus>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://tsapps.nist.gov/notifyus/data/index/index.cfm>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: This free e-mail subscription service offers U.S. entities (citizens, industries, and organizations) an opportunity to review and comment on proposed foreign technical regulations that may affect their businesses and their business' access to international markets. The United States receives notice of these proposed regulations as a member of the World Trade Organization.

Subject(s): Exports—Regulations

189. Office of Industry Analysis

<http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: The Office of Industry Analysis develops trade and economic data products and provides analysis on issues affecting the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing and services. The Web site features links to the TradeStats Express database (including state-level export data), U.S. metropolitan area export information, and profiles of the effects of exports and foreign investment in each of the 50 states. Offices within Industry Analysis are the Office of Trade and Industry Information, the Office of Trade Policy Analysis, and the Office of Competition and Economic Analysis. The section for the Office of Trade and Industry Information provides trade data and reference information, such as a list of trade organizations and member countries. It also links to archived publications from the office, such as the discontinued *U.S. Foreign Trade Highlights* series.

Subject(s): Trade Statistics

190. Office of Textiles and Apparel

<http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: The Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) Web site provides information on exporting U.S.-made textiles and apparel products. The site provides detailed trade data, information on trade agreements and trade preferences, *Federal Register* notices, and export requirements. It also has a searchable directory of U.S. textile suppliers. The References section includes the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* for textiles and textile articles.

Subject(s): Exports; Textile Industry

Publication(s): *Major Shippers Report*, C 61.53:

U.S. Exports of Textile and Apparel Products, C 61.50:

U.S. Imports of Textile and Apparel Products, C 61.52:

U.S. Textile and Apparel Category System, C 61.54:

191. Office of the United States Trade Representative

<http://www.ustr.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Trade Representative (USTR)

Description: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. international trade, commodity, and direct investment policy and for overseeing trade negotiations with other countries. This Web site presents information on negotiations, treaties, and issues in sections organized by trade agreement and by world region. The Trade Sector section organizes information by topic, such as intellectual property, labor, and environment. The WTO section provides news on U.S. actions in the World Trade Organization and a link to the U.S. Mission in Geneva (where the USTR maintains an office). The Document Library section, accessible from the USTR home page, provides easy access to transcripts, speeches, reports, fact sheets, and other material.

The USTR Web site provides a starting point for research on U.S. international trade policies, agreements, and disputes. The World Regions section, which compiles relevant documents by region, may be particularly helpful.

Subject(s): International Trade—Policy; Trade Agreements

Publication(s): *National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers*, PREX 9.10:

Special 301 Report

Trade Policy Agenda and Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program, PREX 9.11:

192. Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)

<http://www.opic.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Description: OPIC is an independent U.S. government agency that assists U.S. companies investing in emerging economies around the world. For these companies, OPIC provides financing, political risk insurance, and investment funds. Its Web site has sections describing each of these services. The Publications section includes reports on OPIC activities in specific regions and countries.

Subject(s): International Business; International Economic Development

Publication(s): *Annual Report/Overseas Private Investment Corporation*, OP 1.1:

OPICNews, OP 1.10:

193. President's Export Council

<http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/pec/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: The President's Export Council (PEC) advises the president on international trade matters and encourages U.S. exports. PEC members come from Congress, executive branch departments and agencies, and the private sector. The Web site includes information on PEC, its members and meetings, and its "letters of recommendation" to the president. The International Trade Administration provides administrative support to PEC.

Subject(s): Exports—Policy

194. Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT)

<http://www.mac.doc.gov/sabit/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)—Market Access and Compliance

Description: The SABIT program assists U.S. companies and organizations working in Eurasian countries by funding training programs for managers in that region. The program is intended to facilitate U.S.-Eurasian business partnerships. Its Web site describes the program and links to a Russian SABIT Web site.

Subject(s): Emerging Markets; Eurasia

195. StopFakes.Gov

<http://www.stopfakes.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department

Description: StopFakes.Gov is a product of the government's Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) campaign against the piracy and counterfeiting of U.S. goods. Its Web site describes the campaign, provides resources for assistance, and includes links to relevant information at the Web sites of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Country-specific intellectual property rights toolkits are available for the European Union, Brazil, China, India, Malaysia, Mexico, and other countries around the world.

This Web site is particularly helpful, as it brings together intellectual property information distributed across the Web sites of many agencies.

Subject(s): Intellectual Property; International Trade—Laws

196. Trade Compliance Center (TCC)

<http://tcc.export.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: TCC monitors foreign compliance with trade agreements and helps U.S. businesses overcome unfair trade practices. The TCC Web site features the following sections: Report a Barrier, Trade Agreements, Country Market Research, Bribery, and News.

The Trade Agreements section links leads to the TCC's Trade and Related Agreements Database (TARA). TARA covers active, binding agreements between the United States and its trading partners concerning manufactured products and services (excluding agriculture). TCC's exporter's guides, available on the same page as TARA, have concise explanations for a variety of trade agreements.

Subject(s): Trade Agreements; Trade Laws and Regulations

Publication(s): *Addressing the Challenges of International Bribery and Fair Competition*, C 61.2:IN

National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers, PREX 9.10:

197. Trade.gov

<http://trade.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: Trade.gov is the Web site of the International Trade Administration. ITA promotes U.S. exports and U.S. companies seeking to export. Most information about the agency is included in the About Us and ITA Organization sections of its Web site. The site features prominent links to ITA's component agencies: the U.S. Commercial Service, Manufacturing and Services, Market Access and Compliance, and the Import Administration. It also contains a Frequently Asked Questions section about importing and exporting and links to the major publications, programs, and Department of Commerce Web sites that promote exports.

Subject(s): Exports; International Trade

Publication(s): *Export Programs Guide*, C 61.8:

International Trade Update

National Export Policy

Subsidies Enforcement: Annual Report to Congress

Trade Finance Guide

198. TradeAgreements.gov

<http://tradeagreements.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department

Description: TradeAgreements.gov provides information on new, pending, and existing agreements between the United States and other countries. The Web site is an interagency effort involving the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, State, the Treasury, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative. The site has news releases, facts sheets, and information on pending free trade agreements. The site also has reports on the estimated effects of trade agreements on each state.

Subject(s): Trade Agreements

199. TradeStats Express™

<http://tse.export.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)

Description: TradeStats Express™ delivers annual U.S. trade data in the form of basic world maps, pie charts, and data tables. Its Web site is divided into sections for National Trade Data and State Export Data. For national trade, users can find U.S. exports, imports, and trade balances for all countries for a given commodity, or they can find data on all products traded between the United States and another country. For state exports, users can find data on a state's or U.S. region's exports to one or all countries or world regions, or they can view a state-by-state profile of U.S. exports to a given country.

TradeStats™ meets its goal of being easy to use. However, the trade data are complex enough that users should review the manual available via the Help link.

Subject(s): International Trade—Statistics

200. U.S. Commercial Service

<http://trade.gov/cs/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—International Trade Administration (ITA)—Commercial Service

Description: The U.S. Commercial Service promotes U.S. exports to global markets. This Web site provides basic information on the organization's leadership, structure, and mission. The Commercial Service uses another Web site to promote its services; that site, Export.gov, is described in a separate entry in this book.

Subject(s): Exports

201. United States Trade and Development Agency

<http://www.tda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

Description: USTDA is an independent federal agency that provides assistance to developing countries for economic and infrastructure improvements and promotes opportunities for U.S. businesses abroad. This Web site has information on USTDA projects by world region and by industry sector. It also provides information on contracting with the agency.

Subject(s): International Business; International Economic Development

Money

202. Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence

<http://www.treasury.gov/offices/domestic-finance/acd/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Office of Domestic Finance

Description: The Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence Steering Committee works to prevent the problem of counterfeit currency and makes decisions on counterfeit-deterrent currency design. Its Web site provides information on the program, currency design updates, and what people can do if they suspect a counterfeit note or have information about counterfeiting activity.

Subject(s): Counterfeiting

203. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)

<http://www.moneyfactory.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.bep.treas.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Description: BEP's Web site features the following sections: About the Bureau, Locations and Tours, Procurement, the BEP Store (which sells collectible products and souvenirs), and Classroom (with links to educational materials). Other sections provide information about the redesigned U.S. paper currency, counterfeit deterrence, money history and trivia, and what to do with damaged currency. The site also contains information for collectors. A Spanish-language version is available.

This Web site is particularly strong in its education and outreach efforts.

Subject(s): Money

204. Foreign Exchange Rates

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G5/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/update/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Board of Governors

Description: The first URL listed above links to the *Federal Reserve Statistical Release G.5*, a monthly report of the average exchange rates for the previous month and comparable figures for earlier months. The alternate URL links to the *Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.10* for weekly data on foreign exchange rates. (A daily release was discontinued as of January 2009.) Both the weekly and monthly releases are based on noon buying rates in New York for cable transfers payable in the listed currencies.

The Federal Reserve releases do not include rates for all countries and may not be as current as some of the nongovernment online sources for daily exchange rates.

Subject(s): Exchange Rates

Publication(s): *Foreign Exchange Rates*, FR 1.32/2:

205. United States Mint

<http://www.usmint.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—United States Mint

Description: The United States Mint produces and distributes United States coins, protects national gold and silver assets, and produces and sells platinum, gold, and silver bullion coins. In the About Us section, the Mint's Web site has coin production statistics and specifications, images of commemorative coins, information on the Mint Police, and biographies of its sculptor-engravers. An online store sells commemoratives, medals, and other Mint products. The Consumer Alerts includes

tips for collectors and a section with information for businesses interested in selling coin products. The Mint Web site also has general information about coin collecting and a section for children and their teachers.

Subject(s): Coins; Money

Publication(s): *Annual Report of the Director of the United States Mint*, T 28.1:

CHAPTER 4

Culture and Recreation

Culture, for the purposes of this chapter, can be broadly defined to include the arts, humanities, and preservation of human heritage. The federal government has various roles in each of these areas, and in the promotion of recreational opportunities on federal lands. Many of the Web sites in this chapter are designed for the general public; others, particularly some of the federal libraries listed in the Libraries section, are for a far more limited and specialized audience. The federal library listings cover all subject areas, from the humanities to the sciences and engineering.

Subsections in this chapter are Arts, Culture, History, Libraries, Museums, Recreation, and Reference.

Arts

206. Indian Arts and Crafts Board

<http://www.doi.gov/iacb/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: The Indian Arts and Crafts Board enforces the legal requirement that products advertised as “Indian made” must indeed be made by Indians. The board also promotes Indian arts and crafts and operates three regional museums. Its Web site includes an online version of the *Source Directory of American Indian and Alaska Native Owned and Operated Arts and Crafts Businesses*.

Subject(s): Arts; American Indians

Publication(s): *Source Directory of American Indian and Alaska Native Owned and Operated Arts and Crafts Businesses*, I 1.84/3:

207. National Endowment for the Arts

<http://www.arts.gov>

Sponsor(s): National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Description: NEA is an independent federal agency that promotes and provides funding for the arts and arts education. Its Web site has information on how to apply for a grant and lists recent grant recipients. It also provides a fact sheet and a list of recipients of NEA’s Jazz Master Fellowships, NEA Opera Honors, National Heritage Fellowships, and National Medal of Arts honors program. An NEA Partners section lists state and regional arts organizations. The Newsroom section contains press releases, fact sheets, and NEA’s bimonthly newsletter, *NEA ARTS*.

Subject(s): Arts—Grants

Publication(s): *Before and After Disasters: Federal Funding for Cultural Institutions*, HS 5.102:

NEA Annual Report, NF 2.1:

NEA ARTS, NF 2.18:

208. National Film Preservation Board

<http://www.loc.gov/film/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The National Film Preservation Board serves as a public advisory group to the librarian of Congress on matters related to motion picture preservation. According to its Web site, the board assists the librarian each year in selecting titles of “cultural, historical or aesthetic significance” to add to the National Film Registry. The Library of Congress then works to ensure that these films are preserved. The board’s Web site includes title lists of selections dating back to 1989. The site also links to the National Film Preservation Foundation (with which it is associated) and to international film archive Web sites.

Subject(s): Movies—History

209. Poetry and Literature Center of the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The Poetry and Literature Center is the home of the Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry, who is named by the librarian of Congress. The center also administers the Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry and the Witter Bynner fellowships for poets. This Web site offers webcasts of poetry readings at the Library of Congress and further information about the center.

Subject(s): Writing

210. President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

<http://www.pca.h.gov/>

Sponsor(s): President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

Description: The President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH) works to demonstrate the value of the arts and humanities and to stimulate increased private investment in these fields. The Web site has information on PCAH’s four areas of focus: International Cultural Understanding; Youth Arts and Humanities Learning; Preservation; and Special Initiatives and Events.

Subject(s): Arts; Humanities

211. U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

<http://www.cfa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

Description: The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is an independent agency that advises the federal government and the District of Columbia governments on matters of art and architecture that affect the appearance of the nation’s capital. Its Web site includes the legislative and regulatory history of the commission, public meeting agendas and minutes, and information about the National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs program.

Subject(s): Architecture; Public Buildings

Culture

212. American Folklife Center

<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—American Folklife Center

Description: The Library of Congress's American Folklife Center is charged with preserving and presenting American folklife. The center is responsible for the library's Archive of Folk Culture, a repository for American folk music and other materials. Its Web site offers a number of online collections; featured projects include the Veterans History Project, StoryCorps, the Alan Lomax Collection, and the Save Our Sounds recorded sound preservation project. Many of the center's publications and guides to researching the collections are available on the site.

The A to Z Index is particularly useful for discovering the full scope of this site.

Subject(s): Folklife Studies; Music

Publication(s): *A Teacher's Guide to Folklife Resources*, LC 39.9:

Folklife and Fieldwork, LC 39.9:

Folklife Center News, LC 39.10:

Folklife Sourcebook, LC 39.9:

213. Archeology Program

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: The NPS Archeology Program Web site provides information about archeological investigations at national parks. It links to NPS regional archeological centers and offices. The site also carries the *National Park Service Archeology Guide*, which details responsible management of archeological resources under the stewardship of the National Park Service. Other sections cover the Federal Archeology Program, National Historic Landmarks, and topics such as preventing looting and caring for collections.

Subject(s): Archeology

Publication(s): *National Park Service Archeology Guide*

214. Center for the Book in the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/loc/efbook/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The Center for the Book promotes books, reading, libraries, and literacy. It is affiliated with the state book centers that conduct local activities for the same purpose. Its Web site has information about the center's themes and projects, literary events (including the National Book Festival), publications, and affiliate programs.

Subject(s): Literacy; Reading

215. Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)

<http://www.cpb.org/>

Sponsor(s): Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)

Description: CPB is a private, nonprofit corporation that was created by Congress in 1967. It receives partial funding through annual congressional appropriations and, in turn, funds public television and radio programming. The About CPB section of this Web site includes leadership profiles, CPB's annual reports to Congress, and financial information. The Programs and Projects section has a directory of CPB-funded programs for television, radio, and the Web.

Subject(s): Broadcasting

216. Cultural and Paleontological Resources

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/CRM.html>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Description: This Web page links to BLM cultural resources program information. Linked pages cover historic preservation, tribal consultation, fossil resources on BLM-managed public lands, BLM policy, and heritage education.

Subject(s): Archeology; Public Lands

217. Cultural Programs Division

<http://exchanges.state.gov/cultural/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau

Description: The Department of State's Cultural Program Division conducts cultural exchange programs in the visual arts, performing arts, film, arts education, arts management, and cultural studies. Its Web site reports on these exchanges and has information about the program's grants to U.S. nonprofit organizations for carrying out cultural exchanges.

Subject(s): Cultural Exchanges

218. Heritage Preservation Services

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: HPS helps local communities identify, evaluate, protect, and preserve historic properties. Its Web site describes HPS programs, including the American Battlefield Protection Program, the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives, and the Historic Surplus Property Program.

Subject(s): Historic Preservation; Historic Sites

219. Institute of Museum and Library Services

<http://www.ims.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Description: IMLS is an independent federal agency that provides funding in support of all types of museums, libraries, and archives. The IMLS Web site has separate sections for grant applicants, grant reviewers, and grant recipients. Other sections cover IMLS programs for state library administrative agencies and the statistical reports from the IMLS surveys of public libraries and state library agencies.

Subject(s): Libraries—Grants; Museums—Grants

Publication(s): *Primary Source*, NF 4.15/2:

220. International Cultural Property Protection

<http://exchanges.state.gov/culprop/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau

Description: The State Department supports U.S. compliance with laws and international agreements regarding the import, export, and transfer of ownership of cultural property. This site provides information on the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (Public Law 97-446), other U.S. laws, and international laws. The site explains import restrictions and identifies U.S. and international agreements concerning the looting and destruction of archaeological sites and the theft of cultural property. An Image Database displays the types of artifacts subject to import restrictions. The site has some links to Spanish-language information, most of which is related to objects and agreements concerning Central and South American nations.

Subject(s): Archeology; Cultural Artifacts

221. John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The Kluge Center hosts humanities scholars at the Library of Congress and presents the international John W. Kluge Prize in the Human Sciences. The center offers Kluge Chairs to selected accomplished scholars in such areas as world cultures, American law and governance, and modern culture. The Web site has information on the Kluge Chairs, fellowships and grants, the Kluge Prize, resident scholars, and the Scholars' Council.

Subject(s): Fellowships; Humanities—Awards and Honors

222. Moving Image Collections

<http://mic.loc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The Moving Image Collections (MIC) Web site provides a catalog of moving images from the Library of Congress and other collections around the world, as well as a directory of moving image archives. The site links to portals for the general public, archivists, and science educators; these portals provide information about topics such as film preservation, organizing film exhibitions, and using moving images in the classroom.

Subject(s): Movies

223. National Archeological Database (NADB)

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/TOOLS/nadb.htm>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS); University of Arkansas. Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies.

Description: The NADB online system is maintained through a cooperative agreement between the National Park Service and the Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST) at the University of Arkansas. NADB has three components. The Reports section includes references to over 350,000 reports on archeological planning and investigation. The Permits section contains a database of permits issued by the Department of the Interior under the Antiquities Act of 1906 and the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979. The MAPS (Multiple Attribute Presentation System) section is a graphical application that contains a variety of maps in GIS format. These maps show the national distribution of cultural and environmental resources across the United States at the state and county levels.

Subject(s): Archeology

224. National Capital Planning Commission

<http://www.ncpc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)

Description: NCPC coordinates all planning activities for federal land and buildings in the National Capital Region, which includes Washington, D.C., and surrounding communities in Maryland and Virginia. The NCPC Web site features information about the commission in the following sections: About the NCPC, Submit a Project, Commission Meeting Information, NCPC Initiatives, International Activities, and Public Participation.

Subject(s): Public Buildings; District of Columbia

Publication(s): *Federal Capital Improvements Program*, NC 2.1:

General Guidelines and Submission Requirements, NC 2.2:

NCPC Quarterly (National Capital Planning Commission Newsletter), NC 2.11/2:

225. National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT)

<http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: As part of the National Park Service, NCPTT is concerned with the art and science of preservation in areas such as archeology and historic architecture. The center's grants program focuses on the training, technology, and basic research aspects of preservation and conservation. Major sections of its Web site are Grants, Archeology and Collections, Architecture and Engineering, Historic Landscapes, Materials Research, and Heritage Education.

NCPTT provides a rich array of information for preservation technology professionals. The Heritage Education section will be of interest to teachers.

Subject(s): Historic Preservation

226. National Endowment for the Humanities

<http://www.neh.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Description: According to its Web site, "NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government that supports research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities." The Apply for a Grant section on the agency's Web site has application forms, deadlines, guidelines, and detailed information on the NEH Digital Humanities Initiative. The News and Publications section includes lists of new grants recipients and articles from *Humanities* magazine. The About NEH section includes a staff directory, budget information, links to the State Humanities Councils, and information about the Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities and the National Humanities Medals. The site also features a link to the NEH Picturing America educational Web site at <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>.

Subject(s): Grants; Humanities

Publication(s): *Humanities*, NF 3.11:

227. National NAGPRA

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: As part of the NPS National Center for Cultural Resources, National NAGPRA develops regulations and guidance for implementing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). National NAGPRA also provides training and grants. Its Web site is a resource for information on the act, which delineates a process for museums and federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items. The Online Databases section includes the Native American Consultation Database of consultation contacts for Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Subject(s): Cultural Artifacts; American Indians

228. National Recording Preservation Board

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/record/nrpb/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: According to its Web site, National Recording Preservation Board advises the Librarian of Congress on the selection of "culturally, historically, or aesthetically important" sound recordings to be added to the National Recording Registry. These selections may include music, non-music, spoken word, or broadcast sound. The Web site includes information about the registry, the nomination process, and the board's preservation planning work. It also links to Web sites for sound archives and useful information about audio preservation.

Subject(s): Archives; Music

229. Preserve America

<http://www.preserveamerica.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: Preserve America is a White House initiative carried out in cooperation with multiple federal agencies. The initiative is intended to encourage federal agencies to integrate heritage preservation and economic development, bolster local heritage preservation efforts, and promote intergovernmental and public-private partnerships to help accomplish these goals. The Web site includes information on Preserve America grants and the Preserve America Award. It also has a list of designated Preserve America communities and neighborhoods and, in the Clearinghouse section, links to related information from federal agencies and state governments.

Subject(s): Historic Preservation

230. Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage

<http://www.folklife.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: On its Web site, the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage describes its mission of preserving “contemporary grassroots cultures in the United States and abroad.” The site has information about the center’s major endeavors, including the annual Folklife Festival and Smithsonian Folkways Recordings. The Web site also features online exhibits, educational resources, and the newsletter Talk Story.

Subject(s): Folklife Studies

Publication(s): *Talk Story*

231. Smithsonian Institution

<http://www.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The main Smithsonian Institution Web site links to all other Smithsonian museum sites and to information about the Smithsonian’s research facilities, archives, and other centers. The site includes information about the history of the Smithsonian, hours and locations of the Smithsonian museums, and links to Smithsonian affiliate museums across the United States. From the Visitor Information section, there are links to Smithsonian guides in German, Spanish, Japanese, Arabic, and other languages. Websites A-Z, an extensive index of Smithsonian Web sites, is available at the top of each page on the site.

This Web site provides an excellent overview of the Smithsonian’s component institutes and programs.

Subject(s): Museums

Publication(s): *Annual Report, Smithsonian Institution*, SI 1.1:

Inside Smithsonian Research, SI 1.50:

Smithsonian (Web magazine), SI 1.45:

Smithsonian Opportunities for Research and Study, SI 1.44:

232. Smithsonian Institution Research Information System (SIRIS)

<http://www.siris.si.edu>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: SIRIS provides quick links to the specialized databases and information resources that are located on the many Smithsonian Institution Web sites. The resources are grouped into the following categories: Smithsonian Libraries; Archival, Manuscript, and Photographic Collections; Smithsonian American Art Museum Research Databases; Specialized Research Bibliographies; and History of the

Smithsonian. A Cross-Searching Catalog Center performs a search across all SIRIS collection catalogs.

Subject(s): Arts—Research; Museums

233. Smithsonian Magazine

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: This online version of the *Smithsonian Magazine* includes articles and images from the print version, plus Web-only features. The archive section has issues back to 2006.

Subject(s): Culture and Recreation

Publication(s): *Smithsonian (Web magazine)*, SI 1.45:

History

234. Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

<http://www.archives.gov/aad/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: AAD provides the public with access to a selection of historic databases and other electronic records maintained by the National Archives. This site includes nearly 85 million historic electronic records created by more than 30 federal agencies. The electronic records vary widely in subject matter, but all of them identify specific persons, geographic areas, organizations, or dates—making them useful as finding aids. Information includes several files on Korean War casualties and prisoners of war, the Japanese-American Internee File for 1942–1946, the Work Stoppages Historical File for 1953–1981, and the Military Contract File for 1965–1975.

First-time users should consult the Getting Started Guide for instructions on how to search AAD and for an explanation of what records are included in AAD. The records in AAD represent only a small fraction of the electronic records holdings of the National Archives. For the most part, AAD does not include digitally scanned images of paper records and other non-electronic records.

Subject(s): Archives; Databases

235. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)

<http://www.achp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Description: ACHP is an independent federal agency and the major policy adviser to the federal government in the field of historic preservation. The Web site contains an overview of the National Historic Preservation Program, including directories of federal, state, and tribal preservation officers and preservation-related Web sites. The site also has the full text of the *Code of Federal Regulations* section 106 regulations concerning the protection of historic properties.

Subject(s): Historic Preservation

Publication(s): *Federal Historic Preservation Case Law, 1966–2000*, Y 3.H 62:

Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review, Y 3.H 62:8/

Section 106 Primer: Preserving America's Heritage

236. American Battle Monuments Commission

<http://www.abmc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)

Description: ABMC is an independent federal agency responsible for commemorating the services of the U.S. armed force at places where they have served since 1917. ABMC administers cemeteries on foreign soil and memorials both in the United States and abroad. Its Web site has databases of servicemembers interred at the American World War I and World War II cemeteries overseas, the missing in action from World War I and World War II (who are memorialized on Tablets of the Missing within these cemeteries and on three memorials in the United States), and servicemembers killed during the Korean War.

Subject(s): Monuments and Landmarks; Veterans' Cemeteries

237. American Civil War

<http://cwar.nps.gov/civilwar/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: The NPS has designed this Web site in anticipation of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the American Civil War, which will be observed from 2011 to 2015. It covers the 70-plus parks with resources related to Civil War history, programs related to protection of historic battlefields, and the role of African Americans in the Civil War. The site also links to the NPS Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, a database of servicemen from both sides during the Civil War.

Subject(s): Civil War (United States); National Parks and Reserves—History

238. American Memory

<http://memory.loc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The Library of Congress's American Memory Web site provides online versions of distinctive, historical Americana materials from the library's collections. These include digitized photographs, manuscripts, rare books, maps, recorded sound, and moving pictures. The diverse collections include Civil War photographs, the papers of Thomas Jefferson, nineteenth-century American sheet music, and late eighteenth-century maps of North America. The collections can be accessed in a number of ways, such as browsing by topic, historical time period, or the material's original format type. A popular "Today in History" feature links information on event anniversaries to items from the American memory collection. The site also provides a section for teachers (the Learning Page), which has guides on using primary source materials in the classroom.

Subject(s): Digital Libraries; History

239. America's Historical Documents

<http://www.archives.gov/historical-docs/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: This Web site is an online exhibit of documents selected from the National Archives collections. Document images in the exhibit include the Declaration of Independence, the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, the check written for purchase of Alaska, Edison's patent for the light bulb, and the Apollo 11 flight plan. The site links to similar exhibits, such as Charters of Freedom, and to material on teaching with primary documents.

Subject(s): Government Publications—History

240. Heritage Documentation Programs

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hdp/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/hhhtml/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: Heritage Documentation Programs administers HABS (Historic American Buildings Survey) and companion programs HAER (Historic American Engineering Record), HALS (Historic American Landscapes Survey), and CRGIS (Cultural Resources Geographic Information Systems). In the Collections section, its Web site links to the database of the program's architectural, engineering, and landscape documentation at the Library of Congress, which can be found at the alternate URL provided above. The site also carries the standards and guidelines for its historical documentation drawings.

Subject(s): Architecture—History; Civil Engineering—History

241. History & Culture

<http://www.nps.gov/history/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: The History & Culture Web site is a portal to the cultural information available from NPS Web sites and publications. The About Our Programs section has an alphabetical index of the resources online, from the American Battlefield Protection Program to the Tribal Preservation Program. The site also has extensive information on grants, tax credits, and other programs to encourage preservation of cultural resources. Special sections of the site are tailored to teachers, kids, and travelers.

The History & Culture Web site is a useful and well-designed portal for exploring the wide range of resources available through the National Park Service. Several of its resources are described in separate entries in this section.

Subject(s): Historic Sites; National Parks and Reserves—History

242. History of Social Security

<http://www.ssa.gov/history/>

Sponsor(s): Social Security Administration (SSA)

Description: The History of Social Security Web site provides extensive information and documentation on both the SSA and the Social Security Program. It includes transcripts and audio files of presidential statements and conversations, oral history interviews, and legislative history documents, as well as a photo gallery, chronology, and other resources.

Subject(s): Social Security—History

243. JFK Assassination Records

<http://www.archives.gov/research/jfk/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act (Public Law 102-526) requires that all records related to his 1963 assassination be housed in a single NARA collection. This Web site provides descriptions and finding aids for the physical collection of records, which can be viewed in NARA's College Park, Md., research rooms. Online finding aids include the Assassination Records Collection Register, which lists all of the records in the collection at the general series level, and the JFK Assassination Collection Database, which is an index of many of the documents in the collection.

Subject(s): Archives; President—History

244. Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

<http://www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

Description: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is directing the commemoration of the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, with events planned through February 2010. This Web site provides extensive information about Lincoln, the Bicentennial Commission and its state liaisons, and the wide array of projects and events associated with the commemoration.

Subject(s): Presidency—History

245. MINERVA

<http://www.loc.gov/minerva/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: MINERVA is an acronym for Mapping the Internet Electronic Resources Virtual Archive. This Library of Congress online project has selected, saved, and cataloged historical information that had previously appeared exclusively on Web sites and might otherwise have been lost to future researchers. Current online collections are built around events such as the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the national elections of 2000. The site also includes reports and presentations on the project.

The site notes that the work of the MINERVA Web Archiving Project is being continued by the Library's Web Capture team; more information is available at <http://www.loc.gov/webcapture/>.

Subject(s): Digital Libraries; World Wide Web—History

246. National Historical Publications and Records Commission

<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

Description: NHPRC is a NARA grant-making affiliate whose purpose is to help identify, preserve, and provide public access to records, photographs, and other materials that document American history. Its Web site has directories of commission members, staff, and state coordinators along with information about the projects funded by the commission and how to apply for and administer a grant.

Subject(s): Archives—Grants

Publication(s): *Annotation, The Newsletter of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission*, AE 1.114/2:

247. National Register of Historic Places

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: On its Web site, the National Register of Historic Places describes itself as “the nation’s official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.” The site provides information about how to get a property listed on the National Register and what a listing means for the property owner. It features a weekly list of new properties on the register and a link to the National Register Information System (NRIS), a database of places listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Publication section has bulletins and brochures about the National Register process.

Subject(s): Historic Sites

Publication(s): *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*, I 29.76/3; *National Register Information System*, I 29.76/4:

248. Naval History and Heritage Command

<http://www.history.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC)

Description: Naval Historical Center was renamed the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) in 2008. The NHHC collects, preserves, and makes available artifacts, documents, and art related to U.S. Navy history. The NHHC Web site links to information from the Navy Department Library, Navy museums, art collections, archives, and underwater archaeology program under its management. Its Web site contains numerous online collections, exhibits, publications, and guides to information on U.S. Navy history and traditions. Most content can be found in these sections: Museums; Resources and Research; Fleet; and Veterans. It can be difficult to anticipate what information is contained in each section; researchers may need to browse each one.

While there is not a great depth of online historical material on this site, the broad scope of the collection and the references to print resources make it an excellent starting point for historical information about the U.S. Navy.

Subject(s): Military History

Publication(s): *Cruise Books of the United States Navy in World War II: A Bibliography*, D 221.17:2

Historical Manuscripts in the Navy Department Library: A Catalog, D 221.17:3

The Reestablishment of the Navy, 1787–1801: Historical Overview and Select Bibliography, D 221.17:4

The Spanish-American War: Historical Overview and Select Bibliography, D 221.17:5

United States Naval History: A Bibliography, D 221.17:1

249. State-Level Casualty Lists from Vietnam and Korean Conflict

<http://www.archives.gov/research/vietnam-war/casualty-lists/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The National Archives Center for Electronic Records has indexed the records for U.S. military casualties from the Korean War and the Vietnam War by the state “home of record” for the servicemember. For the Korean War, the database includes records for persons who died as a result of hostilities during the 1950–1957 period, including those who died while missing or captured. For Vietnam, the database includes records for persons who died during the 1956–1998 period as a result of hostile or nonhostile occurrences in the Southeast Asian Combat Area, including those who died while missing or captured. Full casualty records may be retrieved online through the Access to Archival Databases system at <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>.

Subject(s): Korean War; Vietnam War

250. U.S. Army Center of Military History

<http://www.history.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Center of Military History (CMH)

Description: The CMH site offers full-text military history books, documents, and a museum display of Army art. The majority of the collection can be found in the Bookshelves section. The Unit History section features the *Army Lineage Series*. The Frequently Asked Questions section addresses questions such as finding official unit records and the origin of the 21-gun salute. The site has a Medal of Honor citations list and a directory of Army museums. It also features a series of guides

about researching military history, including information on oral history techniques, and a separate section about the history of military history.

Subject(s): Military History

Publication(s): *Army History*

Publications of the United States Army Center of Military History, D 114.10:

251. Veterans History Project

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—American Folklife Center

Description: The Veterans History Project collects, presents, and preserves firsthand accounts from veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. The accounts include letters, photographs, and oral histories in audio and video formats. Records describing the collections can be searched in a database, and digitized collections can be viewed or listened to online. The site also includes information on how to submit veterans' stories to the collection.

Subject(s): Veterans—History

252. Vietnam-Era Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Database

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pow/powhome.html>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—Federal Research Division (FRD)

Description: This database indexes government documents related to U.S. military personnel who were listed as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia during American involvement in Vietnam. The title of the collection is "Correlated and Uncorrelated Information Relating to Missing Americans in Southeast Asia." Digital copies of the documents are being added to the collection and indexed. The site explains how to obtain documents that have been indexed but are not yet available online.

Subject(s): Prisoners of War

Libraries

253. AFIT Academic Library

<http://www.afit.edu/library/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT)

Description: The AFIT Library Web site offers public access to its online library catalog. The site's Subject Guides to Web Resources section has links to information on a wide variety of topics.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

254. Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Technical Library

<http://www.afrl.af.mil/wrslibrary/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Research Laboratory

Description: The AFRL Technical Library serves the personnel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Many of the services on its Web site are restricted to authorized users.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

255. ALIC Archives Library Information Center

<http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: ALIC serves National Archives staff and researchers, both on-site and online. The ALIC Web site links to the center's collection catalog and to full-text versions of NARA publications online. The Reference at Your Desk section is designed for archivists but will be of use to others as well; links lead to information about records management, genealogy, Indians/Native Americans, military history, and other reference and research topics. Bibliographies include *Holocaust-Era Assets* and *Selected Resources on the Civil War*. Some commercial databases linked on the ALIC page are only available to staff or on-site researchers.

Subject(s): Archives—Research; Genealogy

256. Combined Arms Research Library

<http://cgsc.leavenworth.army.mil/CARL/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Command and General Staff College (CGSC)

Description: The Combined Arms Research Library (CARL) is described on its Web site as “a comprehensive military science research center supporting the Army Command and General Staff College.” The site's Digital Library section has several digitized and indexed collections, such as the WWII Operational Documents and Schools of Advanced Military Studies monographs. The CARL News and Information Feed section contains an alert service for new reports and information sources of interest.

Subject(s): Military Information

257. Commerce Library and Information Center

<http://www.osec.doc.gov/lib/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department

Description: The Department of Commerce Washington headquarters library collects material related to law, business, economics, international trade, and management. The library serves as a selective depository for federal documents and is open to the public. The library catalog is available in the Virtual Library section. Most other online services are restricted to Commerce staff.

Subject(s): Business and Economics—Research

258. Conservation Library

<http://library.fws.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: The Conservation Library primarily serves the staff and students of the National Conservation Training Center, where it is located. The library Web site provides the free document “Resources for Environmental Educators,” and it links to a number of conservation-related periodicals online. The Library site also links to the shared depository of digital holdings for the NCTC Image Library, the Conservation Library, and the NCTC Archives/Museum.

Subject(s): Conservation (Natural Resources)

259. Department of the Interior Library

<http://library.doi.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: The Department of the Interior (DOI) Library Web site is primarily intended for the use of DOI staff and library visitors. It offers some publicly accessible resources, particularly on the Internet Resources section, including subject

guides about wildlife, plants, science, Native Americans, and other topics. In the DOI Information section, the site has useful indexes to DOI component Web sites by topic, including agency histories, online publications, and management reports.

Subject(s): Public Lands—Research

260. EPA National Library Network

<http://www.epa.gov/natlibra/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This site links to EPA regional library Web sites and provides access to the Online Library System (OLS) union catalog. In 2006, EPA's closure of several of its libraries sparked controversy. The National Library Network News section addresses the current status of planning for the future direction of the agency's National Library Network.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection—Research

261. ERDC: Professional Library Services

<http://itl.erd.usace.army.mil/library/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Corps of Engineers—Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

Description: The ERDC Library Web site provides access to its online catalog, ERDC online publications, and the Cold Regions Science and Technology bibliography.

Subject(s): Civil Engineering—Research

262. FBI Library

<http://fbilibrary.fbiacademy.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Description: The FBI Library at the FBI Academy has a Web site that includes the online library catalog, bibliographies on over 60 law enforcement topics, and links to related Web sites.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement—Research

263. Federal Bureau of Prisons Library

<http://bop.library.net/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Prisons

Description: This Web site is primarily a Web interface for the library catalog. The site also includes a description of the library, a periodicals list, and a video list.

Subject(s): Prisons—Research

264. Federal Depository Library Program

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/libraries.html>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)—Superintendent of Documents

Description: To facilitate public access to federal government information, GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) provides print and electronic government publications to over 1,000 designated depository libraries open to the public throughout the country. This Web page provides an explanation of the program and a searchable directory of the federal depository libraries. As with other GPO Web information, this page is being transferred to the new [FDsys.gov](http://fdsys.gov) Web site.

The audience for much of the information on this site is limited to those who staff and manage depository libraries. Some links may be of interest to users researching access to government information or making extensive use of the depository system.

Subject(s): Federal Depository Library Program

Publication(s): *Federal Depository Library Directory*, GP 3.36/2-2:

265. Federal Library and Information Center Committee

<http://www.loc.gov/flicc/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC)

Description: FLICC and FEDLINK provide service and guidance to federal libraries and information centers. The Web site's resources will be of interest primarily to librarians, particularly federal librarians, and to vendors specializing in the federal library market.

Subject(s): Libraries

Publication(s): *Handbook of Federal Librarianship*, LC 1.32/6-2:

266. Fermilab Library

<http://bss.fnal.gov/library/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

Description: The Fermilab Library Web site features access to its online catalog, journal list, and documents and preprints from the lab. Some databases on the site are only available to Fermilab staff.

Subject(s): Physics—Research; Preprints

267. Galaxy of Knowledge—Smithsonian Institution Libraries

<http://www.sil.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The Galaxy of Knowledge site brings together resources from the 20 Smithsonian Institution libraries. Major resources on the site include the SIRIS combined catalog of the library collections, a database of images from books and manuscripts in the collections, and the online texts of the Biodiversity Heritage Library Collection.

Subject(s): Libraries

268. Glenn Science and Engineering Library

<http://grctechlib.grc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Glenn Research Center

Description: The NASA Glenn Research Center's Science and Engineering Library Web site primarily serves center staff. The Find section includes links to some informational resources that can be accessed by the general public.

Subject(s): Aerospace Engineering—Research

269. Goddard Library

<http://library.gsfc.nasa.gov/public/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: The Goddard Space Flight Center Library's Extranet is the public version of the library's Web site. It features links to publicly available Web resources, such as technical reports, image databases, and the library's online catalog.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

270. GOVDOC-L [e-mail list]

<http://govdoc-l.org/>

Sponsor(s): Duke University. Perkins Library.

Description: This is the oldest (and still the primary) e-mail list for government documents librarians. While it is neither hosted nor sponsored by the federal government,

the discussions, questions, and announcements relate directly to government information and the practice of government documents librarianship.

Previously, the Government Printing Office used GOVDOC-L for its official announcements to depository libraries. GPO now has its own announcements list, called GPO-FDLP-L.

Subject(s): Federal Depository Library Program; E-mail Lists

271. Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: As the largest library in the world, it is only fitting that the Library of Congress Web site should be one of the most extensive and information-packed governmental library Web sites. Its American Memory section, with scanned images, movies, audio files, and other reproductions of historic documents, is a leading example of the how the Internet is being used to make rare collections available to the public. The site's Exhibitions section has digital versions of major library exhibitions dating back to 1992. Another major section, the Global Gateway, emphasizes the international nature of the library's collection and staff expertise. A section called "Resources For . . ." organizes information by audience, including researchers, librarians, teachers, publishers, visitors, and kids and families. The section for researchers includes links to the Web sites for the library's special reading rooms, such as the Hispanic Reading Room, Science Reference Services, and the Recorded Sound Reference Center. The News from the Library section links to the library's blog, press releases, archived webcasts, and event information.

The main Library of Congress online catalog contains approximately 14 million records representing books, serials, computer files, manuscripts, cartographic materials, music, sound recordings, and visual materials. The library also has an online catalog for its special Prints and Photographs and Recorded Sound collections.

The library site links to the legislative information service THOMAS, the Copyright Office, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and more. The Web sites for such specialized collections and services are described in more detail elsewhere in this publication.

While the Web site offers only a small fraction of the material available at the library itself, it does provide a significant collection of free online material as well as detailed information about the library's collections and services. This is a large and growing Web site that offers substantial resources of interest to librarians, teachers, researchers, publishers, lawyers, Congress, and the general public.

Subject(s): Digital Libraries; Libraries; United States—History

Publication(s): *American Memory Digital Collections*, LC 1.54/3:

Bibliographic Products and Services, LC 30.27/2:

Country Studies Series

Global Legal Monitor, LC 42.16:

LC Science Tracer Bullet, LC 33.10:

Library of Congress Information Bulletin, LC 1.18:

NewsNet, LC 3.4/3:

Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet, LC 1.54/2:

Veterans History Project Field Kit, LC 39.2:

272. Library of Congress Blog

<http://www.loc.gov/blog/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: Managed by the public affairs office, the Library of Congress blog covers news about the institution's collections, events, and policies. Comments are permitted.

Subject(s): Blogs

273. Library of the Marine Corps

<http://www.mc.u.smc.mil/MCRCweb/library.htm>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps

Description: The Library of the Marine Corps Web site includes some publicly available resources such as the library's online catalog, the Marine Corps reading list, and Web links for research.

Subject(s): Marine Corps—Research

274. Library Statistics Program

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Description: NCES publishes survey data on academic libraries and school media centers and makes the results available at this site. NCES previously surveyed public libraries and state library agencies. The site has archival data from those surveys; current academic and state agency surveys are on the Web site for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, <http://www.ims.gov/>.

Subject(s): Libraries—Statistics

275. LLNL Library

<https://library-ext.llnl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)

Description: The LLNL Library Web site features Web-based online catalogs and descriptions of its services and collections. LLNL-authored, unclassified technical reports are available in the Reports Search section. The site also features links to major LLNL online publications.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information; Weapons Research

Publication(s): *Science Technology Review*, E 1.53:

276. Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library

<http://library.lanl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Description: Many resources on this Web site are restricted to authorized LANL users. The general public can search the LANL Library catalog, and free Web sites are among the links in the Resources by Subject section.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

277. MERLN (Military Educational Research Library Network)

<http://merln.ndu.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Defense University (NDU)

Description: MERLN is a resource-rich Web site maintained by a consortium of military education research libraries. The site's Digital Collection section features military education research materials digitized by MERLN participants. The Military Policy Awareness Links (MiPALS) are Web bibliographies on such topics as

Afghanistan and North Korea. The Publications section provides a convenient collection of annotated links to journals and publications available from MERLN member sites.

Subject(s): Military Information

278. MSHA Library Information

<http://www.msha.gov/TRAINING/LIBRARY/library.htm>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

Description: The Technical Information Center and Library of the National Mine Health and Safety Academy is located in West Virginia. The physical collection includes current publications, the Accident Investigation File Archives, historic photographs, archival material from the former Bureau of Mines, and materials relating to major mine disasters in the U.S. from 1840 to the present. Online, the library site provides access to its catalog, an index to its Accident Investigation File Archives, and the MSHA Digital Library. The MSHA Digital Library is divided into sections for accident reports, research material, photographs, and videos.

Subject(s): Mining—Research

279. Muir S. Fairchild Research Information Center

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/aui/lane.htm>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air University

Description: Many of the resources available through this Air University (AU) library Web site are restricted to AU users. However, the site provides public access to Web-linked bibliographies compiled by the library staff about topics such as leadership, unmanned systems, and terrorism. The site also links to the Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals.

Subject(s): Military Information; Bibliographies

Publication(s): *Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals*, D 301.26/2:

280. NARA Locations Nationwide

<http://www.archives.gov/locations/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The National Archives operates research facilities across the United States, including NARA regional facilities and presidential libraries. This Web site provides collections and location information for each facility. The NARA regional facilities typically offer genealogy resources, archived federal agency records from the region, and federal courts records including bankruptcy cases. NARA Presidential Library Web sites, linked from this site, are described in a separate entry in this section.

Subject(s): Archives; Genealogy—Research

281. NASA Headquarters Library

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/hqlibrary/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The NASA Headquarters Library serves NASA staff and provides information online for the public. The library catalog and selected other resources on the library Web site are only available to staff. For the public, the library site provides online bibliographies, links to NASA documents databases, and links to NASA video and imagery sites. The Browse section of the library site organizes bibliographies and Web links under such topics as aerospace, engineering, science, and NASA itself.

Subject(s): Space—Research

282. NASA Langley Research Center Technical Library

<http://library.larc.nasa.gov/Public/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Langley Research Center (LaRC)

Description: The NASA Langley Research Center Technical Library has created this page for public use; it excludes material available only to staff and authorized users. The site includes a Technical Reports section that links to the Aeronautics and Space Access Page Technical Report Server, the Langley Technical Report Server, and the NASA Technical Report Server.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

283. National Agricultural Library

<http://www.nalusda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: NAL is a major source for national and international agricultural information. The NAL Web site acts as a gateway to the library's resources and associated institutions. Primary sections include NAL Catalog, NAL Collections, Information Centers, and NAL Services. The NAL Catalog, also known as AGRICOLA, is an extensive database of published agriculture information. The NAL Collections section includes the National Agricultural Library Digital Repository (NALDR) of publications either digitized by NAL or through NAL's partnerships with other institutions. The Information Centers section links to specialized resources ranging from the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center to the Water Quality Information Center; each of these centers are described in separate entries in this publication. The Web site also links to the *NAL Agricultural Thesaurus*, an online vocabulary look-up tool for agricultural and biological terms, and a glossary of over 2,000 terms related to agriculture. The thesaurus and the glossary are also available in Spanish.

This site can be used as an excellent starting point for finding agricultural information. NAL helpfully organizes its many resources by topic, such as Animals and Livestock, Food and Nutrition, and Rural and Community Development. The Spotlights section highlights information resources on timely subjects such as Honeybee Colony Collapse Disorder.

Subject(s): Agriculture Information; Libraries

Publication(s): *List of Journals Indexed in AGRICOLA*, A 17.18/5:
NAL Agricultural Thesaurus

284. National Defense University Library

<http://www.ndu.edu/Library/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Defense University (NDU)

Description: The NDU Library resources available online include the library catalog and digitized collections focusing on Fort McNair history, special commission reports on national defense, and related topics. The site also links to the professional military reading lists.

Subject(s): Military Information

285. National Institute of Corrections Library

<http://www.nicic.org/Kutak>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Prisons

Description: The NIC Robert J. Kutak Memorial Library collects published and unpublished material on the topics of correctional operations and policies, offender programs, and special offender issues. The library staff provides research assistance,

giving priority for custom research to corrections professionals. The library Web site organizes and links to a wealth of studies, documents, statistical reports, online videos and other content covering corrections topics at the local, state, federal, and international levels.

Subject(s): Prisons—Research

286. National Library of Education

http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/projects/nat_ed_library.asp

Sponsor(s): Education Department—National Library of Education (NLE)

Description: The NLE's one-page Web site states that NLE "serves as the federal government's primary resource center for education information." The library, located in Washington, D.C., is open for public use. NLE staff also respond to phone, Internet, fax, and mail inquiries.

This single Web page of text does little to help constituents do their own education research. The site only describes NLE's collections and services. There are no links out to education information resources.

Subject(s): Education Research

287. National Library of Medicine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: As a leading center for health sciences information, NLM offers a wealth of resources through its Web site. The site's home page provides quick links to major NLM databases—such as PubMed and MedlinePlus—and to sections customized for NLM client groups: the general public, health care professionals, researchers, librarians, and publishers. Each customized section acts as a portal to relevant news, databases, publications, and specialized NLM Web resources.

The site map helps to show the full scope of the Web site's content. It organizes links under the site's main headings: Health Information, Library Catalog and Services (includes NLM publications), History of Medicine, Online Exhibitions and Digital Projects, Human Genome Resources, Biomedical Research and Informatics (which includes the UMLS/Unified Medical Language System), Environmental Health and Toxicology, About the NLM, Grants and Funding, Training and Outreach, Network of Medical Libraries, and Health Services Research and Public Health.

The NLM Web site is a gateway to the various programs and information resources offered by the library. Many of the specific Web resources created by NLM are described elsewhere in this publication.

Subject(s): Libraries; Medical Information

Publication(s): *Current Bibliographies in Medicine*, HE 20.3615/2:

List of Journals Indexed for MEDLINE, HE 20.3612/4:

List of Serials Indexed for Online Users, HE 20.3618/2:

Medical Subject Headings, HE 20.3612/3-8:

National Library of Medicine Classification, HE 20.3602:

National Library of Medicine Fact Sheet, HE 20.3621:

National Library of Medicine Programs and Services, HE 20.3601:

NLM LOCATORplus, HE 20.3626:

NLM Technical Bulletin, HE 20.3603/2:

288. National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

Description: NLS administers a free library program that circulates Braille and recorded materials to eligible borrowers through a network of cooperating libraries. The Learn section of its Web site has information on how NLS works, how to sign up, and where NLS network libraries are located. The Web site provides access to the online catalog of Braille and audio books, the *Braille Book Review*, and other bibliographies. The NLS Publications section of the site includes NLS fact sheets, bibliographies, circulars, and directories of libraries and resources related to reading material for the blind and physically handicapped. It also includes information on digital talking books and Web-Braille.

The NLS site is designed for text-based browsers, such as Lynx, that are frequently used by blind readers. See the About This Site section for more information.

Subject(s): Libraries; Vision Disorders

Publication(s): *Braille Book Review*, LC 19.9:

Digital Audiobook Players, LC 19.15:

For Younger Readers, Braille and Talking Books, LC 19.11/2:

Magazines in Special Media, LC 19.11/2-2:

News (NLS), LC 19.13:

Talking Book Topics, LC 19.10:

Update (NLS), LC 19.13/2:

289. National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM)

<http://nnlm.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: NN/LM is coordinated by NLM with the goal of improving access to medical information for both health professionals and the public. The Web site has a directory of member libraries, information on each regional component of NN/LM, training schedules and modules, and funding opportunities. The site also has a section about finding and using health information on the Web.

Librarians and health educators are the intended audiences for much of the information on this site. General public users interested in medical libraries and information systems may also find helpful material.

Subject(s): Libraries; Medical Information

290. National Radio Astronomy Observatory Library

<http://www.nrao.edu/library/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)—National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO)

Description: This Web site features the library's catalog and the NRAOPapers database of published papers and preprints for staff and visitor works. Some sections of the site are restricted to NRAO staff.

Subject(s): Astronomy—Research; Preprints

291. National Transportation Library (NTL)

<http://ntl.bts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

Description: The National Transportation Library serves federal, state, and local governments. NTL's Web site also links to transportation information and reference services for the general public. Publicly available databases include the NTL catalog, the Transportation Research Thesaurus (TRT), and the cooperatively produced TRIS Online database of published transportation literature. Links to a selection of transportation information Web sites are listed under Resources/Tools.

Subject(s): Transportation—Research

292. Navy Department Library

<http://www.history.navy.mil/library/index.htm>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Department of the Navy

Description: The Navy Department Library traces its beginnings to a request from President John Adams in 1800. The library's Web site provides numerous research guides and finding aids. It is particularly strong on naval history. The Special Collections described on the site include historical navy uniforms, cruise books, and accounts of shipbuilding contracts. The library's catalog is not online, but the Online Reading Room section provides an extensive collection of full-text documents and publications.

Subject(s): Navy—History

293. NCAR Library

<http://www.ucar.edu/library/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Library Web site includes its online catalog and information about the library and its services. The Digital Collections section includes publicly accessible resources, such as the UCAR Digital Image Library. Some other listed databases are agency subscriptions that are restricted to authorized users.

Subject(s): Atmospheric Sciences—Research

294. NIEHS Library

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/resources/library/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Description: The NIEHS Library serves the scientific and administrative staff of NIEHS but also provides limited services to the public. Publicly accessible resources on its Web site include the Research Links and Consumer Health Links sections.

Subject(s): Health and Safety—Research

295. NIH Library Online

<http://nihlibrary.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The NIH Library Online Web site features information about the library and services. Most information is restricted to authorized users.

Subject(s): Medical Information

296. Nimitz Library, US Naval Academy

<http://www.nadn.navy.mil/Library/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—United States Naval Academy (USNA)

Description: The Nimitz Library Web site features information about the library and its services. Most resources are accessible to Naval Academy faculty and students only. Several online historical exhibitions can be accessed by the public, including one on the Army-Navy football game going back to 1890.

Subject(s): Engineering Research

297. NIST Virtual Library

http://nvl.nist.gov/nvl2.cfm?doc_id=127

Alternate URL(s)

<http://nvl.nist.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: Beyond general information about the library and its services, the NIST Virtual Library Web site offers its online catalog, standards and patent information, subject guides, and publications. Many of the resources on the site are restricted to NIST staff.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

Publication(s): *Journal of Research of the National Institute of Standards and Technology*, C 13.22:

298. NOAA Central Library

<http://www.lib.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The NOAA Central Library and regional libraries provide information and research support to NOAA staff and the public on topics such as atmospheric sciences, oceanography, and cartography. The Quick Links section of the Web site features the WINDandSea directory of over 1,000 links to Web sites concerned with oceanic and atmospheric issues and a guide to online resources on global climate change. The NOAA Library site also has digitized historical documents on U.S. fisheries and the old Weather Bureau, a guide to finding government maps and charts, and links to NOAA online newsletters and publication sources.

Subject(s): Atmospheric Sciences—Research; Oceanography—Research

299. NOAA Seattle Regional Library

<http://www.wrclib.noaa.gov/lib/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: This regional NOAA library serves NOAA agencies in the West. Basic library information, such as hours, policies, and services, are provided, along with access to the online catalog. The site's Environment Data section is particularly useful. It provides a portal to data sets from the government and educational institutions, organized by discipline, region, type of data, and type of provider (government or educational).

Subject(s): Atmospheric Sciences—Research

300. Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Science Centers Library

<http://lib.nwfsc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Marine Fisheries

Description: This library supports the centers and field stations located in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska that serve NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Its Web site links to information on fisheries, maps, and charts, with an emphasis on the Pacific region.

Subject(s): Fisheries—Research

301. Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program

<http://www.uspto.gov/go/ptdl/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Description: The PTO designates qualified libraries throughout the country to act as Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries. These libraries receive printed materials and electronic access from the PTO to assist the general public researching patent and trademark information. The Web site provides links to depository and partner library Web sites, and lists the core publications and databases available through these libraries.

Subject(s): Libraries; Patent Law; Trademarks

302. Pentagon Library

<http://www.whs.mil/library/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The Pentagon Library Web site provides access to numerous resources, including bibliographies, digitized historic materials, and information on defense appropriations legislation.

Subject(s): Military Information

303. Presidential Libraries

<http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Presidential Libraries Office

Description: This National Archives Web page provides general information about the presidential libraries system and guides for doing research in presidential materials. Links to each of the presidential libraries Web sites are provided. The presidential library system currently includes 13 libraries, for Presidents Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush.

Subject(s): Presidential Documents

304. Ralph J. Bunche Library

<http://www.state.gov/m/a/l/s/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: This Web site offers a description of the main Department of State library. The library's mission is to support the research needs of State Department personnel, and it offers few services to the public. The site calls the State Department's library "the oldest Federal Government library . . . founded by the first Secretary of State, Thomas Jefferson in 1789."

Subject(s): Foreign Policy—Research

305. Ruth H. Hooker Research Library InfoWeb

<http://library.nrl.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)

Description: In support of the Naval Research Laboratory staff, the library focuses on such topics as chemistry, meteorology, oceanography, physics, and space sciences. While some sections of its Web site are restricted to staff, the online catalog is publicly available. In the Find Any Book section, the catalog covers the library's books, journals, and unclassified reports. Both public Web and restricted-access resources on numerous science and general topics are linked in the Browse by Subject and Resources by Format sections.

Subject(s): Engineering Research

306. Scientific Library, National Cancer Institute—Frederick

<http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: The Scientific Library's Web site offers public access to its online catalog and a selected list of links to Web resources on topics such as biomedicine, chemistry, and patents.

Subject(s): Medical Information

307. U.S. Geological Survey Library

<http://library.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: Established in 1882, the USGS Library maintains a Web site with links to USGS online research resources, including the USGS Publications Warehouse and the USGS Thesaurus. The site also links to an extensive list of online resources covering mapping and geography.

Subject(s): Geology—Research; Maps and Mapping

308. USACE Library Program

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Library/LibraryProgram/Pages/Home.aspx>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Corps of Engineers

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Library Program Web site features their online catalog, a directory of all Corps libraries, and a description of services available to the public.

Subject(s): Civil Engineering—Research

309. USAID Knowledge Services Center

<http://library.info.usaid.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agency for International Development (USAID)

Description: The USAID Library is concerned with agency information and information on sustainable development. Its Web site offers the library catalog, the Development Experience Clearinghouse of USAID-funded technical and program documentation, and a guide to conducting research on past USAID activities.

Subject(s): International Economic Development—Research

310. USDOJ Library Staff

<http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/1s/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Management Division

Description: The libraries of the Justice Department primarily serve Justice employees. The libraries are open to the public by appointment only for access to govern-

ment depository items or unique titles. The Resources and Guides section of the library Web site provides links to free online resources about U.S. law and government.

Subject(s): Law Libraries

311. USNO James Melville Gilliss Library

<http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO/library/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Observatory (USNO)

Description: This site provides access to the United States Naval Observatory Library's online catalog and collection of historical photos of the observatory, astronomers, telescopes, and astronomy texts.

Subject(s): Astronomy—Research

312. Wirtz Labor Library

<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/library/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: The Department of Labor's Wirtz Labor Library has a Web site with the library's online catalog and links to online labor research resources. The site also has a digital library of historical labor publications and an archive of past Labor Department Web sites.

Subject(s): Libraries; Employment Law

Museums

313. Anacostia Community Museum

<http://anacostia.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The Smithsonian Institution's Anacostia Community Museum focuses on the history and culture of the African American community and family. It is located in the historic Washington, D.C., neighborhood of Anacostia, the former home of abolitionist Frederick Douglass. The museum's Web site has information on visiting, exhibits, events, and Anacostia history. Its On-line Academy section presents expert information on African American historical materials.

Previously, the museum was called the Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture. The name was changed in 2006 to distinguish it from the Smithsonian's planned National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Subject(s): History; Museums

314. Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum

<http://cooperhewitt.org/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://ndm.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The Cooper-Hewitt, in New York City, concentrates on historic and contemporary design. Its Web site has information on the museum, its education programs, and the annual National Design Awards.

Subject(s): Arts—Awards and Honors; Museums

315. Hill Aerospace Museum

<http://www.hill.af.mil/library/museum/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Hill Aerospace Museum

Description: Located at Hill Air Force Base in Utah, the Hill Aerospace Museum collection includes a wide variety of military aircraft and missiles, munitions and weapons, ground vehicles associated with aircraft and missiles, and thousands of other historical artifacts. Its Web site provides information about visiting, museum activities and exhibits, and base history.

Subject(s): Aviation—History

316. Museum Management Program

<http://www.nps.gov/history/museum/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: The Museum Management Program supports policy and technical standards for the management of NPS museum collections, including natural, cultural, archival, and manuscript materials. The Web site has NPS museum collection profiles and information on current exhibits. For museum professionals, it features a calendar of professional events and a listing of laws and regulations relevant to NPS museum administration, archeology, records, and archives. The site also has a section that covers teaching with museum collections. The Treasures of the Nation section is of general interest, with digitized images of objects from the NPS collections.

Subject(s): Museums

Publication(s): *Conserve O Grams*
Museum Handbook

317. National Air and Space Museum

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The National Air and Space Museum Web site offers information about the museum and its programs, including the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, which provides an exhibition hangar, theater, and classrooms. This Web site features a visitor guide and information about the museum's collections, educational programs, research, events, and membership.

Subject(s): Aviation; Museums

318. National Gallery of Art

<http://www.nga.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Gallery of Art (NGA)

Description: On the NGA Web site, the Plan a Visit section includes information about the gallery's location and hours, as well as maps and information about how the NGA is organized and funded. The Collection section offers searches of the collections by author, title, or subject; searches can also be limited to items for which online images are available. An Online Tour section provides more than 50 online tours, organized by theme or artist. The Resources section covers a broad scope, with links to information on the Arts Research Library (with online catalog), the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, curatorial records, the gallery's archives, the Slide Library, and press materials including news of current exhibitions and recent acquisitions.

Subject(s): Museums; Visual Arts

319. National Museum of African American History and Culture

<http://www.nmaahc.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: Authorized by law in 2003, the building for the National Museum of African American History and Culture is now in the planning stages. While the building is being planned, the museum has launched a Museum on the Web and traveling exhibitions. The Museum on the Web presents digital exhibitions and a virtual memory book (to which visitors can add their stories and ideas). The About Us section of the site includes updates on the building design.

Subject(s): African Americans—History; Museums

320. National Museum of African Art

<http://www.nmafa.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The National Museum of African Art Web site has information about its exhibits, programs, collections, library, and archives. The Research section has a collections catalog that can be browsed visually or searched by a variety of criteria. The Radio Africa section has African music from the Smithsonian Institution and art discussions available as podcasts. The site also has a section of activities for children.

This is a colorful, multimedia-providing site that makes use of high-quality photographs, sound, and images.

Subject(s): Museums; Visual Arts; Africa

321. National Museum of American History

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The National Museum of American History Web site provides images, online exhibits, and research information related to American history. Educational resources are available in the Kids and Educators sections. The site also has information about visiting; the museum building has re-opened after a multi-year renovation.

Subject(s): Museums; United States—History

322. National Museum of Health and Medicine

<http://nmhm.washingtondc.museum/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP)

Description: The National Museum of Health and Medicine's main focus is on American military medicine. Its collections include anatomical specimens and medical devices, many of which are from the Civil War era, when the museum was established. This Web site has online guides to the museum's collections and photographs of many of its exhibits.

Subject(s): Medicine and Medical Devices—History; Museums

323. National Museum of Natural History

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: This Web site presents information about the National Museum of Natural History's exhibits, collections, programs, and research. The Research and Collections section features a collections database, bibliographies, and links to Department of Science Web sites for anthropology, botany, entomology, mineral sciences, paleobiology, and zoology. The Explore a Topic section presents material

from the museum organized into broad themes, such as “The Evolving Earth” and “The Diversity of Life.”

Subject(s): Museums; Natural History

324. National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)

<http://www.nmai.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: This Web site describes the three Smithsonian NMAI facilities: the George Gustav Heye Center in New York City; the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Md.; and the NMAI on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Major sections include Visitor Information, Exhibitions, Events, Outreach, Education, and Collections.

Subject(s): Museums; American Indians

325. National Postal Museum

<http://postalmuseum.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The National Postal Museum is funded by the U.S. Postal Service, the Smithsonian Institution’s federal appropriation, and private gifts. The museum’s collections include stamps, vehicles used to transport the mail, mailboxes, postage meters, and greeting cards. Major sections of its Web site include Exhibits, Collection, Educators, Stamp Collecting, and the Activity Zone (for both kids and adults).

Subject(s): Postage Stamps; Postal Service—History

326. Naval Undersea Museum

<http://www.history.navy.mil/museums/keyport/index1.htm>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)

Description: The Naval Undersea Museum in northwest Washington State presents submarines, torpedoes, diving equipment, and other artifacts related to naval undersea history, science, and operations. This Web site includes online exhibits, photos of the collection, and information about visiting the museum. The museum library’s catalog is also available online.

Subject(s): Museums; Underwater Warfare—History

327. Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM)

<http://americanart.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: This Web site features an illustrated narrative overview of the museum’s collections, and information about its current exhibits and events. The SAAM site also has information about the Renwick Gallery, which specializes in American crafts and decorative arts.

Subject(s): Arts; Museums

Publication(s): *American Art*

328. United States Botanic Garden

<http://www.usbg.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Architect of the Capitol

Description: The United States Botanic Garden Web site has information about its gardens, production facility, and conservatory on the National Mall. The site offers visitor information, a virtual tour, and a description of the Botanic Garden’s plant collections and work in plant conservation.

Subject(s): Botany

Publication(s): *Sustainable Sites Initiative: Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks*

329. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

<http://www.ushmm.org/>

Sponsor(s): United States Holocaust Memorial Council

Description: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum became an independent establishment of the U.S. government under Public Law 106-292. The museum's Web site provides information about the museum and resources on Holocaust education, research, and history. It features a multimedia "Introduction to the Holocaust" and an online Holocaust encyclopedia in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, and Farsi. The site includes numerous online exhibitions, a section on Days of Remembrance, and information on contemporary genocide.

Subject(s): Museums; War Crimes—History

Recreation

330. Corps Lakes Gateway

<http://www.corpslakes.us/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Corps of Engineers

Description: Corps Lakes Gateway describes outdoor recreation opportunities at lakes managed by the Army Corps of Engineers. The site has a clickable U.S. map for finding Corps lakes and related information.

Subject(s): Lakes; Outdoor Recreation

331. Fishing

<http://www.fws.gov/fishing/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: The FWS Web site, Fishing, focuses on recreational fishing. The site describes the agency's work to improve fisheries and links to other organizations that provide information for recreational fishers. It features national and state fishing statistics from the *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation* and hunting and fishing license statistics back to 1975.

Subject(s): Fishing

Publication(s): *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, I 49.98:

Your Guide to Fishing on National Wildlife Refuges, I 49.6/2:

332. Forest Service National Avalanche Center

<http://www.fsavalanche.org/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Forest Service (USFS)

Description: This Forest Service site provides avalanche awareness information and interactive guides for snowmobilers, skiers, snowboarders, snowshoers, and others exploring the steep and snowy backcountry. It also links to regional avalanche center Web sites for reports on local conditions.

Subject(s): Outdoor Recreation; Avalanches

333. Hunting

<http://www.fws.gov/hunting/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: While the hunting of wildlife within state boundaries is largely the concern of state fish and wildlife agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is ultimately responsible for regulating migratory bird hunting nationwide. This Web site has answers to frequently asked questions about migratory bird hunting.

Subject(s): Outdoor Recreation

334. National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: The official NPS Web site is the primary source for information about America's national parks. It includes information about national memorials, national battlefields, national seashores, national historic sites, and other related sites. The Find a Park section links to information on each of the NPS locations by name, state, or interest (such as fossils, fishing, or battlefields). Individual parks have their own Web pages, which contain printable travel guides, maps, and background information. The History and Culture section of the site describes significant people, places, and events associated with the national parks. It offers learning programs and information about historic preservation grants. The Nature and Science section organizes a wealth of information related to science and environmental practices in the parks, under the Air, Biology, Geology, Sounds, and Water categories. The Nature and Science section also has information on critical resource management issues, fire management, laws, regulations, policy, guidance, and publications. *News Digest*, in the site's News section, compiles daily news from a number of NPS sources. Elsewhere on the site, there is a section for kids and teachers, information on volunteering at the parks, and video features about the parks and NPS.

With its broad approach to the resources and heritage of the national parks system, the NPS Web site is relevant for many audiences, including travelers, scientists, history buffs, and teachers.

Subject(s): Historic Preservation; National Parks and Reserves

Publication(s): *CRM (Cultural Resources Management)*, I 29.86/2:

National Park Statistical Abstract, I 29.114:

Park Science, I 29.3/4:

335. National Scenic Byways Program

<http://www.byways.org/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: The Department of Transportation has designated certain roads as National Scenic Byways, or All-American Roads, based on their archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities. This Web site provides information about the National Scenic Byways Program and each of the designated roads or byways. It offers maps and descriptions of noteworthy sites along the routes.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads

Publication(s): *America's Byways Bulletin*, TD 2.88

336. National Trails System

<http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/nts/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: The National Trails System is a network of scenic, historic, and recreational trails administered by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture in partnership with other agencies and organizations. Its Web site includes a trail system map, information about designating national scenic and national historic trails, and a link to the nonprofit Partnership for the National Trails System organization's Web site.

Subject(s): Outdoor Recreation

337. National Zoological Park

<http://natzoo.si.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The National Zoo's Web site features information and photos for visitors and researchers. The Giant Pandas section (under the Meet Our Animals heading) has PandaCams, a panda photo gallery, and giant panda facts. The Education section includes curriculum guides, classroom resources, and information on further education and training opportunities. The Science section has information about zoological medicine, land and aquatic ecosystems, biodiversity, and endangered species science.

Subject(s): Animals; Conservation Biology; Zoos

338. Presidio Trust

<http://www.presidio.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Presidio Trust

Description: The Presidio, a former U.S. Army installation in San Francisco, is now a National Historic Landmark District. The Presidio Trust, a federal agency established by Congress in 1996, manages it. This Web site provides information about the management of the Presidio and visiting the park.

Subject(s): Historic Sites

339. Recreation.gov

<http://www.recreation.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: Recreation.gov is designed to be a one-stop portal for learning about and making reservations for activities on public lands. The Web site is an inter-agency project, with information about recreation opportunities on land managed by the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Users can find recreation locations by state or activity (such as boating, camping, fishing, or hiking) or by a clickable U.S. map. Separate sections provide databases for finding camping and day use sites. For locations requiring a reservation, Recreation.gov has an online reservation system. The FAQ link at the bottom of the page answers questions on topics such as where to get hunting permits and whether metal detectors can be used on federal lands.

Subject(s): Outdoor Recreation

340. USDA Forest Service Recreational Activities

<http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Forest Service (USFS)

Description: The Forest Service offers this Web site as an overview of the recreational opportunities and the guidelines for the use of national forests and grasslands. The forests and grasslands can be found by using a clickable map or by browsing by state or site name. Other sections provide information about passes, permits, and travel advisories.

Subject(s): National Forests

341. USGS Recreation

<http://recreation.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This Web site is subtitled “Your Earth Science Gateway for a Safer and More Enjoyable Experience of the Outdoors.” It serves as a portal to USGS and other government information relevant to outdoor activities. Sections include Nature Watching/Exploration, Boating, Camping, Climbing, Fishing, Health, Hiking/Biking, Hunting, and Environmental Laws and Regulations. Resources include maps, weather data, bird checklists, river levels, safety tips, and educational information about geology.

Subject(s): Outdoor Recreation

342. Your Guide to Fishing on National Wildlife Refuges

<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/FishingGuide/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: This interactive online guide displays wildlife refuge information by state and by type of fish available. The Special Features section includes tips about catch and release, invasive aquatic species, and other topics.

Subject(s): Fishing

Publication(s): *Your Guide to Fishing on National Wildlife Refuges*, I 49.6/2:

Reference

343. Official U.S. Time

<http://www.time.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)—Navy—Naval Observatory (USNO)

Description: This Web site provides the current time in all U.S. time zones, including the time zones for the U.S. Pacific territories. The Time Exhibits section of the site links to educational sites about time, clocks, daylight savings time, and calendars.

Subject(s): Time

344. Plain Language

<http://www.plainlanguage.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Plain Language Action and Information Network (PLAIN)

Description: The Plain Language Web site focuses on improving communications from the federal government to the public. The idea is to use “plain language” that can be understood at first reading. The intended audience is government agencies. The site includes relevant examples, guidelines, and resources. The site is managed by the federal employees’ group Plain Language Action and Information Network (PLAIN).

While this site is intended for government writers, other writers will also find it to be a useful reference as well.

Subject(s): Writing—Policy

Publication(s): *Writing User-Friendly Documents*

345. Popular Baby Names

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/babynames/>

Sponsor(s): Social Security Administration (SSA)

Description: This database of trends in baby names is compiled from names listed on Social Security card applications. Users can search for the most popular baby names by year and by state, track the popularity of a name over time, or look up popular names for twins.

Subject(s): Families

346. Social Security Administration's Death Master File

<http://www.ntis.gov/products/ssa-dmf.aspx>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Technical Information Service (NTIS)—Social Security Administration (SSA)

Description: The Social Security Death Index database has basic information on deceased persons who possessed Social Security numbers and whose deaths have been reported to the SSA. Records include name, Social Security number, dates of birth and death, and ZIP code of last residence. NTIS makes the database available through a paid online subscription or purchase of file downloads or a DVD. This Web site describes the Death Master File and subscription options in detail.

The Death Master File is available for free from various online services and at many libraries. An example is the Search section on the FamilySearch Web site, which is managed by the Church of Latter-Day Saints and is available at <http://www.familysearch.org>.

Subject(s): Genealogy; Social Security; Databases

CHAPTER 5

Defense and Intelligence

The national defense, homeland security, and intelligence operations of the United States are all represented to varying degrees on the Web. The Department of Defense (DoD) and the nation's armed forces, in particular, maintain numerous publicly accessible Web sites. These sites cover topics ranging from current military operations, to advanced research, to administrative and acquisitions matters. This chapter concludes with a Military Morale and Welfare section covering many of the services available for veterans, servicemembers, and their families that are described on the Web.

Researchers may also wish to check the International Relations chapter for information on arms treaties, the Education chapter for information on the educational activities managed by the DoD and the armed forces, and the Business and Economics chapter for sites on defense trade controls.

Subsections in this chapter are Armed Forces, Defense Operations, Defense Research, Homeland Security, Intelligence, and Military Morale and Welfare.

Armed Forces

347. Air and Space Power Journal

<http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force

Description: *Air and Space Power Journal*, the focus of this Web site, is an Air Force magazine that works to promote professional dialogue and development among military airmen. This site also carries *Chronicles Online Journal* (an online companion to *Air and Space Power Journal*). Current issues of *Air and Space Power Journal* are available in HTML and PDF formats. Archival issues back to 1987 are available in HTML format. Archival issues of *Air University Review*, which preceded the journals, are indexed and available online for 1969 through 1987.

Versions of *Air and Space Power Journal* in Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, and Spanish are also available at this site.

Subject(s): Air Force

Publication(s): *Air and Space Power Journal*, D 301.26/24:

Air University Review, D 301.26:

Chronicles Online Journal

348. Air Combat Command

<http://www.acc.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Combat Command (ACC)

Description: ACC, headquartered at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, provides air combat forces for the Unified Combatant Commands. Its Web site has a Units section with links to each ACC subordinate unit. The Library section includes leadership biographies and fact sheets about ACC aircraft and weapons systems. Other sections provide news, photos, and art (including images of official shields and aircraft).

Subject(s): Military Aircraft

349. Air Education and Training Command

<http://www.aetc.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Education and Training Command (AETC)

Description: AETC is responsible for Air Force programs in military, technical, and flight training, as well as education programs at many levels. This Web site provides information on Air Force career opportunities, basic military training, technical training, and flying training. It also links to the Air Force Academy, Air Force ROTC, and Officer Training School.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education

350. Air Force Cyberspace Command

<http://www.afcyber.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force

Description: Established in 2006, the Air Force Cyberspace Command now has provisional status. The Air Force Chief of Staff announced in 2008 that the command would be realigned under the Air Force Space Command but remain operational while the transition is planned. The Web site currently has news, leadership information, and documents about the Cyberspace Command.

Subject(s): Air Force; Military Computing

351. Air Force Inspection Agency

<http://www.afia.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA)

Description: AFIA's mission is to provide Air Force senior leaders with independent assessments of mission capability, health care, and resource management. The agency conducts management reviews and health inspections and provides guidance and information for Air Force commanders, inspectors general, and inspectors. The AFIA site has information about the history and organization of the agency. The Air Force inspector general's magazine, *TIG Brief*, is described on the site but is not available to the public.

Subject(s): Inspectors General

352. Air Force Link—Official Web Site of the U.S. Air Force

<http://www.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force

Description: The emphasis of this central Air Force Web site is on current news. Along with a wealth of articles, the site provides Air Force TV and radio programs and has sections for Air Force photos and art. In addition to current news, a Heritage section describes major milestones from the past and includes feature articles and illustrations.

One of the most useful parts of the site is the Sites section, which links to Air Force base Web sites and sites for major commands. The Library section has a wealth of links to Air Force magazines and base newspapers, biographies of Air Force leaders, and fact sheets on aircraft. The Careers section provides personnel information for enlisted servicemembers, officers, civilians, and retirees.

This is the first place users should visit to look for Air Force information. The site is well organized, offers substantial information content, and is easy to navigate.

Subject(s): Air Force

Publication(s): *Air Force News*, D 301.122:

Airman, D 301.60:

Report of Air Force Research Regarding the Roswell Incident, D 301.2:R 73/2/
United States Air Force Posture Statement, D 301.1/3:

353. Air Force Personnel Center

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC)

Description: This public Web site from the Air Force Personnel Center has information for and about military and civilian Air Force personnel. The Library section includes demographic profiles of military and civilian personnel. The site also has personnel news, career information, and information for Air Force veterans.

Subject(s): Air Force; Civilian Defense Employees

354. Air Force Reserve Command

<http://www.afrc.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Reserve (AFRES)

Description: The Air Force Reserve Command Web site features news, leadership biographies, fact sheets, pay information, and unit information. The Join section links to the official recruiting page. The Library section's Employer Resources subsection links to the Web site for the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Subject(s): Military Reserves

Publication(s): *Air Force Reserve Handbook*
Citizen Airman, D 301.8:

355. Air Force Space Command

<http://www.afspc.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Space Command

Description: The Air Force Space Command Web site has current news, leadership information, and a directory of unit Web sites and links to the various command newspapers online. The Library section has information on leadership, launches, Freedom of Information Act procedures, and Air Force contracting. The online *Air Force Space Command Almanac* provides an overview of the command's history and operations.

Subject(s): Air Force; Rockets

Publication(s): *Air Force Space Command Almanac*
High Frontier, D 301.130:

356. Air Mobility Command

<http://www.amc.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Mobility Command (AMC)

Description: AMC's mission is to provide airlift, air refueling, special air mission, and aeromedical evacuation for U.S. forces. Its public Web site provides current news, unit information, fact sheets, and biographies of AMC leadership.

Subject(s): Airlifts; Military Logistics

357. Airforce.com

<http://www.airforce.com/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force

Description: This Air Force recruitment Web site offers information for prospective recruits at all levels. The site also has a Spanish-language version.

Subject(s): Military Recruiting

358. Army Live

<http://armylive.dodlive.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: “Army Live is the official blog of the United States Army and is maintained by the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Online and Social Media Division” (from the Web site). The blog provides Army news and appears to be written for public affairs professionals. The blog site links to other U.S. Army blogs and to the Army’s presence on third-party social media sites such as Facebook, Flickr, and Twitter. Comments meeting the posted guidelines are accepted.

Subject(s): Army; Blogs

359. Army Publishing Directorate

<http://www.apd.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Publishing Agency (USAPA)

Description: The Publishing Directorate is the Army’s agency for publishing and distributing information products. Its Web site features electronic forms and publications, ordering information, and administrative news. The Official Army Publications Sites section links to online sources for Army documents. The Search Publications section provides an index and links to the full texts of Army documents in electronic form.

Subject(s): Military Publishing

360. Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM)

<http://www.acsim.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: ACSIM is the Army’s proponent for military bases and the soldiers, civilians, and families who live on them. The Web site has information on leadership, staff, and ACSIM division operations. The site also links to statistics from the Real Property Green Book on changes to the Army’s Federal Real Property Inventory.

Subject(s): Military Bases and Installations

361. Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology

<https://www.alt.army.mil>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: This Web site links to organizational information for the Army’s procurements, logistics, and technology arm. Some links on the site are restricted to authorized users.

Subject(s): Military Procurement

362. Bureau of Naval Personnel

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/Channels/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Personnel Bureau

Description: The Bureau of Naval Personnel Web site serves current officers and enlisted personnel by providing information about pay, benefits, career progression, and quality of life services. It also includes information for retirees. The Reference Library section provides Navy personnel forms, manuals, and regulations, as well as links to various publications, such as *LINK* (for Navy professionals) and *Shift Colors* (for retirees).

The site will primarily be of interest to people in the Navy. Some sections are only open to authorized, registered users.

Subject(s): Defense Administration

Publication(s): *LINK Magazine*, D 208.19/2:

Shift Colors, The Newsletter for Navy Retirees, D 208.12/3-2:

363. Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL)

<http://call.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL)

Description: According to its Web site, CALL's mission is to "collect and analyze data from a variety of current and historical sources, including Army operations and training events, and produces lessons for military commanders, staff, and students. CALL disseminates these lessons and other research materials via a variety of print and electronic media, including this Web site." Many sections of the site are restricted to authorized users; however, CALL provides several valuable finding aids for the public. CALL provides its own search engine for the ".mil" domain (using the Google index), the CALL Thesaurus, and links to military family readiness resources.

Subject(s): Military Information

Publication(s): *Center for Army Lessons Learned*, D 101.22/25:

364. GoArmy.com

<http://www.goarmy.com/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Reserves (USAR)

Description: Established as a recruitment site for both the Army and the Army Reserves, this Web site features information likely to be of interest to prospective members. It includes sections on careers, benefits, and soldier life, and also provides an extra section for parents.

Subject(s): Military Recruiting

365. Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command

<http://www.afmc.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC)

Description: Headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, AFMC equips and supplies the Air Force through supply management, depot maintenance, systems testing and evaluation, information services, and combat support. The AFMC Web site has current news and background on the command's organization and programs. The Units section links to AFMC field operating agencies, air logistics centers, test centers, laboratories, and other establishments. The Library section includes fact sheets and the current AFMC Almanac.

Subject(s): Military Logistics; Military Supplies

Publication(s): *AFMC Almanac*

366. Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center

<http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Reserve (AFRES)

Description: The AFRES Personnel Center Web site has information about assignments, mobilization, training and education, retirement, separations and discharges, benefits for reservists, and other related topics.

Subject(s): Military Reserves

367. Joint Chiefs of Staff

<http://www.jcs.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Joint Chiefs of Staff

Description: The Joint Chiefs of Staff Web site provides information about the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Chiefs, Joint Staff, and the combatant commands. It also provides links to news, speeches, the Joint Electronic Library, and historical information with biographies of former chairmen.

Subject(s): Military Leadership

Publication(s): *Joint Electronic Library*, D 5.21:

368. Joint Forces Command

<http://www.jfcom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Joint Forces Command

Description: The Joint Forces Command has responsibility for strategic issues, the training of joint forces, and the integration of U.S. military capabilities. Headquartered in Norfolk, Va., they are one of nine unified commands in the Department of Defense. This Web site provides information on the Joint Forces Command's mission, operations, and component forces.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands

369. Joint Task Force Guantanamo

<http://www.jtfgtmo.southcom.mil/>

Alternate URL(s)

<https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Guantanamo/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Southern Command

Description: This Web site for the special U.S. military presence at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay provides basic news and information. The alternate URL above is for the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Web site.

Subject(s): Military Bases and Installations

370. Los Angeles Air Force Base

<http://www.losangeles.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center

Description: The Los Angeles Air Force Base hosts the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC), part of the Air Force Space Command. SMC manages the acquisitions programs for military satellites and space systems. Organizations at the base are described in the Units section; they include the Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM) Systems Wing and the 61st Air Base Wing. The Library section has leadership biographies and fact sheets on satellite programs and space-based systems.

Subject(s): Air Force Bases; Space Technology

371. Marine Forces Reserve

<http://www.marforres.usmc.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps—Marine Forces Reserves (MFR)

Description: The MFR Web site has a directory of Reserve units with links to the unit Web sites. It also has news, publications, and information about joining the Reserves and staying in the Reserves.

Subject(s): Marine Corps

Publication(s): *Continental Marine*, D 214.23:

372. Marines

<http://www.marines.com/>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps

Description: This Web site is the Marine Corps recruiting site. The site includes background information on service in the Marine Corps, recruiting contacts, and a companion Parents' Site. For general information about the Marines, see the official Marine Corps Web site at <http://www.marines.mil>.

Subject(s): Marine Corps; Military Recruiting

373. Marines Manpower and Reserve Affairs

<https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps

Description: The Marines Manpower Web site is organized into sections for the Active Marine, Reserve Marine, Veteran Marine, Civilian Marine, and family. Frequently used sections of the site deal with the Wounded Warrior Regiment, awards, promotions, and assignments. Some online systems are limited to eligible, registered users who must log in to receive access.

Subject(s): Marine Corps

374. Marines.mil

<http://www.marines.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps

Description: The official United States Marine Corps (USMC) Web site focuses on current news, featuring articles written by Marines and accompanied by photographs. Major sections provide information about the USMC Headquarters, links to individual units' Web pages, and publications. The site connects to other USMC sites of interest on recruiting, careers, education and training, and quality of life issues.

Subject(s): Marine Corps

Publication(s): *Marine Corps Orders and Directives*
Marines Magazine

375. Military Publications and Manuals

<http://www.ntis.gov/products/military.aspx>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

Description: This Web site provides a searchable catalog of Army technical manuals (TMs), field manuals (FMs), Army regulations (ARs), technical bulletins (TBs), and other Army publications. The site does not link to copies of the publications; instead, it provides information about purchasing them through NTIS.

Subject(s): Military Information

376. National Guard

<http://www.ngb.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): National Guard Bureau

Description: The National Guard Web site provides news and information about the National Guard Bureau, its leadership, and Joint Staff organization. The For the Media section has speeches, fact sheets, and officer biographies. The Resources section includes links to each state's Web sites for the National Guard.

Subject(s): National Guard

Publication(s): *On Guard*

377. Naval Network Warfare Command

<http://www.netwarcom.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Network Warfare Command

Description: Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM) is concerned with network and information technology, intelligence, and information operations, and space systems. The Web site provides basic information on the command, its leadership, and its core functions.

Subject(s): Military Computing; Military Intelligence

378. Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)

<http://www.nuwc.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: NUWC is the Navy's research, development, testing, engineering, and fleet support center for submarines, weapons associated with undersea warfare, and other underwater systems. Its Web site features links to the sites for its divisions in Keyport, Wash., and Newport, R.I.; these sites provide more information on the center's activities. Other sections include Leadership, History, Strategy, and Events. The History section discusses the history of the Navy in Rhode Island.

Subject(s): Submarines; Underwater Warfare

379. NAVSEA HQ

<http://www.navsea.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)

Description: The Naval Sea Systems Command develops, acquires, modernizes, and maintains affordable ships, ordnance, and systems for the Navy. The NAVSEA Web site has information on headquarters command staff and directorates, and it links to the Web sites for NAVSEA field activities. Other sections of the site include the Media Center, References (with NAVSEA Instruction documents), and Business Opportunities.

Subject(s): Military Ships; Military Technology

380. Navy Blue Angels

<http://www.blueangels.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: This Web site provides information about the choreographed flying of the Navy's Blue Angels squadron, including biographies of the squadron's officers and enlisted team. The site also features information about the show schedule, practice schedule, how to apply to be on the squadron, as well as a long list of frequently asked questions.

Subject(s): Military Aircraft; Navy

381. Navy Reserve

<http://navyreserve.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Reserve Forces

Description: The Web site for the Commander of the Navy Reserve Force includes current news, command maps, and career information for reservists. The site also provides back issues of *The Navy Reservist* magazine.

Subject(s): Military Reserves

Publication(s): *The Navy Reservist*

The Navy Reservist Almanac

382. Navy.com

<http://www.navy.com/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.elnavy.com/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: This is the primary Navy recruiting site. The Careers and Jobs section covers the many fields of specialty for officers or the enlisted. The alternate URL points to a similar site designed for Hispanic Americans; it has English and Spanish versions.

Subject(s): Military Recruiting

383. Pacific Fleet Commander's Blog

<http://rat-pac.blogspot.com/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: The Pacific Fleet Commander's Blog is an official Navy Web site, scheduled to migrate to a .mil address. The blog is linked from the Commander's Web site at <http://www.cpf.navy.mil>. The blog reports on issues relevant to the Pacific Fleet and also on Navy-wide issues. Comments meeting the posted guidelines are accepted.

Subject(s): Navy; Blogs

384. Redstone Arsenal

<http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Redstone Arsenal

Description: The Redstone Arsenal in Alabama is the home of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) and the Space and Missile Defense Command. The Web site has news and information about these and other units at Redstone. Redstone played an early role in U.S. rocket research and Cold War activities. The History section has substantial historical information on that era, including videos of early rockets and a biography of Wernher von Braun, who worked at Redstone in the 1950s.

Subject(s): Army Bases; Missile Defense; Rockets—History

385. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

<http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR)

Description: SPAWAR's mission is to develop and maintain integrated command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, and surveillance systems. Major sections of its Web site describe the command, its business opportunities, and educational outreach programs. The site also links to information on the Naval NETWAR FORCenet Enterprise, a major collaborative initiative.

Subject(s): Military Technology

386. Special Operations Command

<http://www.socom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Web site presents the command's mission, history, and current news. It provides links to the component special operations commands from the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands

Publication(s): *Tip of the Spear Magazine*

United States Special Operations Forces Posture Statement, D 1.98:

387. Today's Military

<http://www.todaysmilitary.com/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: Today's Military is an overall guide to the benefits of joining the U.S. armed forces, with information from each military service branch. A special section is tailored to parents.

Subject(s): Military Recruiting

388. U.S. Air Force Live

<http://airforcelive.dodlive.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force

Description: This official blog of the United States Air Force is maintained by the Air Force Public Affairs Agency. The blog carries news and stories of those serving in the Air Force. Comments meeting the posted guidelines are accepted.

Subject(s): Air Force; Blogs

389. U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon

<http://www.gordon.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Signal Command

Description: This Web site describes the mission and organization of the Army Signal Center in Fort Gordon, Ga. The center is the home base of the Signal Regiment, which manages Army information and communications technology and systems worldwide. The home page links to the base newspaper *The Signal*, the online magazine *Army Communicator*, and to the Web site for the U.S. Army Signal Museum.

Subject(s): Military Technology

Publication(s): *Army Communicator*, D 111.14:

390. U.S. Naval Construction Force

<https://www.seabee.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: The Naval Construction Force, also known as the Seabees, specializes in military construction. The Web site describes each unit, including the Construction Battalion Units, Naval Mobile Construction Battalions, and the Underwater Construction Teams.

Subject(s): Navy

Publication(s): *SEABEE Magazine*

391. U.S. Navy

<http://www.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: The official Web site of the Navy features Navy news, leadership biographies, photos, videos, and policy documents such as the Secretary of the Navy's Posture Statement. Under the US Navy Today heading, the site provides current Navy statistics and links to the numerous other Navy Web sites, in alphabetical order and by function. Under the About the Navy heading, the site has organizational information, profiles of current and past Navy ships, and fact sheets on Navy aircraft, weapons systems, submarines, missiles, ships, and other topics. Under Media Resources, the site has archived, digitized copies of all issues of the Navy magazine *All Hands* going back to its start in 1922.

Subject(s): Navy

Publication(s): *All Hands (monthly)*, D 207.17:

Posture Statement, Department of the Navy, D 214.2:

392. U.S. Pacific Command

<http://www.pacom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Pacific Command

Description: The U.S. Pacific Command (USPACCOM) is one of nine Unified Combatant Commands assigned to oversee operational control of U.S. combat forces. Headquartered in Hawaii, the command's geographic area of responsibility is the Asia-Pacific region, including China, Japan, India, Indonesia, and Australia. The Web site includes command news and leadership information. The Pacific Command also has a blog and a Facebook page linked from the site.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands; Asia

393. United States Africa Command

<http://www.africom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The U.S. Africa Command, or AFRICOM, was created in 2007. The Web site includes the command's posture statement, leadership biographies, news, speech transcripts, and relevant documents. An interactive map feature displays country information and country news. The site is also available in French.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands

394. United States Army

<http://www.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: This is the central Web site for the Army. The site links to Army news services, video and images, and publications. Under the Info heading, the Organization section connects users to major commands and units; it also links to installations and facilities, including airfields, barracks, camps, libraries, medical centers, institutes, museums, and more. Also listed under Info, the References section links to official Army strategic documents, other Army publications, and libraries. Other sections cover Army history and heritage, career management, veterans service organizations, and community outreach. The A-Z section provides a helpful alphabetical listing of Army Web sites.

This well-designed and well-organized site should be one of the first stopping points for anyone seeking information about the Army, its bases, or related news. It is also a good resource for those in active service, the reserves, or retired from the Army.

Subject(s): Army

Publication(s): *Soldiers Magazine*, D 101.12:

395. United States Army Reserve

<http://www.armyreserve.army.mil/ARWEB>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Reserves (USAR)

Description: The USAR Web site describes the Reserve's mission, history, current news, leadership, capabilities, and organization. The Capabilities section covers reservist training and the type of watercraft, aircraft, and land-based equipment utilized. The site also links to information for families and employers of reservists, and to the Reserve recruitment site. The For Soldiers section includes online access to the *Army Reserve Magazine*.

This site is fairly easy to use, but lacks both a search engine and a site map.

Subject(s): Military Reserves

Publication(s): *Army Reserve Magazine*, D 101.43:

396. United States Central Command

<http://www.centcom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Central Command

Description: The United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) is one of ten Unified Combatant Commands assigned operational control of U.S. combat forces. Its area of responsibility spans a region from the Horn of Africa to Central Asia and includes Iraq and Afghanistan. At this time, its Web site has extensive information about the Iraq and Afghanistan operations. The site also provides news, photos, leadership information, command history, and links to related military Web sites.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands; Iraq

397. United States Coast Guard

<http://www.uscg.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Coast Guard

Description: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is part of the Department of Homeland Security, but in wartime or when directed by the president, it operates under the Secretary of the Navy. The breadth of information on the Coast Guard's Web site reflects its multiple roles. Its mission includes national defense and homeland security, as well as maritime search and rescue, International Ice Patrol operations, polar and domestic waterway icebreaking, bridge administration, aids to navigation, recreational boating safety, vessel traffic management, at-sea enforcement of living marine resource laws and treaty obligations, and at-sea drug and illegal migrant interdiction.

Major sections of the site include Careers, News, Units, Missions, Leaders, Library, and Multimedia. In the About Us section, the USCG has fact sheets on Coast Guard aircraft, cutters, and boats. It also contains a History subsection with information on lighthouses, the Coast Guard Museum, historic photographs, and more. The Units section links to each of the regional Coast Guard districts. The Library section contains Coast Guard magazines, newsletters, forms, and directives. The Coast Guard maintains a separate site about boating safety at <http://www.uscgboating.org/>.

Subject(s): Coast Guard; Homeland Security

Publication(s): *Coast Guard Directives System*, TD 5.8:D 62

Coast Guard Journal

Coast Guard Magazine, TD 5.3/11

Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars, TD 5.4/2:

The Reservist, TD 5.14:

398. United States European Command

<http://www.eucom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—European Command

Description: The United States European Command (EUCOM) is a unified combatant command headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany. EUCOM's area of responsibility includes 51 nations and territories extending from Greenland east to include all of Europe, Turkey, Israel, and Russia. The Web site carries current news about EUCOM countries and a map showing these countries. The site also has a blog and links to the EUCOM presence on Facebook, Flickr.com, and elsewhere.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands

399. United States Northern Command

<http://www.northcom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Northern Command

Description: The United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) was established in 2002 to counter threats and aggression aimed at the United States and its territories. The command's geographic area of responsibility includes North America, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and their respective air, land, and sea approaches. The command's Web site provides news and leadership information. The Educational section includes information about homeland defense for students and teachers.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Unified Combatant Commands

400. United States Southern Command

<http://www.southcom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Southern Command

Description: The United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM), one of the ten Unified Combatant Commands, is headquartered in Miami. Its area of responsibility includes Central and South America, the Caribbean (except U.S. commonwealths, territories, and possessions), Cuba, and the Panama Canal area. The command's Web site includes information about its mission, activities, and components. The Newsroom section includes Fact Files, topical one-page Web sites with links to related news.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands

401. United States Strategic Command

<http://www.stratcom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Strategic Command

Description: United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) is one of the ten Unified Combatant Commands. USSTRATCOM has responsibility for missions in the areas of space operations; information operations; integrated missile defense; global command and control; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; global strike; and strategic deterrence. Its Web site has information about the command's organization and leadership. The Organization section has information on USSTRATCOM's history and provides fact sheets on missile systems, military space forces, and strategic computer and communications networks.

Subject(s): Unified Combatant Commands; Missile Defense

402. United States Transportation Command

<http://www.transcom.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Transportation Command

Description: The United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) provides strategic mobility support for the Defense Department and the combatant commands. The site has information on USTRANSCOM's organization, component units, leadership, news, and history. The Publications section includes the Defense Transportation Regulations.

Subject(s): Airlifts; Military Logistics; Unified Combatant Commands

Defense Operations

403. ACQWeb

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics

Description: ACQWeb is the official Web site for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (AT&L). The Organization Websites section of the site presents a large menu of AT&L component offices with links to their sites.

Subject(s): Defense Administration; Military Procurement

404. American Forces Information Service

http://www.defenselink.mil/home/news_products.html

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Public Affairs Office

Description: AFIS provides news, information, and entertainment for the U.S. military worldwide. This public Web site links to AFIS news products but not to information about AFIS itself. Sections include News Articles, Radio and Television, Imagery and Multimedia, Web Special Reports, and Bloggers' Roundtable. It links to video feeds from the Pentagon Channel and to the online *Stars and Stripes* newspaper. The site also links to the *Early Bird* news service, but access is restricted to qualified military subscribers.

Subject(s): Military Information

405. Army Civilian Personnel On-Line

<http://cpol.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: Army Civilian Personnel On-Line provides employment, training, compensation, and career information for the Army's civilian employees. The site includes civilian vacancy announcements and information on student and intern opportunities. Some sections intended only for current Army employees may require an employee account to access.

Subject(s): Civilian Defense Employees; Job Openings

Publication(s): *Civilian Personnel Bulletin*, D 101.138:

406. Army Financial Management

<http://www.asafm.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: Manuals, documents, and other information about Army accounting and financial management practice make up the bulk of this site. Sections include Army Budget, Financial Operations, and Cost and Economics. The Army Budget section contains detailed materials on the current fiscal year and a table that provides organized access to budget documents from previous years.

The primary target audience for this fairly technical site is Army's budget and resource management staff.

Subject(s): Army; Defense Administration

Publication(s): *Cost and Economic Analysis Program*, D 101.9:

Department of the Army Justification of Estimates, D 101.2:J 98/

Resource Management Magazine, D 101.89:

The Army Budget, D 101.121:

407. Base Realignment and Closure 2005

<http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Description: This Web site reports on the implementation of recommendations from the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission. The site includes news, documents, and reports from prior BRAC rounds. It also links to Air Force, Army, and Navy BRAC Web sites.

Subject(s): Military Bases and Installations

Publication(s): *2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Report*

408. Civilian Personnel Management Service (CPMS)

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Civilian Personnel Management Service

Description: The Department of Defense's Civilian Personnel Management Service (CPMS) provides centralized management and policy support for the department's civilian personnel programs. Most information on its Web site is presented in the individual CPMS division sections, such as the Wage and Salary Division (which has domestic and overseas pay schedules). The home page has direct links to the monthly DoD Civilian Workforce Demographics report, civilian job announcements, and information on the National Security Personnel System.

Subject(s): Civilian Defense Employees; Defense Administration

409. Combating Terrorism Technology Support Office

<http://www.cttso.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The Combating Terrorism Technology Support Office (CTTSO) facilitates the development and acquisition of counterterrorism technology to support the Defense Department and domestic law enforcement organizations. Major sections of the site are Business Opportunities, Technology Transition, Contract Awards, and International Partners. The site also describes the CTTSO programs: Technical Support Working Group, Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Low-Intensity Conflict, and Irregular Warfare Support.

Subject(s): Military Technology; Technology Transfer

410. Defense Energy Support Center

<http://www.desc.dla.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Energy Support Center

Description: Defense Energy Support Center (DESC) acquires, stores, and distributes fuel for the military. Its Web site includes an introduction to DESC, its locations, and employment information. The Vendor Resources section includes information on contracts and Small Business Office support. The Publications section includes a PDF version of the *DESC Fact Book*, with detailed statistical information on the business operations of DESC. The Links section links to related sites, such as the Air Force Petroleum Agency and DESC's own Alternative Fuels Information Station.

Subject(s): Military Logistics

Publication(s): *DESC Fact Book*, D 7.1/6-2:

Fuel Line, D 7.24:

411. Defense Finance and Accounting Service

<http://www.dod.mil/dfas/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)

Description: The DFAS handles pay for the military, Department of Defense civilian employees, retirees, and annuitants. They also make travel payments, process contractor invoices, manage military retirement trust funds, and handle other aspects of military accounting. Major sections on the home page are Military Pay, Civilian Pay, Retired Pay, Travel Pay, and Contract/Vendor Pay. Other sections cover e-commerce developments and career opportunities with DFAS and provide background information on the agency.

Subject(s): Accounting; Defense Administration

412. Defense Information Systems Agency

<http://www.disa.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)

Description: DISA develops information technology systems for the military. On its Web site, the About DISA section describes the agency's mission areas: communications, combat support computing, information assurance, joint command and control, and joint interoperability support. About DISA also covers the agency's history, organization, and current news. The site also has information on contracting opportunities and the full text of the *DSN Telephone Directory*. (Defense Switched Network, or DSN, is used for voice communications between Department of Defense offices.) The DISA Publications section of the site is blocked to all but those using ".gov" and ".mil" domains.

Subject(s): Military Computing; Communications Technology

413. Defense Logistics Agency

<http://www.dla.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

Description: DLA is the central supply and distribution agency for the military; it provides goods such as weapons parts, fuel, uniforms, food rations, and medical supplies. The site is divided into sections for the public, customers, vendors, and employees. The About DLA section includes a fact sheet, organization chart, and other information about the agency. The DLA Organizations section links to the Web sites of major DLA offices and to the DLA Web Gateway, an index to DLA information on the Web. Under e-FOIA, DLA provides a subject index to the DLA FOIA Service Centers and their records.

Subject(s): Military Logistics

Publication(s): *DLAPS Publications*, D 7.41:

Loglines

414. Defense Media Activity

<http://www.dma.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The Defense Media Activity (DMA) is a consolidation of the Army Broadcasting Service, Soldiers Radio/TV, Soldiers Media Center, the Naval Media Center, the Air Force News Agency, and the Army/Air Force Hometown News Service. DMA creates and distributes information products for military and civilian audiences. The Web site provides news and leadership information on DMA, which is in the process of being organized in 2009.

Subject(s): Military Information

415. Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office

<http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO)

Description: The DPMO Web site covers the federal government's efforts to account for missing persons from all wars. The site includes Defense Department policies and procedures, information on archival research, and information specifically for families of POW/MIAs. The site also features lists from missing personnel databases from the 1991 Gulf War, the Cold War, Vietnam, Korea, and World War II. The Links section identifies related government Web sites for further research.

Subject(s): Prisoners of War

416. Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP)

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics

Description: DPAP is responsible for all acquisition and procurement policy matters in the Department of Defense. The Defense Acquisition Regulations section of the site includes the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement and any new Defense Acquisition Regulations rules open for public comments. Other content on the site includes the Contract Pricing Reference Guides, e-business and purchase card program information, and sections on contract policy, international contracting, and strategic sourcing. The Policy Vault section has acquisition policy documents available for dissemination to the public.

Subject(s): Defense Contracting—Policy; Government Procurement—Policy

417. Defense Security Service

<http://www.dss.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Security Service (DSS)

Description: DSS conducts personnel security investigations and operates programs in industrial security and security training. The DSS Web site describes its programs, including National Industrial Security (Facility Security Clearance), Personnel Security, and the DSS Academy.

Much of the information at this site is for DSS customers, who are federal agencies and private industry and universities carrying out government contracts or conducting research and development.

Subject(s): Military Intelligence; National Security

418. Department of Defense

<http://www.defense.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.defenselink.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The official Department of Defense Web site features current armed forces news, leadership biographies and speeches, and items of current interest. News on the site comes from the American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel broadcasts. The site also provides photos, videos, transcripts, casualty reports, and a Blogger's Roundtable to provide "source material for stories in the blogosphere concerning the Department of Defense (DoD) by bloggers and online journalists" (from the Web site).

The DoD Websites section organizes links to the numerous DoD sites alphabetically and by category. The Publications section links to current high-profile DoD

reports, major publications from other agencies, and other military Web pages that aggregate publications. See the Publications Archive link for access to DoD reports from previous years.

This site is an excellent starting point for users looking for U.S. military Web sites or current DoD news.

Subject(s): Military Information; Finding Aids

Publication(s): *Citizens' Report: Summary of Performance and Financial Results National Defense Strategy of the United States of America, D 1.2:*
Quadrennial Defense Review Report, D 1.2:
Report to Congress on Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq
Review of Department Compliance with President's Executive Order on Detainee Conditions of Confinement

419. Department of Defense Network Information Center

<http://www.nic.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)

Description: The Department of Defense Network Information Center (NIC) is responsible for the Defense Information Systems Network (DISN) and other networks sponsored by DoD. The NIC Web site includes a basic description of what the center does.

This Web site is an essential point of contact for any U.S. military organization that desires to establish or expand its Internet presence. Beyond the opening page, the site cannot be accessed by the public.

Subject(s): Military Computing

420. Department of Defense Single Stock Point for Specifications, Standards, and Related Publications

<http://dodssp.daps.dla.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Automated Printing Service (DAPS)

Description: This Web site provides access to information about military specifications and standards. Authorized users can link to the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST) database, a management and research tool that includes DoDISS (Department of Defense Index of Specifications and Standards) and other military specifications and standards documents. A partial version of the ASSIST database, ASSIST Quick Search, is publicly available.

Subject(s): Standards and Specifications

421. DoD 101: Introduction to the United States Department of Defense

<http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/dod101/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The U.S. military service branches are older than the nation, but the Department of Defense was not established in its current form until 1949. This public relations Web site explains the department's history, structure, and operations with a minimum of technical language.

Subject(s): Military Forces

422. DoD Dictionary of Military Terms

<http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/doddict/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Joint Chiefs of Staff

Description: This is the online version of the *DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*. It provides brief explanations of terms such as “prearranged fire” and

“reserved obstacles.” The site also links to the Joint Acronyms and Abbreviations list, which links from acronym of terms to their full names.

Subject(s): Military Information; Reference

Publication(s): *Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, D 5.12:

423. DoD Personnel and Procurement Statistics

<http://siadapp.dmde.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Statistical Information Analysis Division

Description: The Personnel section of this Web site includes current military and civilian defense personnel and military casualty statistics, with historical statistics available in some cases. Statistics include active duty military personnel by rank and grade and by service, civilian personnel by organization and function, and military casualties by state and by operation/conflict. The Procurement section of the site is not being updated beyond the 2006 data but still has historical procurement data. The Web site refers researchers to the government-wide databases that now include DoD procurement transactions; these are USASpending.gov and the Federal Procurement Data System, FPDS.gov, described in the Government and Politics—Government Business section of this book.

This site has a simple interface but provides few guides to understanding the data itself. Also, the subsection headings may not always be helpful. For example, researchers should look at the Publications subsection of Personnel in addition to the Military and Civilian sections to see all available reports.

Subject(s): Military Forces—Statistics; Military Procurement—Statistics

Publication(s): *Civilian Manpower Statistics*, D 1.61/2:

Distribution of Personnel by State and by Selected Locations, D 1.61/5:

Selected Manpower Statistics, Fiscal Year . . ., D 1.61/4:

Worldwide Manpower Distribution by Geographical Area (quarterly), D 1.61/3:

Worldwide U.S. Active Duty Military Personnel Casualties, D 1.61/6:

424. DoD Web Sites

<http://www.defenselink.mil/sites/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: This page provides an alphabetical index to many of the Department of Defense’s public Web sites. Click on an individual letter to view the complete site listings.

Since the Defense Department has a multitude of Web sites, this can be a useful finding aid.

Subject(s): Military Information; Finding Aids

425. Joint Electronic Library

<http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Joint Chiefs of Staff

Description: The Joint Electronic Library is the source for joint doctrine and training information for the U.S. military forces. The site also has historical information about the Joint Chiefs of Staff and joint military operations. Some sections of the site are restricted to military users.

Subject(s): Military Doctrine

Publication(s): *Joint Force Quarterly*, D 5.20:

426. Navy BRAC Program Management Office

<http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: The Navy Web site for the 2005 round of base closures has sections with information about major base closures, major base realignments, Navy Reserve Center closures, surplus property notices, BRAC maps, and prior BRAC rounds.

Subject(s): Military Bases and Installations; Navy

427. Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

<http://www.defenselink.mil/comptroller/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

Description: The comptroller's page provides an extensive set of Department of Defense budget documents. The site also has the Defense Department's Agency Financial Report (AFR) and Performance and Accountability Reports (PAR).

Subject(s): Defense Administration

428. Overseas Basing Commission

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/osbc/>

Sponsor(s): Overseas Basing Commission

Description: The full name of the Overseas Basing Commission was the United States Congress Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States. The commission was charged with making recommendations to Congress and to the president regarding overseas military facilities. The commission closed after having made its final report in 2005. The Web site has been archived by the University of North Texas Libraries CyberCemetery Web site project.

Subject(s): Military Bases and Installations

429. Pentagon

<http://pentagon.afis.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—American Forces Information Service (AFIS)

Description: Dubbed the Pentagon Official Web site, this site provides information on the Pentagon building, the building's history, and taking a tour of the Pentagon.

Subject(s): Military Bases and Installations

430. Pentagon Force Protection Agency

<http://www.pfpa.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Police Force Protection Agency (PFPA)

Description: PFPA is responsible for security at the Pentagon and other Department of Defense facilities and activities in the Washington, D.C., area. It performs standard police work and criminal investigations and is also concerned with terrorist, chemical, biological, and nuclear threats. The PFPA Web site has basic information about the agency, its component organizations, and employment opportunities.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Police

431. Pentagon Renovation Program

<http://renovation.pentagon.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: Even before the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon, a massive renovation program for the building was underway. This Web site is a central point for information about the renovation. It includes a Contractor Opportunities section and *The Renovator* newsletter, which reports on construction progress.

The site also links to information about the Pentagon Memorial for those who died in the terrorist attack.

Subject(s): Military Bases and Installations

Publication(s): *The Renovator*

432. Selective Service System

<http://www.sss.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Selective Service System (SSS)

Description: The SSS Web site features information about the agency and the military draft and can be used to register online or check a registration. The site includes sections such as About the Agency, the History/Records section, Publications, Registration Information, What Happens in a Draft, and Fast Facts. History/Records includes historical draft statistics, a guide to requesting archival records of draft registrants, and a general history of the draft in the United States. The Publications section contains current and past editions of the agency's *Annual Report to Congress*, *Selective Service System*, and back issues of the newsletter *The Register*.

Subject(s): Military Draft

Publication(s): *The Register*, Y 3.SE 4:27/

433. Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction

<http://www.sigir.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—State Department

Description: The Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) is a temporary federal agency providing auditing and investigatory oversight of funds intended for Iraq reconstruction programs. Its Web site has information about the office and carries the SIGIR publications, audit reports, and project assessment reports. The Newsroom section provides further information on the role of the SIGIR. A significant amount of content, including some reports, is also available in Arabic.

Subject(s): Inspectors General; Iraq

Publication(s): *Hard Lessons: The Iraq Reconstruction Experience*

Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction Quarterly Report to Congress

434. U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office

<http://www.army.mil/BRAC/>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: This Web site covers the impact of the 2005 BRAC recommendations for the Army. It includes Army and Department of Defense reports and special sections on the environmental, budget, and real estate aspects of BRAC.

Subject(s): Army; Military Bases and Installations

Defense Research

435. Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)

<http://www.afosr.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force

Description: AFOSR directs the Air Force's basic research program, with research concerning aerospace and materials sciences, chemistry and life sciences, mathematics and information sciences, and physics and electronics. Its Web site includes current news, research opportunity announcements, and thorough descriptions of

projects in each research area. The site also has information about AFOSR education outreach, assistantships, and awards programs.

Subject(s): Military Research Laboratories

436. Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)

<http://www.wpafb.af.mil/AFRL/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Research Laboratory

Description: AFRL conducts basic and applied research to improve the Air Force fighting capabilities. AFRL is headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, and its Web site is part of the base's site. The site has fact sheets on the Small Business Innovation Research Program, technology transfer, and partnership and business opportunities with AFRL.

Subject(s): Military Research Laboratories

437. Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/aulimp/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air University

Description: *Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals* is a Web site database of citations to journal, magazine, and trade paper articles on the topics of defense and aeronautics. The index goes back to 1988 and can be searched by author, subject, article title, journal title, and date range. Search results do not link to the full-text versions of the articles, but the Air University Library provides a list of indexed periodicals with online editions.

Subject(s): Defense Research

Publication(s): *Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals*, D 301.26/2:

438. Army Research Laboratory (ARL)

<http://www.arl.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Materiel Command

Description: ARL's Web site provides information about its organization, research, and funding opportunities. ARL's research directorates include computational and information science, sensors and electron devices, survivability and lethality analysis, weapons and materials research, human research and engineering, and vehicle technology. Research and Analysis Programs include robotics, precision guided missiles, tactical communications, and battlefield weather research. Each is described in more detail at the Web site. A separate section provides information about doing business with ARL.

Subject(s): Military Computing; Military Research Laboratories; Weapons Research

439. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center

<http://www.cbrniac.apgea.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center

Description: The Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center (CBRNIAC) serves as a focal point for technical information for the Department of Defense. Access to many of the products and services on the CBRNIAC Web site is limited to the Defense Department and other government agencies and their approved contractors.

Subject(s): Biological Warfare; Chemical Warfare; Information Analysis Centers

440. Combating Terrorism Center at West Point

<http://www.ctc.usma.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Army—United States Military Academy (USMA)

Description: The Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) conducts education, research, and policy analysis on such topics as terrorism, counterterrorism, homeland security, and weapons of mass destruction. Along with information about the study program, the CTC Web site has current studies, images, and original documents related to international terrorism.

Subject(s): Terrorism—Research

441. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

<http://www.darpa.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

Description: DARPA, founded in 1958 as the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), manages research and development to promote the technological superiority of the U.S. military. The DARPA Web site features an overview and history of the agency, with links to the Web sites of its component offices. Each DARPA office section has extensive information about current and completed projects. The Funding Opportunities section has information on DARPA solicitations and small business funding opportunities. The Web site's search feature includes the agency's staff directory.

Subject(s): Military Technology—Research

442. Defense Science Board (DSB)

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics

Description: The Defense Science Board advises the Department of Defense leadership on matters relating to science, technology, research, engineering, manufacturing, and the acquisition process. DSB accomplishes much of its work through special task forces. The DSB Web site lists current task forces and their missions; it also has PDF copies of past task force reports.

Subject(s): Military Technology; Defense Research

Publication(s): *DSB Newsletter*, D 1.107/2:

443. DoD Biometrics

<http://www.biometrics.dod.mil>

Sponsor(s): Army—Biometrics Management Office

Description: DoD Biometrics is the central Web site for information about research, testing, standards development, collaboration, and other work in support of Department of Defense biometrics applications. Biometrics consists of the tools to verify the identity of an individual based on distinct and measurable physiological characteristics, such as fingerprints. This Web site has information about the program and about biometrics, including a basic tutorial, glossary, and news stories on the topic.

Subject(s): Biometrics—Research

Publication(s): *The Biometric Scan*

444. DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program

<http://www.hpcmo.hpc.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—High Performance Computing Modernization Program (HPCMP)

Description: HPCMP provides supercomputer services, high-speed network communications, and computational science expertise for the research, development, and test activities of the Department of Defense laboratories and test centers. Its Web site provides information about the program and related high performance computing activities.

While focusing on military HPC, this site will be of interest to others in the HPC community.

Subject(s): High Performance Computing; Military Computing

Publication(s): *High Performance Computing Modernization Program Annual Report*

445. DTIC Online

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/search/tr/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)

Description: DTIC is a Department of Defense (DoD) Field Activity for scientific, research, and engineering information services. It offers the Defense community, including contractors and DoD-funded researchers, a broad range of services for locating and delivering technical reports, research summaries, summaries of independent research and development, and other relevant publications. DTIC also offers publicly accessible databases on this Web site.

The Search menu at the top of the home page includes an option to “Search DoD Sites & Collections”; this is a search of public military information on the Internet. The Technical Reports menu option searches technical reports generated for and by the Department of Defense; this database was formerly known as Public STINET and its direct Web address is listed above as the alternate URL. The MultiSearch option searches numerous military and civilian government Web databases; researchers can select which combination of databases to search.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information; Databases

Publication(s): *DTIC Review*, D 10.11/2:1/1

446. Foreign Military Studies Office

<http://fmso.leavenworth.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Foreign Military Studies Office (FMSO)

Description: According to its Web site, FMSO “conducts analytical programs focused on emerging and asymmetric threats, regional military and security developments, and other issues.” Many of the FMSO analytical products are available online, organized by country, world region, and topic.

Subject(s): Military Intelligence; Defense Research

447. Information Analysis Centers

<http://iac.dtic.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)

Description: This site provides a central directory for home pages of the Department of Defense and other military Information Analysis Centers (IACs). The IACs establish databases of historical, technical, scientific, and other data and information on a variety of technical topics. Information collections include unclassified, limited

distribution, and classified information. The IACs also provide analytical tools such as models and simulations. Most of the home pages of the IACs describe the databases that they maintain, although they rarely provide public access.

The IACs include Advanced Materials, Manufacturing, and Testing; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense; Chemical Propulsion; Data and Analysis Center for Software; Information Assurance Technology; Modeling and Simulation; Military Sensing; Reliability; Survivability/Vulnerability; Weapon Systems Technology; Airfields, Pavements, and Mobility; Coastal Engineering; Concrete Technology; Defense Threat Reduction; Environment; Hydraulic Engineering; Shock and Vibration; and Soil Mechanics.

Many of the resources from the IACs will only be of interest to the defense community due to the access restrictions. However, there are a few databases that have unclassified material available.

Subject(s): Information Analysis Centers; Military Information; Scientific and Technical Information

448. Information Assurance Technology Analysis Center

<http://iac.dtic.mil/iatac/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Information Assurance Technology Analysis Center (IATAC)

Description: IATAC is charged with gathering information on information assurance technologies and system vulnerabilities while providing analyses to support effective defenses against information warfare attacks. Under Products, the IATAC Web site provides an information assurance newsletter and news digest. Under Resources, the Links section identifies government, military, commercial, and academic Web sites on the topics of information security and intelligence. Some other sections of the site are not open to the public.

Subject(s): Computer Security; Electronic Warfare; Information Analysis Centers

449. Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS)

<http://www.ndu.edu/inss/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Defense University (NDU)

Description: INSS conducts policy research and analysis for senior U.S. military decision makers and for decision makers in the executive branch and in Congress. INSS includes the National Strategic Gaming Center. This Web site has information on the INSS, its research themes, reports, and symposia. See the NDU Press section for full access to INSS publications.

Subject(s): Defense Research

Publication(s): *INSS Special Reports*, D 5.417:

McNair Papers, D 5.416:

Strategic Forum, Institute for National Strategic Studies, D 5.417:

450. LANL: National Security

<http://www.lanl.gov/natlsecurity/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Description: As stated on the Web site, “Los Alamos National Laboratory is a national security science laboratory.” This site highlights the research being done at LANL on the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile and threat reduction. The Threat Reduction section of the site discusses battlefield technologies and biothreats.

Subject(s): National Security—Research; Nuclear Weapons—Research

451. Modeling and Simulation Information Analysis Center

<http://www.dod-msiac.org/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Modeling and Simulation Information Analysis Center (MSIAC)

Description: Featuring information about MSIAC's services and products, this site offers public access to *M&S Journal Online*, links to other modeling and simulation Web sites, and a link to the Defense Department's modeling and simulation glossary.

Subject(s): Information Analysis Centers; Military Computing

Publication(s): *M&S Journal Online*

452. Naval Research Laboratory

<http://www.nrl.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)

Description: This is the main page for the many directorates and divisions of NRL. The laboratory's research focus is broad, covering scientific areas within the realm of sea, sky, and space. Major research areas include oceanography and atmospheric science, ocean acoustics, marine meteorology and geosciences, remote oceanic and atmospheric sensing, and space technology. NRL also has a Nanoscience Institute. The Web site includes the sections About NRL, Accomplishments, Research, Doing Business with NRL, News Room, and Field Sites sections. Fellowships and student opportunities are described in the Accept the Challenge section. The search section has a word search feature and also provides links to NRL's component Web sites. Publications can be found in the News Room section.

Subject(s): Navy—Research; Research Laboratories

Publication(s): *NRL Fact Book*, D 201.17/3:

NRL Review, D 210.17/2:

453. SCAMPI—Staff College Automated Military Periodicals Index

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/scampi/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Defense University (NDU)

Description: SCAMPI indexes defense-related magazines and journals, such as *Joint Force Quarterly* and *Seapower*, from 1985 to the present.

Subject(s): Military Information

Publication(s): *Joint Force Quarterly*

Seapower

454. SENSIAAC: Military Sensing Information Analysis Center

<http://www.sensiac.gatech.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)

Description: SENSIAAC focuses on sensing technologies for military use, such as infrared sensors, laser systems, radar, underwater acoustics, and seismic sensors. Only the most general information is available free of charge on this Web site; many of these are in the Resources section.

Subject(s): Military Technology—Research

455. Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center

<http://iac.dtic.mil/surviac/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.bahdayton.com/surviac/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center (SURVIAC)

Description: SURVIAC is a Department of Defense information analysis center concerned with nonnuclear survivability/vulnerability data, information, methodologies, models, and analysis related to U.S. and foreign aeronautical and surface systems. Access to some sections of the site is restricted, but the *Aircraft Survivability* and *SURVIAC Bulletin* periodicals are available free of charge in the Libraries, Databases, & Publications section.

Subject(s): Information Analysis Centers; Weapons Systems—Research

Publication(s): *Aircraft Survivability*
SURVIAC Bulletin

456. U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth

<http://www.leavenworth.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army

Description: The Combined Arms Center (CAC) is the largest organization at the Fort Leavenworth Army Garrison. The Web site covers each of the many organizations, functions, centers, schools, and special activities of the CAC. These include the Center for Army Leadership, the Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, the Command and General Staff College, the Combat Studies Institute, the Aviation Warfighting Center, and Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, among others. Some links on the site may only be accessible to military users.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education

457. U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID)

<http://www.usamriid.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Medical Command

Description: USAMRIID researches and develops medical solutions to protect troops from biological threats. Its Web site has information about the institute's achievements, current news, and technology transfer opportunities. The Scientific Publications section provides a bibliography of staff-authored journal articles. The Reference Materials section includes downloadable copies of textbooks and manuals.

Subject(s): Bioterrorism; Military Medicine

Publication(s): *Defense Against Toxin Weapons*, D 101.2:

Medical Management of Biological Casualties Handbook, D 101.6/5:

458. USAF Counterproliferation Center (CPC)

<http://cpc.au.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air University

Description: Hosted by Air University, the CPC conducts counterproliferation research and education for the Air Force. Its Web site serves as a portal to military, civilian government, and private sources of online information related to weapons of mass destruction. The main page links to general counterproliferation policy papers, publications, conferences, documents, and laws. Specific subject-oriented pages link to online resources on nuclear weapons, biological warfare, chemical weapons, terrorism, treaties, and other related topics.

This large portal takes a disciplined approach to explaining counterproliferation doctrine and organizing links to numerous valuable Web sites from a variety of sources. Researchers seeking official documents on the topic may wish to make this their first stop online.

Subject(s): Arms Control; Weapons Research

459. Weapons Systems Technology Information Analysis Center (WSTIAC)

<http://wstiac.alionscience.com/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Weapons Systems Technology Information Analysis Center (WSTIAC)

Description: WSTIAC is the defense community's central information service for advanced technologies research relevant to weapons systems. A bibliographic database, portal to related Web sites, and the *WSTIAC Quarterly* journal are available to the public from this site. Many other sections of the site are restricted to authorized users.

Subject(s): Information Analysis Centers; Weapons Research

Publication(s): *WSTIAC Quarterly*

Homeland Security

460. Center for Homeland Defense and Security

<http://www.chds.us/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

Description: NPS's Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) provides educational programs for government and military leaders. Its Web site has information on the program, an index of faculty published papers, and the full text of master's theses from the program. The center's online Homeland Security Digital Library section is open to federal, state, tribal, and local government officials; homeland security researchers and academics; the U.S. military; and "security staff protecting organizations vital to U.S. infrastructure," but is not available to the general public. Eligible users must register for access. The center's *Homeland Security Affairs* journal is publicly available on the site.

Subject(s): Homeland Security—Research; Military Training and Education

Publication(s): *Homeland Security Affairs*

461. Civil Air Patrol

<http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.cap.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

Description: CAP is a nonprofit corporation that operates as the all-volunteer civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force when performing services for the federal government and files an annual report to Congress. CAP flies U.S. inland search and rescue missions and supports disaster relief, humanitarian assistance efforts, drug interdiction, and the U.S. Air Force homeland defense. Its Web site describes these core operations, CAP aerospace education and cadet programs, and joining CAP. The News section of the site carries press releases and the online magazine *Civil Air Patrol Volunteer*.

In 2009, CAP is transitioning its Web site content from an official government Web address to the .com address listed above.

Subject(s): Civil Air Patrol

Publication(s): *Civil Air Patrol Volunteer*

462. Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB)

<http://www.dnfsb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

Description: DNFSB is responsible for independent, external safety oversight of the Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear weapons complex. Its Web site offers information about the board's members and organizational structure. The Public Documents section organizes DNFSB documents by type, with subsections including Recommendations and Technical Reports; an interactive map on the site's home page provides access to the same documents by DOE nuclear site name. The Public Documents section also includes annual reports to Congress and public hearings information.

Subject(s): Nuclear Weapons

Publication(s): *DNFSB Site Representatives Weekly Activities Report*, Y 3.D 36/3:11
DNFSB Staff Issue Reports, Y 3.D 36/3:12
DNFSB Technical Reports, Y 3.D 36/3:9
Recommendations of the DNFSB, Y 3.D 36/3:10

463. Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.dhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department

Description: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was formed in January 2003 by consolidating many existing agencies and agency divisions whose missions relate to domestic defense. The DHS Web site organizes information into thematic sections, including Information Sharing and Analysis, Prevention and Protection, Preparedness and Response, Research, Commerce and Trade, Travel Security, and Immigration. Each of these sections has current news, publications, grants, laws, program links, and background information. Links to the freestanding Web sites of component agencies, such as the Transportation Security Administration, are usually included in these sections. A complete list of links to component agencies and offices is provided in the About the Department section along with budget information, major reports, an organization chart, and guidance on major laws and regulations.

Information is also organized for specific audiences: citizens, first responders, businesses, and governments. The Press Room section has news, speeches, and congressional testimony. The Open for Business section has information on DHS procurement, contracting, and grants.

Researchers may also want to check the Web sites of DHS component agencies for detailed information. Many DHS component agencies are described elsewhere in this publication.

Subject(s): Homeland Security

Publication(s): *National Strategy for Homeland Security*
U.S. Department of Homeland Security Strategic Plan

464. Department of Homeland Security SBIR Program

<https://www.sbir.dhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department

Description: DHS participates in the federal government's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant program. This official Web site presents information about solicitations, proposal review, and awards. (The Small Business Administration has additional information about the SBIR program on its Web site, which is described elsewhere in this book.)

Subject(s): Grants; Homeland Security—Research; Small Business—Grants

465. Departmental Representative to the DNFSB

<http://www.hss.energy.gov/dep/dep/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is an independent entity within the executive branch. The departmental representative manages the Energy Department's role on the board and is concerned with health and safety issues related to Department of Energy nuclear facilities. This Web site offers information about the Office of the Departmental Representative and access to documents such as board recommendations and transcripts of public meetings.

Subject(s): Nuclear Weapons

466. DTRALink

<http://www.dtra.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)

Description: DTRA addresses the threat of weapons of mass destruction (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high explosives) with combat support, technology development, threat control, and threat reduction. DTRALink provides background information on the agency and its work. The News Media section includes fact sheets, news releases, and publications. The site also has information on the Nuclear Test Personnel Review to assist veterans who received doses of radiation while participating in U.S. atmospheric nuclear tests during the Cold War era.

Subject(s): National Defense; Radiation Exposure

467. FBI National Security Branch

<http://www.fbi.gov/hq/nsb/nsb.htm>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Description: The FBI National Security Branch (NSB) was established in 2005 to combine the bureau's counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and intelligence resources. The NSB Web site has news and background information about the branch. It also links to the Web pages for the NSB Counterterrorism Division, Counterintelligence Division, Directorate of Intelligence, and Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate. The Counterterrorism Division page has a most wanted list and a form for reporting tips. It also provides information on the National Counterterrorism Center and the Terrorism Screening Center; the latter has a section explaining the Terrorist Screening Database, which is used to screen air travelers and others. The Counterintelligence Division page includes information on the threat of economic espionage.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Terrorism

468. Homeland Security Advisory Council

http://www.dhs.gov/xinfo/share/committees/editorial_0331.shtml

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department

Description: The Homeland Security Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the secretary of homeland security. The council includes members from state and local government, academia, and the private sector. Its Web site contains member information, meeting minutes, and completed task force reports.

Subject(s): Homeland Security

469. Homeland Security Research

<http://www.epa.gov/nhsrc/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—National Homeland Security Research Center (NHSRC)

Description: EPA's National Homeland Security Research Center develops expertise and technology to counter public health and environmental emergencies arising from terrorist incidents. The Web site has publications and background information on the center's research in such areas as decontamination, water infrastructure protection, and the rapid evaluation of chemical, biological, and radiological risks.

Subject(s): Public Health—Research; Terrorism

470. Information Sharing Environment

<http://www.ise.gov>

Sponsor(s): Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Description: The Information Sharing Environment (ISE) activity was developed in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. ISE works to promote information sharing between all levels of government and with the private sector and foreign partners. The Web site links to documents relevant to the establishment and operation of ISE and describes ISE privacy guidelines. The site also describes work with state, local, and tribal governments including information fusion centers and the Interagency Threat Assessment Coordination Group.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement Policy; Terrorism

471. Integrated Deepwater System (IDS)

<http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/deepwater/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Coast Guard

Description: The Coast Guard's IDS Program is a large acquisitions program intended to upgrade ships, aircraft, information systems, and logistics capabilities for deepwater—rather than coastal or inland—missions. Deepwater is defined on the IDS Web site as “beyond the normal operating range, approximately 50 miles from shore.” The site tracks the status of the program and provides links to congressional activity and published reports.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Military Aircraft; Military Ships

472. Missile Defense Agency

<http://www.mda.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Missile Defense Agency (MDA)

Description: MDA is charged with developing an integrated missile defense system. The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) became the MDA in 2002, elevating the organization to agency status. The agency's Web site explains the basics of missile defense, budget information, a glossary, and a guide to doing business with MDA. The News/Resources section includes images and videos of missile defense systems, fact sheets, environmental impact documents, and congressional testimony.

Subject(s): Missile Defense

473. National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

<http://www.9-11commission.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/911/>

Sponsor(s): National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

Description: The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States—

also known as the 9-11 Commission—was an independent, bipartisan commission charged with investigating the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The 9-11 Commission issued its final public report in July 2004 and closed in August 2004. Documents at the site include the final report, video and transcript archives of the 12 public hearings, and staff monographs on terrorist financing and terrorist travel. The Press section includes photos and press releases.

This site is archived and will not be updated further. It has been kept online in its archived state by the National Archives and Records Administration and was still online at the time of this writing. The 9-11 Commission site has also been archived at the University of North Texas Libraries' CyberCemetery Web site, located at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Terrorism

Publication(s): *9/11 and Terrorist Travel: Staff Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks*, Y 3.2:T 27/2/T 69

Eighth Public Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (March 23–24, 2004), Y 3.2:

Eleventh Public Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (May 18–19, 2004), Y 3.2:

Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (May 22–23, 2003), Y 3.2:

Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Fourth Public Hearing, Intelligence and the War on Terrorism (October 14, 2003), Y 3.2:

Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Subject, Private-Public Sector Partnerships for Emergency Preparedness (November 19, 2003), Y 3.2:

Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Subject, Sixth Public Hearing (December 8, 2003), Y 3.2:

Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Terrorism, Al Qaeda, and the Muslim World (July 9, 2003), Y 3.2:

Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Witness, Dr. Condoleezza Rice (April 8, 2004), Y 3.2:

Monograph on Terrorist Financing: Staff Report to the Commission, Y 3.2:T 27/2/F 49

National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Public Hearing (April 1, 2003), Y 3.2:

National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Public Hearing (March 31, 2003), Y 3.2:

Seventh Public Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Subject—Borders, Transportation and Managing Risks (January 26–27, 2004), Y 3.2:

Tenth Public Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (April 13–14, 2004), Y 3.2:

The 9/11 Commission Report. Executive Summary, Y 3.2:T 27/2/FINAL/EXEC.SUM

The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks, Y 3.2:T 27/2/FINAL

Twelfth Public Hearing of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (June 16–17, 2004), Y 3.2:

474. National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)

<http://www.nnsa.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—National Nuclear Security Administration

Description: NNSA, a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy, officially began operations on March 1, 2000. Its mission is to carry out the national security responsibilities of the Department of Energy, including maintenance of nuclear weapons, promotion of international nuclear safety and nonproliferation, and management of the naval nuclear propulsion program. The Defense Programs section of the NNSA Web site covers the Stockpile Stewardship Program. Other sections focus on nuclear nonproliferation, naval reactors, and nuclear security. The About NNSA section includes information about the agency's programs, budget, and NNSA-managed locations.

Subject(s): Nuclear Weapons

Publication(s): *NNSA News*

475. Ready.gov

<http://www.ready.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.listo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department

Description: The Ready.gov Web site provides advice on preparing for potential terrorist attacks or other emergencies. Advice is divided into sections for America (citizens), businesses, and kids. The America section includes advice for military families, seniors, people with disabilities and special needs, and people with pets. Checklists and brochures can be downloaded in PDF format.

A Spanish-language version of the site is available at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Disaster Preparedness; Homeland Security

476. Rewards for Justice

<http://www.rewardsforjustice.net/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Diplomatic Security Bureau

Description: This Web site promotes awareness of the Department of State's monetary awards program for information that assists in countering acts of international terrorism against the United States. The site includes photos and information about the most wanted terrorists. An Acts of Terror section catalogs international terrorist incidents in which crimes were committed against U.S. citizens or property. Information about the rewards program is available in over 10 languages, including Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian, German, Farsi, and Pashtu.

Subject(s): Terrorism

477. SAFETY Act

<http://www.safetyact.gov>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department

Description: The SAFETY Act, part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296), provides liability protections for sellers of qualified anti-terrorism products. This Web site provides information about the legislation and applications for the SAFETY Act Designation or Certification for products.

Subject(s): Business—Regulations

478. Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

<http://www.tsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Description: TSA was established within the Department of Transportation in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; it has since been transferred to the Department of Homeland Security. The agency has responsibility for transportation security nationwide. The TSA Web site provides current news about travel security and information on the agency's mission, organization, and operations. The For Travelers portion of the site includes lists of items prohibited in carry-on or checked luggage, tips for travelers with disabilities or medical conditions, and information about security by mode of transport (air, highway, and railroad). The Research Center section covers a variety of topics, including the Aviation Security Advisory Committee, FOIA, civil rights and privacy issues, security fees, and security laws and regulations.

The TSA Web site makes information easy to find. Links for making a complaint or providing feedback are prominently displayed on the home page.

Subject(s): Aviation Safety; Transportation Security

479. U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/nssg/>

Sponsor(s): Commission on National Security/21st Century (USCNS/21)

Description: The U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century, also known as the Hart-Rudman Commission, was a bipartisan, independent advisory commission charged with thinking comprehensively and creatively about how the United States should provide for its national security during the first quarter of the 21st century. The commission issued its final report in February 2001. Its Web site has been archived by the University of North Texas Libraries Government Documents Department. (As part of the Federal Depository Library Program, the UNT Libraries and Government Printing Office created a partnership to provide permanent public access to the Web sites and publications of defunct U.S. government agencies and commissions.)

The site featured three debate forums: Institutional Redesign, Securing the National Homeland, and Recapitalizing America's Science and Education. Other sections include About Us, Reports, and News. The commission's final report is available in PDF format.

After the events of September 11, 2001, the commission's final report became an important reference document about security issues in the United States pertaining to terrorism. UNT Libraries has been able to archive the report and the entire Web site is preserved exactly as it appeared when it was taken offline in 2004.

Subject(s): National Security—Policy

Publication(s): *Road Map for National Security: Imperative for Change: The Phase III Report of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century*, PR 43.2:SE 1/R 53/FINAL

480. United States Secret Service

<http://www.secretservice.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Secret Service

Description: The United States Secret Service was transferred in 2003 from the Department of the Treasury, where it was founded in 1865, to the Department of Homeland Security. The Secret Service has a role in protecting the president, vice

president, former U.S. presidents, visiting foreign dignitaries, and other leaders, as well as investigating counterfeiting and other financial crimes. On the Web site, the Protection section covers the high-profile presidential security role. Under Investigations, the Know Your Money subsection provides details on how to detect counterfeit currency and guard against forgery loss. Other sections cover Secret Service history, most wanted fugitives, and employment opportunities.

Although the Secret Service does not discuss details of its security operations, its Web site is designed to give clear answers to many of the questions the public might have. The Frequently Asked Questions section answers such questions as “Who is the Secret Service authorized to protect?” and “How long do former presidents receive Secret Service protection after they leave office?”

Subject(s): Counterfeiting; Homeland Security; Law Enforcement

481. USDOJ National Security Division

<http://www.usdoj.gov/nsd/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/nsd/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—National Security Division (NSD)

Description: The National Security Division was created within the Justice Department in 2006 to combat terrorism and other threats to national security. The Web site describes the division’s component offices: the Counterterrorism Section, the Counterespionage Section, the Office of Intelligence, the Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism, and the Law and Policy Office. The Counterespionage Section manages the administration and enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), and the Web site links to FARA registration and the FARA document database. The Electronic Reading Room, within the NSD FOIA section, provides the Annual Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Report to Congress. This annual document reports applications made by the government for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and physical search for foreign intelligence purposes under FISA.

Subject(s): National Security; Terrorism

Intelligence

482. Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency

<http://www.afisr.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AFISR)

Description: The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency—formerly known as the Air Intelligence Agency—is headquartered at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The Web site features news and video, leadership biographies, and unit information.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies; Military Intelligence

483. Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR)

<http://www.state.gov/s/inr/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The Department of State’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) analyzes intelligence to support U.S. diplomacy. INR is a member of the U.S. intelligence community. Its Web site provides information about the Title VIII grants program, which supports advanced research, language, and graduate training pro-

grams conducted by U.S.-based organizations. The site also has INR's Independent States in the World and Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty lists, which give the department's official short and long names and standard country codes for independent countries and dependencies of the world.

Subject(s): Intelligence; Language Education—Grants

484. Central Intelligence Agency

<http://www.cia.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

Description: The CIA Web site has information about the agency, its directorates and centers, CIA careers, news, history, and a CIA Kids' Page. Other sections include a Virtual Tour of the CIA, Frequently Asked Questions, and the CIA Museum. Full-text, bibliographic, and order information for CIA maps and publications can be found in the Library section. The full-text versions of two major reference publications, *The World Factbook* and *Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments*, are regularly updated on the site.

The Offices section includes information on the Directorate of Intelligence, the National Clandestine Service, and the Directorate of Science and Technology. The Library section includes information on the Center for the Study of Intelligence and the Kent Center, along with their publications. The Library section also contains the CIA's FOIA Electronic Reading Room.

The availability of *The World Factbook* and *Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments* makes the CIA Web site an important reference source.

Subject(s): Foreign Countries; Intelligence Agencies

Publication(s): *Center for the Study of Intelligence (General Publications)*, PREX 3.17:

Center for the Study of Intelligence (Monographs), PREX 3.18:

Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments, PREX 3.11/2:

Comprehensive Report of the Special Advisor to the DCI on Iraq's WMD, PREX 3.2:

Studies in Intelligence, PREX 3.19:

The World Factbook, PREX 3.15/2:

485. CIA Electronic Reading Room

<http://www.foia.cia.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

Description: This is the CIA's public gateway for access to agency documents through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The centerpiece is a searchable database called the "25-year Program Archive Search," a searchable database of declassified documents; known as "CREST," this database is described in another entry in this book section. The Frequently Requested Records section of the Web site has the full text of a small set of frequently requested documents such as the Bay of Pigs report and Vietnam POW/MIA documents. The Special Collections Center includes documents related to former CIA Director Richard Helms, documents from the National Intelligence Council, and other themed collections. The Your Rights section identifies the laws governing the release of documents.

The CIA Electronic Reading Room will answer the basic questions a researcher may have about FOIA and other access to declassified documents from the CIA. Researchers may also want to check the Web site of the private National Security

Archive group (<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>), which maintains a repository of declassified documents obtained through FOIA.

Subject(s): Declassified Documents; Freedom of Information Act; Intelligence

486. Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD Commission)

<http://www.wmd.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/wmd/>

Sponsor(s): Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction

Description: The WMD Commission closed its offices in May 2005 after making its final report. Its Web site is still available at the primary URL listed above at the time of this writing. The site has also been archived at the University of North Texas Libraries' CyberCemetery; this site can be found at the alternate URL listed above. The site includes the final report and information about the WMD Commission and its members.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies

Publication(s): *The Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction Report to the President of the United States*, PREX 1.19:

487. Counterintelligence Field Activity

<http://www.cifa.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The Defense Department Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA), established in 2002, works to detect and stop foreign espionage. The CIFA Web site has information on its mission, history, and employment and contracting offices.

Subject(s): Military Intelligence

488. CREST Finding Aid

http://www.foia.cia.gov/search_archive.asp

Sponsor(s): Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

Description: This CIA site provides searchable access to the index of the CIA CREST (CIA Records Search Tool) database. The CREST full-text collection of declassified CIA documents can only be used in person at the main Maryland campus of the National Archives. The CIA refers to the index as the "25-Year Program Archive Search" because it is designed to include historically valuable records 25 years old or older. This index has citations to the full-text documents but does not include the documents themselves. Citations include the ESDN tracking number to be used when submitting a FOIA request to the CIA.

Subject(s): Declassified Documents; Intelligence

489. Defense Intelligence Agency

<http://www.dia.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)

Description: DIA provides military intelligence to warfighters, defense planners, and defense and national security policymakers. Its Web site has information about DIA's organization and history, and employment and contracting opportunities with the agency. The National Defense Intelligence College has its own section on the site. The Images and Video section has an extensive image library, military art

collection, and the Terrorist Recognition Card collection (with images of terrorists and related biographic information).

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies; Military Intelligence

490. IARPA

<http://www.iarpa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Description: The Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) invests in cutting-edge research to advance U.S. intelligence capabilities. The Web site provides information about the organization, its programs, news, and events.

Subject(s): Intelligence—Research

491. In-Q-Tel

<http://in-q-tel.com/>

Sponsor(s): In-Q-Tel

Description: In-Q-Tel is a private, nonprofit enterprise funded by the CIA. It was established to help apply new commercial information technologies to intelligence and analysis. The In-Q-Tel Web site has information about the organization's history, mission, and leadership. The Technology Portfolio section gives an overview of In-Q-Tel's focus in such areas as application software, nanotechnology, and digital identity.

Subject(s): Information Technology; Intelligence

492. Marine Corps Intelligence Department

<http://hqinet001.hqmc.usmc.mil/DirInt/default.html>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps

Description: The Marine Corps Intelligence Department is part of the U.S. intelligence community. The department's Web site has basic information about its mission, functions, and organization. Organizational acronyms link to further information from each of the department's branches.

Subject(s): Military Intelligence

493. National Counterterrorism Center

<http://www.nctc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Description: The National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) serves as the nation's central point for integrating and analyzing intelligence pertaining to terrorism and counterterrorism. The NCTC site provides background information about the agency and its role. The Worldwide Incident Tracking System on the site is NCTC's database of known terrorist incidents. The site also features a Counterterrorism Calendar each year, which can be printed from a PDF file or used online in an interactive fashion. The calendar includes anniversaries of terrorist incidents and profiles of terrorist groups and individuals.

Subject(s): Terrorism

494. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

<http://www.nga.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)

Description: NGA, formerly known as the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), is an intelligence and combat support agency with expertise in cartography, geospatial analysis, imagery analysis, geodesy, and related disciplines. The Products and Services section of its Web site describes the agency's geospatial intel-

ligence data and imagery; in many cases, these are only available to authorized personnel. When a data product is available through a commercial vendor or another government source, this is indicated. The categories within Products and Services also lead to more detailed information about the work of NGA. The Newsroom section of the site includes RSS news feeds with press releases and business opportunity announcements.

Subject(s): Maps and Mapping; Military Intelligence

Publication(s): *GEOnet Names Server (database)*, D 5.319/2:

Notice to Mariners, D 5.315:

Pathfinder: The Geospatial Intelligence Magazine

495. National Intelligence Council

<http://www.dni.gov/nic/>

Sponsor(s): Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Description: The National Intelligence Council (NIC) reports to the Office of Director of National Intelligence on matters of mid-term and long-term strategic thinking. The NIC Web site has information about its history, mission, and organization. Its primary product is the Estimate, or forward-looking assessment. The Declassified NIC Publications section highlights past National Intelligence Estimates for China, Vietnam, and Yugoslavia. In this same section, the Other Publications link points to the searchable NIC collection of declassified documents at the CIA FOIA Electronic Reading Room.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies

Publication(s): *Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World*

496. National Reconnaissance Office

<http://www.nro.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

Description: As part of the U.S. intelligence community, the NRO designs, builds, and operates the nation's reconnaissance satellites. The Web site provides an agency overview, press releases, and contracting information. One section is dedicated to information, photos, and videos about Corona, the first photoreconnaissance satellite system.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies

497. National Security Agency—Central Security Service

<http://www.nsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Security Agency (NSA)

Description: Specializing in cryptology, NSA works to protect U.S. information systems security and to produce foreign intelligence. The Web site's About NSA section includes leadership biographies, answers to frequently asked questions, and overviews of the Information Assurance and Signal Intelligence fields. A Cryptologic Heritage section has information on NSA history, the National Cryptologic Museum, and the Center for Cryptologic History. The Research section includes published staff work, technology transfer information, and a feature on security-enhanced Linux. The Public Information section links to press releases, congressional testimony, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) releases, and information from NSA's own declassification initiatives.

Subject(s): Cryptography and Encryption; Intelligence Agencies

498. National Security Archive

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>

Sponsor(s): National Security Archive

Description: The National Security Archive is a private, independent research institute and library located at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Despite the official-sounding name, it is not a government agency. The archive collects and publishes declassified documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Only a fraction of the archive's holdings are online; nevertheless, the online offerings are significant.

The documents section of the site includes "electronic briefing books," collections of scanned declassified documents along with National Security Archive analysis. The collections are grouped by topic, such as nuclear history. These online briefing books are free; other formal collections and analysis are available for purchase. The FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) section of the site includes the downloadable guide "Effective FOIA Searching for Everyone" and information on document classification.

The National Security Archive provides a valuable research service offline, with its archive of declassified U.S. documents obtained through FOIA and its own print and microform publications. The online collections meet some popular information needs and present documents with contextual commentary identifying the people and events related to the documents.

Subject(s): Declassified Documents; Foreign Policy—Research; Freedom of Information Act

499. National Virtual Translation Center

<http://www.nvtc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Virtual Translation Center

Description: The National Virtual Translation Center (NVTC) is an interagency enterprise supported by agencies in the defense and intelligence communities. NVTC acts as a clearinghouse for facilitating interagency use of translators, and it partners with government, academia, and private industry to identify translator resources and engage their services. The NVTC Web site discusses its mission and employment with NVTC. The Links section of the site links to numerous translation associations and certificate programs.

Subject(s): Foreign Languages; Language Education

500. Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)

<http://www.nmic.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Intelligence Office

Description: This Web site has basic information about ONI, its leadership, and its employment opportunities. The History section, under the This Is ONI heading, provides a brief illustrated history of ONI since its founding in 1882.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies; Military Intelligence

501. Office of the Director of National Intelligence

<http://www.dni.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Description: The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) was established by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458), following a recommendation of the 9-11 Commission. The director is the principal adviser to the president on intelligence, separate from the CIA. The Web site includes an interactive organization chart and sections on major ODNI

organizations, including the Information Sharing Environment, the National Counterterrorism Center, the National Intelligence Council, and the National Counterintelligence Executive.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies

Publication(s): *National Intelligence Strategy of the United States of America*, PREX 28.2:

502. Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive

<http://www.ncix.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive

Description: The National Counterintelligence Executive is charged with improving the performance of U.S. counterintelligence efforts. This Web site has information about the office, its mission, and organization. Under the Publications heading, the site provides the text of counterintelligence laws and booklets with advice about economic espionage and protecting oneself while traveling abroad. Under the CI Issues heading, the site offers a four-volume reader on the evolution of U.S. counterintelligence in PDF format, beginning with the American Revolutionary War.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies

Publication(s): *Annual Report to Congress on Foreign Economic Collection and Industrial Espionage*

National Counterintelligence Strategy of the United States, Y 3.C 83/2:15/

503. Open Source Center

<http://www.opensource.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)—Open Source Center (OSC)

Description: The Open Source Center Web site is only available to registered, qualified government and military employees and government contractors. It provides English translations of news and information from a wide array of unclassified international sources. The Open Source Center was established as part of the CIA in late 2005; it absorbed the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS), which previously published English translations of foreign broadcasts and printed news.

Subject(s): Intelligence—International; News Services

504. OpenNet

<http://www.osti.gov/opennet/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Nuclear and National Security Information Office

Description: The Department of Energy's OpenNet database consists of references to government documents declassified (or never classified) and made publicly available after October 1, 1994. The documents concern nuclear weapons testing, studies of the effects of radiation, and related activities of the U.S. and other governments. The site's Advanced Search function includes the ability to search full-text documents, as well as limit searches by declassification status, document location, and other factors. The main page of the Web site links to the Department's *Report on Inadvertent Releases of Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data under Executive Order 12958* (as presented to Congress) and other Department of Energy Openness Initiative products.

Subject(s): Declassified Documents; Nuclear Weapons—History

Publication(s): *Report on Inadvertent Releases of Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data under Executive Order 12958*, E 1.143:

505. U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM)

<http://www.inscom.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Intelligence and Security Command

Description: INSCOM conducts intelligence, security, and information operations for military commanders and national decision makers. The central INSCOM Web site links to its major subordinate commands (MSCs). The site also has information on business opportunities with INSCOM.

Subject(s): Military Intelligence

Publication(s): *INSCOM Insight*

506. United States Intelligence Community

<http://www.intelligence.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Description: This Web site serves as a central location for learning about the agencies and offices that comprise the U.S. intelligence community. The site explains the IC's structure, missions, and membership. It also has a recruitment page for those interested in careers in intelligence.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies

507. University of Military Intelligence

<http://www.universityofmilitaryintelligence.us/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Intelligence Center

Description: The University of Military Intelligence Web site includes information on registration, courses, and the campus. The MI Library section offers reading lists and Web portals on topics related to military intelligence. The site also features the quarterly *Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin (MIPB)*.

Subject(s): Military Intelligence

Publication(s): *Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin (MIPB)*, D 101.84:

Military Morale and Welfare

508. Air Force Bands Program

<http://www.bands.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Bands

Description: This site provides extensive background information on the Air Force Bands and Air National Guard Bands, including performance schedules, requests for performances, and position openings in the bands.

Subject(s): Military Bands; Music

509. Air Force Crossroads

<http://www.afcrossroads.com/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force

Description: Air Force Crossroads is the official community Web site of the U.S. Air Force. The site offers a multitude of links to information important to Air Force family members on topics such as casualty and loss, Department of Defense installations, education, employment, family separation and readiness, finances, and relocation.

Subject(s): Military Morale and Welfare

510. Air Force Surgeon General

<http://www.sg.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Medical Service

Description: The Air Force Surgeon General Web site provides information on the Air Force Medical Service, news, leadership, photos, congressional testimony, and history.

Subject(s): Air Force; Military Medicine

511. Air Force Veteran Information

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afveteraninformation/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC)

Description: This site provides contact information for Air Force veteran and retiree services and links to other Web pages with detailed information.

Subject(s): Veterans

512. America's Heroes at Work

<http://www.americasheroesatwork.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: The America's Heroes at Work project is designed to provide support for employers of returning servicemembers living with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The site includes answers to frequently asked questions, fact sheets, and training presentations to inform audiences about TBI and PTSD.

Subject(s): Veterans

513. Arlington National Cemetery

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org>

Sponsor(s): Arlington National Cemetery

Description: The official Web site for Arlington National Cemetery is organized into the following sections: Visitor Information, Funeral Information, Ceremonies, Historical Information, and Photo Gallery. The site is rich in historical information about such topics as famous memorials, lists of famous individuals buried at Arlington, the origins of "Taps" and the 21-gun salute, and the history of the Tomb of the Unknowns. The Photo Gallery section includes photographs of military burial ceremonies. The Funeral Information section provides information about eligibility requirements for interment or inurnment at Arlington.

While it may not be obvious from the simple and uncluttered home page, this site is rich in information. Researchers looking for historic information are advised to look in both the Visitor Information and Ceremonies sections, as well as in the Historic Information section. There is a site map to aid in exploration but no search engine.

Subject(s): Military History; Veterans' Cemeteries

514. Armed Forces Retirement Home

<http://www.afrh.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH)

Description: The Armed Forces Retirement Home consists of two campuses, one in Washington, D.C., and one in Gulfport, Miss. The Gulfport campus was damaged by Hurricane Katrina and has been closed since then. The site has information about both facilities and updates on the construction of the new Gulfport facility.

Subject(s): Veterans

515. Army and Air Force Exchange Service

<http://www.aafes.com/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)

Description: AAFES serves active duty military members, retirees, reservists, and their dependents by providing goods and services through a corporation and central store with a wide range of consumer products. While AAFES's physical facilities are located on military bases, its online presence provides access to its services to any eligible person with Internet access. The AAFES Web site includes online shopping, store locations, job openings, and information about AAFES, with most sections open only to authorized users. It also has an option for sending gift certificates or prepaid phone cards to deployed troops.

This site caters to the active and retired military community authorized to shop at Army and Air Force Exchanges. Others may find useful information in the About AAFES section, which explains the history and operations of the military base exchanges and provides information for suppliers or manufacturers wanting to do business with AAFES.

Subject(s): Military Morale and Welfare

516. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

<http://www.dodea.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Department of Defense Education Activity

Description: This is the official Internet presence of the K–12 schools operated by the Department of Defense. The schools are located overseas and in the United States. The Data Center section of the Web site features school directories and profiles, school enrollment data, and standardized achievement test scores. Employment information can be found in the Human Resources section.

Subject(s): Elementary and Secondary Education; Military Morale and Welfare

517. Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.va.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: Major sections of the VA Web site include Health Care, Benefits, Burials and Memorials, and Board of Veterans' Appeals. The site has direct links to topics in demand, such as prescriptions, military records, and VA forms. The site also has a directory of VA locations and a link to online services. Under Partners, the site links to an online Directory of Veterans Service Organizations and list of state veterans' affairs offices.

The Organizations section links to the offices and centers that are a part of the VA. More institutional information is provided in the Public Affairs sections.

This site should prove useful to veterans and people involved in assisting them. Using the site map will help to uncover all of the available information.

Subject(s): Veterans

Publication(s): *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*, VA 1.19:

Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures, VA 1.2/11:

518. DU Library (Depleted Uranium Information)

<http://fhp.osd.mil/du/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Secretary of Defense

Description: Depleted uranium (DU) is a dense metal used by the Defense Department in tank armor and some munitions. The DU Library Web site provides information on the health, chemical, radiation, and environmental effects of DU. For

members of the armed services, the site has information on DU policy and medical follow-ups. The site also provides fact sheets and research reports.

Subject(s): Military Technology; Radiation Exposure—Research; Environmental Health

519. Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

<http://www.esgr.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Secretary of Defense

Description: The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) works to facilitate the relationship between Reserve component members and their civilian employers. The Reserve is defined as all National Guard members and Reserve forces from all branches of the military. This Web site has information about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), ESGR incentive programs for employers, and local employer support volunteers. It also provides tips and facts sheets for employers and for members of the Reserve forces.

Subject(s): Labor-Management Relations; Military Reserves; National Guard

520. eVetRecs

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The full title of this Web site is “eVetRecs: Request Copies of Military Personnel Records.” The site provides instructions on requesting information from a military record and is intended for veterans or the next of kin of a deceased former member of the military. The site also links to guidance on requests from the general public, which require a different procedure. The eVetRecs site includes information on how the National Archives protects the privacy and security of veterans’ and military personnel records.

Subject(s): Veterans

521. Force Health Protection and Readiness

<http://fhp.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: This is the Web site for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness Policy and Programs. The target audience consists of servicemembers, military leadership, and health care planners and providers. Military health researchers will also be interested in the site.

Most of the information on the site is organized by FHP&R division. For example, the Force Readiness division links to information on Global Health Surveillance and to the Deployment Health and Family Readiness Library. The Civil-Military division links to information on the National Disaster Medical System and to the DoD Pandemic Influenza Watchboard site. Reference material on the site includes FHP&R Health Topics, an online encyclopedia covering anthrax, land mines, malaria, stress, and other issues.

Subject(s): Military Medicine

Publication(s): *FHP&R Magazine*

522. LIFELines

<http://www.lifelines.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps—Navy

Description: The Navy and Marine Corps sponsor this portal to quality of life information for military personnel. The site links to information about housing, education, combat stress, family life, financial management, health insurance, relocation, transition assistance, and other related topics.

Subject(s): Military Morale and Welfare

523. Military Sentinel

<http://www.consumer.gov/military/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: Military Sentinel is a cooperative project between the FTC and the Department of Defense to provide consumer protection advice for members of the armed forces and their families. To file a consumer complaint, users should click on the seal representing their service branch.

Subject(s): Consumer Information; Military Morale and Welfare

524. Military Teens on the Move (MTOM)

<http://www.dod.mil/mtom/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Military Assistance Program

Description: MTOM gives military adolescents tips on dealing with their parents' military career and relocations. The site also has a section called MTOM For Kids, which addresses moving and relocation issues for younger children.

Subject(s): Adolescents; Military Morale and Welfare

525. MilitaryHOMEFRONT

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: MilitaryHOMEFRONT is the official Department of Defense Web site for military quality of life information and services. Topics include financial assistance, family life, housing, health, and education. It has three audience-specific sections: Troops and Families, Leadership, and Service Providers. On the site's home page, the QOL (Quality of Life) Resources section includes a military community directory with state-by-state and overseas listings of military family support centers. The Reports section includes the *1st Quadrennial Quality of Life Review Report to Congress*.

Subject(s): Military Morale and Welfare

526. National Resource Directory

<https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.org/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The subtitle of the National Resource Directory Web site is "An Online Partnership for Wounded, Ill and Injured Service Members, Veterans, Their Families, and Those Who Support Them." The Departments of Defense, Labor, and Veterans Affairs maintain the site. It links to information on benefits, compensation, education and training, employment, health care, caregiver support, and other topics. The linked information is from federal, state and local government agencies; veterans service and benefit organizations; nonprofit community-based and faith-based organizations; and academic institutions, professional associations, and philanthropic organizations.

Subject(s): Veterans; Military Medicine

527. Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center

<http://www.nehc.med.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Navy Environmental Health Center

Description: The Navy Environmental Health Center aims to ensure Navy and Marine Corps readiness through leadership in the prevention of disease and the promotion of health. The site covers such topics as deployment health, mental health, environmental and occupational health, and preventive medicine. Sections also link to the Center' directorates, field activities, and medical officer information. An alphabetical index assists in finding information on this large site. Some sections may be closed to all but registered users.

Subject(s): Preventive Health Care; Military Medicine

528. Navy Medicine Online Portal

<http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Medicine and Surgery Bureau

Description: The Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery provides health care to active duty Navy and Marine Corps members, retired servicemembers, and their families. This site primarily provides information and services for those working in the Navy medical system and for the sailors they serve. The site also carries the texts of Navy Medicine Policies and Navy Medicine Directives.

Subject(s): Military Medicine

529. Returning Service Members (OEF/OIF)

<http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: This VA Web site provides information on benefits and transition assistance available for servicemembers returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The focus is on health care and counseling. The site has special sections for returning members of the Guard and Reserve and for families of returning servicemembers.

Subject(s): Veterans; Military Medicine

530. Safeguarding the Rights of Servicemembers and Veterans

<http://www.servicemembers.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Rights Division

Description: This Web site explains the major laws that support the rights of veterans and military servicemembers: the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). The site has information about filing claims, recent cases, and frequently asked questions. It also provides referrals to related resources.

Subject(s): Military Forces—Laws; Veterans—Laws

531. SportsLink

<http://www.defenselink.mil/armedforcessports/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC)

Description: This central Web site for sports activities in the military features a calendar of armed forces championship competitions and sections for each included sport.

Subject(s): Military Morale and Welfare; Sports

532. U.S. Army Bands

<http://bands.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Bands

Description: The Army Bands Web site has links to the various bands, news, history, and performance schedules. The Music section includes the lyrics of the official Army song and music for the Army bugle calls.

Subject(s): Military Bands; Music

533. U.S. Department of Defense Community Relations

<http://americasupportsyoud.com/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The DoD Community Relations Web site has incorporated the content of the former Web site called “America Supports You.” The site includes news and information about how citizens support the U.S. troops.

Subject(s): Military Morale and Welfare

534. United States Navy Band

<http://www.navyband.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Navy Band

Description: The Navy Band’s Web site has information about each of the Navy’s bands and ensembles. The site includes concert schedules, a discography, history, resources for music educators, and the *Fanfare* newsletter. The site also has information on the Navy Hymn and the Navy Service Song, “Anchors Aweigh.”

Subject(s): Military Bands; Music

535. Veterans Benefits Administration

<http://www.vba.va.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)—Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

Description: The VBA Web site is part of the larger Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Web site. Major sections of the site cover education benefits (also in Spanish), home loans, compensation, pensions, survivors’ benefits, vocational rehabilitation, employment, and life insurance. The site links to forms, manuals, publications, and benefits fact sheets.

Subject(s): Veterans

536. VetsCommission.org

<http://www.vetscommission.org/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission

Description: The Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission, an independent commission established by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-136), issued its final report in October 2007. The Web site has the final report, *Honoring the Call to Duty: Veterans’ Disability Benefits in the 21st Century*, meeting minutes, issue papers, and other documents.

Subject(s): Veterans; Military Medicine

Publication(s): *Honoring the Call to Duty: Veterans’ Disability Benefits in the 21st Century*

537. White House Commission on Remembrance

<http://www.remember.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance

Description: The White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance was established by Congress to honor active U.S. troops, U.S. troops who have died in service, and citizens killed as the result of acts of terrorism. Its Web site has information about the commission and its activities. A section called Toll of Terrorism provides background information about such events as the Oklahoma City bombing, the *USS Cole* incident, and the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Subject(s): Military Forces; Terrorism

538. Wounded Warrior Regiment

<http://www.woundedwarriorregiment.org/>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps

Description: Established in 2006, the Wounded Warrior Regiment has the mission to “provide and facilitate assistance to wounded/injured/ill Marines, Sailors attached to or in support of Marine units, and their family members throughout the phases of recovery” (from the Web site). The site has information on job listings, education benefits, and other services available to Marines and their families.

Subject(s): Marine Corps; Veterans

CHAPTER 6

Demographics and Sociology

Much of the statistical information about the U.S. population comes from the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census. This chapter includes Census Web sites presenting demographic data, Web sites from other agencies producing demographic data, and sites from academic institutions that play a role in making Census data available on the Web. Information on other types of federal government statistics, such as education statistics, can be found in the relevant subject chapter, such as the Education chapter.

Subsections in this chapter are Census and Statistics and Demographic Groups.

Census and Statistics

539. American Community Survey (ACS)

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey sent to a small sample of the U.S. population. It will replace the current Census of Population and Housing long-form sample data in 2010 (but not the short form distributed to all U.S. households). The goal of the program is to provide governments with data more current than the data from the decennial census in order to help administer federal programs, distribute funding, and plan future projects. This Web site describes ACS's goals, methodology, data release schedule, products, and other details.

ACS gathers selected sample data on demographics, housing, and social and economic information. This site points to the ACS data, which is integrated into the Census Bureau's American FactFinder interface. The site also provides information about how to use the data and announcements of new ACS products. Basic information about ACS is provided in Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages.

This site provides a wealth of background information about the relatively new ACS and about the transition from the long-form data.

Subject(s): Census Techniques

Publication(s): *American Community Survey*, C 3.297:

540. American FactFinder

<http://factfinder.census.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: American FactFinder is a major Census Bureau effort to help the public retrieve, print, and download the Census Bureau's data. Users do not have to know the names or details of individual data sets; instead, they can select options from sections including People, Housing, and Business and Government. Each of these topical sections can be searched by geographic area to display a menu of available data tables and thematic maps.

The Data Sets section of American FactFinder is designed for more advanced

users, although it is still straightforward and menu-driven. Users can select between the decennial census, the American Community Survey, the Economic Census and annual economic surveys, and annual population estimates. Each data set page offers appropriate options for creating customized tables, comparisons, and thematic maps.

The Maps section provides direct access to tools for reference and thematic maps. The Reference Shelf section links to the PDF versions of popular printed Census publications and to other Census Web pages appropriate for the average user.

American FactFinder accesses enough data and has enough functionality to make it the first and last stop for many users, especially those looking for population and housing statistics in the form of basic tables and geographic comparisons.

Subject(s): Census; Economic Statistics; Population Statistics

541. Census 2000 Gateway

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census 2000 Gateway Web site is a starting point for finding products, data sets, news, documentation, and other information relating to the latest decennial census of population and housing. There are three main approaches to the data itself. The American FactFinder section provides tables and maps of Census 2000 data for all geographies, from the nation as a whole to the block level. The State and County Quick Facts section has summaries of the most requested data for states and counties. The Data Highlights section links to a variety of information at the state, county, and place level, including American FactFinder tables and maps, FTP access to data sets, technical documentation, news releases, state data center contacts, redistricting data, and other related statistics. Other data reports include rankings and comparisons, briefs and special reports, and selected historical census data.

The Census Gateway also has Census Bureau operations information, the Census Catalog, and PDF copies of the short- and long-form questionnaires. A Census in Schools section includes teaching resources and lesson plans.

Subject(s): Census; Population Statistics

542. Census 2010

<http://www.census.gov/2010census/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census Bureau's 2010 decennial census Web site carries current news and background information on the planning needed to carry out this large project. The site has information on local Census offices nationwide, opportunities for local governments and groups to be involved, and Census Bureau updates to Congress.

Subject(s): Census

543. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census Bureau home page offers multiple routes to the wide variety of information from and about the bureau. Major categories include Census 2010, People and Households, Business and Industry, Geography, Newsroom, and Special

Topics. The Publications section and the Subjects A to Z index provide other avenues to the data. The Data Tools section links to Internet data tools, software, and databases. The American FactFinder is described elsewhere in this chapter. Information about the Census Bureau itself is provided in the About the Bureau, Regional Offices, and Doing Business With Us sections. Important resources within the Census Bureau Web site are described separately in this and other chapters in the book.

Overall, the Census Bureau Web site offers one of the largest collections of readily accessible statistical data and recent statistical press releases on the Internet. This should be one of the first sites checked by users for demographic and economic statistics.

Subject(s): Census; Economic Statistics; Population Statistics; Databases

Publication(s): *American FactFinder*, C 3.300:

- American Housing Survey, H-150*, C 3.215/19:
- America's Families and Living Arrangements*, C 3.186/17-2:
- Annual Benchmark Report for Retail Trade*, C 3.138/3-8:
- Annual Benchmark Report for Wholesale Trade*, C 3.133/5:
- Annual Capital Expenditures*, C 3.289:
- Annual Survey of Manufactures*, C 3.24/9
- Census Brief*, C 3.205/8:
- Census of Construction Industries: Geographic Area Series*, C 3.245/7:
- Census of Governments*, C 3.145/4:
- Census Product Update*, C 3.163/7-2:
- Consolidated Federal Funds Report*, C 3.266/3:
- Construction Reports: Housing Completions*, C 3.215/13:
- Construction Reports: Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits*, C 3.215/4:
- Construction Reports: New One-Family Homes Sold and For Sale*, C 3.215/9:
- Construction Reports: Value of Construction Put in Place*, C 3.215/3:
- County Business Patterns, United States*, C 3.204/3-1:
- Current Business Reports: Monthly Retail Trade Sales & Inventories*, C 3.138/3:
- Current Business Reports: Monthly Wholesale Trade*, C 3.133:
- Current Housing Reports*, C 3.215:
- Current Industrial Reports*, C 3.158:
- Current Population Reports, Consumer Income*, C 3.186:P-60/
- Current Population Reports, Population Characteristics*, C 3.186:P-20/
- Current Population Reports, Special Studies*, C 3.186:P-23/
- Economic Census*, C 3.277/3:
- Federal Expenditures by State*, C 3.266:
- Government Finance and Employment Classification Manual*, C 3.6/2:F 49/6/
- Guide to Foreign Trade Statistics*, C 3.6/2:F 76
- Housing Vacancies and Homeownership Survey*, C 3.294:
- Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000*, C 3.2:
- News Releases, Census Bureau*, C 3.295:
- Population Profile of the United States*, C 3.186/8:
- Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finances*, C 3.191/2-10:
- Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations*, C 3.267:
- Quarterly Tax Survey*, C 3.145/6:
- School Enrollment Social and Economic Characteristics*, C 3.186/12:
- State and Metropolitan Area Data Book*, C 3.134/5:
- State Government Tax Collection Data by State*, C 3.191/2-8:

Statistical Abstract of the United States, C 3.134:
Survey of Business Owners, C 3.277/3:
Telephone Contacts for Data Users, C 3.238/5:
The Hispanic Population in the United States, C 3.186/14-2:
U.S. Trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. Possessions, FT-895, C 3.164:895/
Voting and Registration in the Election of . . ., C 3.186/3-2:
We the People . . . (series), C 3.205/8-3:

544. Census Bureau Regional Offices

<http://www.census.gov/field/www/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Web site uses a clickable image map and alternative text list to link to the Web sites of the Census Bureau's 12 regional offices. Each office's page provides local contact information and information about regional resources.

Subject(s): Census

545. Census Monitoring Board

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/cmb/cmcbp/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/cmb/cmcbc/>

Sponsor(s): Census Monitoring Board

Description: The Census Monitoring Board was an eight-member bipartisan oversight board that was created in 1997 to monitor all aspects of the 2000 decennial census and report its findings to Congress. Four board members were appointed by the president, two by the House of Representatives, and two by the Senate. The presidential and congressional appointees created separate Web sites and filed separate reports. Much of the material on these sites concerns the issue of statistical adjustment for possible undercounts. Both sites have been archived at the University of North Texas Libraries CyberCemetery Web site. The presidential appointees maintained the site given here as the primary URL. The alternate URL is for the congressional appointees' site.

Subject(s): Census Techniques

546. Census State Data Center Program

<http://www.census.gov/sdc/www/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Web site provides basic contact information for the Census Data Center in each state, along with an overview of services available at each center. It also links to related sites, such as the State Data Center and Business Industry Data Center network.

Subject(s): Census

547. DataFerrett for TheDataWeb

<http://dataferrett.census.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: DataFerrett is a downloadable software tool that allows enhanced viewing and manipulation of selected government data sets. DataFerrett works with the data in TheDataWeb, <http://www.thedataweb.org>, which is described in a separate entry in this chapter. DataFerrett comes in versions for PCs, Macs, and the Web.

Subject(s): Statistics

548. Fast Facts for Congress

<http://fastfacts.census.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Web site was designed for use by members of Congress and their staff, but it is available to the general public. The site's emphasis is on access to Census Bureau data by congressional district, state, and other local geographies. Searches by congressional district locate basic population, housing, and economic statistics with the data mapped to the district boundaries. The home page also links to congressional district maps and other popular Census Bureau products.

Subject(s): Congressional Districts—Statistics

549. Historical Census Browser

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

Sponsor(s): Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR); University of Virginia Library

Description: The Historical Census Data Browser has statistics from each of the decennial census reports from 1790 to 1960. The data on this Web site come from data sets created by ICPSR and taken from the U.S. decennial censuses and other sources. Coverage is available for all existing counties and states during the 1790–1960 period. Subject coverage includes population and a variety of other criteria, depending on which date is chosen. Researchers may also want to consult the Census Bureau's Selected Historical Decennial Census Population and Housing Counts Web page, which is also described in this chapter.

Subject(s): Census

550. International Programs Center (IPC)

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: IPC, part of the Census Bureau's Population Division, offers a variety of international population statistics at its Web site, including the World POPClock with a second-by-second simulation of the world's population growth. IPC's International Data Base has much more extensive information on world demographics. IPC also produces the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Database, a compilation of information from small-scale surveys of developing countries. The IPC Web site has information and software products related to its work in assisting developing countries with census administration.

Subject(s): Vital Statistics—International

551. IPUMS USA

<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/>

Sponsor(s): University of Minnesota—Minnesota Population Center

Description: The Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) consists of census microdata for social and economic research. It is a project of the University of Minnesota that is partially funded by federal grants. IPUMS USA offers population and household data from the U.S. decennial censuses from 1850 to 2000 and data from the American Community Survey starting in 2000. Users can download data by either extracting custom files or downloading entire data sets. IPUMS is free but registration is required before extracting data.

The IPUMS tools may be the most useful to expert researchers running statistical

studies using sample data. The data itself cannot be browsed online and extracted files are very large. IPUMS does, however, offer an online data analysis system.

Subject(s): Census

552. POPClocks

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: Two population clocks, or POPClocks, give up-to-the-minute estimates of the population. The United States POPClock estimates the resident population of the United States at the current minute and gives the criteria for how the estimate is derived; historical estimates and documentation are also available. The World POPClock estimates the world's population at the current minute and lists monthly estimates for the next year. The Census Bureau also provides an RSS feed for daily updates on the U.S. or world populations.

The POPClocks are useful for demonstrating the rate of change in the U.S. and world populations. However, before citing the estimates, users should read the documentation on how those estimates are reached and revised.

Subject(s): Population Statistics

553. Selected Historical Decennial Census Counts

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The full title of this Web page is “Selected Historical Decennial Census Population and Housing Counts.” It compiles links to past census data. The actual decennial reports are online in PDF format for every decade from 1790 through 2000, along with corresponding historical notes. The page also links to tabulations of data items across the years. For example, it links to a table comparing urban and rural populations for 1790 through 1990 and to historical census statistics on the foreign-born population for 1850 through 1990. Histories and questionnaires from past censuses are also provided.

Subject(s): Census—History; Population Statistics

Publication(s): *Historical Census Statistics on the Foreign-born Population of the United States: 1850–1900*, C 3.223/27:

Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970, C 3.2:

Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000, C 3.2:

554. State and County QuickFacts

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: State and County QuickFacts offers simple access to frequently requested national, state, and county data from various Census Bureau programs. Users can choose a state from a list or from the clickable U.S. map and then select a county or city. Information at each geographic level is presented for three topics: people, business, and geography. At the state level, statistics are given for the state versus the country as a whole; at the county and city levels, county and city statistics are compared to the statewide numbers. Each state and county data table also has a link to more data sets for that location. The additional data sets include historical population counts, congressional district statistics, and tables from the American

Community Survey, Economic Census, County Business Patterns, and the *Consolidated Federal Funds Reports*, among other resources.

This site serves as both a quick reference tool and a resource locator. By clicking on the information icon next to each data heading, users link to a page that presents the source, definition, scope, and methodology for that heading, along with a list of relevant links.

Subject(s): Census; Population Statistics

555. Statistical Abstract of the United States

<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: Published since 1878, the *Statistical Abstract of the United States* is a core reference tool with current and historical statistics for the United States, including population, health, education, workforce, government finances, elections, energy, income, prices, and other related topics; these data are presented in a series of tables. Its Web site features the current version and digitized copies of editions going back to 1878. For the current edition, the site features both a PDF version of the publication and tables in spreadsheet format. The main page also links to related valuable resources, including a guide to sources used for the book, links to sources of federal agency statistical reports, and links to the state-level equivalents to the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*.

Historical editions of the publication have been scanned into PDF format. The Earlier Editions section of the site also links to *Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970* from the Census Bureau.

The *Statistical Abstract* has long been a research staple because of the data it provides and the fact that each statistical table includes a citation to the source of the data (thus identifying likely sources for more information on the topic). The online version retains those attributes as a PDF file that is equivalent to the print version. Aside from the addition of the spreadsheets, the PDF version does not have many more advantages over the print version, although it does provide ready access to the content for users who do not have the print edition at hand. The addition of the digitized back issues makes this site an essential reference tool.

Subject(s): Social Indicators—Statistics; United States—Statistics

Publication(s): *Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970*, C 3.2:

Statistical Abstract of the United States, C 3.134:

556. TheDataWeb

<http://www.thedataweb.org/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: TheDataWeb, a cooperative effort of the Census Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, includes diverse data sets and the software tools needed to browse, manipulate, and analyze the data. Data sets currently available include the American Community Survey, the American Housing Survey, the Consumer Expenditure Survey, the Current Population Survey, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, and the Survey of Income and Program Participation. DataFerrett, a companion to TheDataWeb, enables users to extract needed variables, construct tables, and create charts or graphs. The site includes a tutorial and a users' guide.

Subject(s): Social Science Research—Statistics; Databases

557. TIGER Page

<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: TIGER (Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system) is the name given to the Census Bureau's digital mapping system for decennial census and other data. The TIGER home page offers TIGER-based digital geographic products, documentation and metadata, and information about the system. The TIGER/Line files are the primary public product created from the data in the TIGER database. The files comprise a database of geographic features, such as roads, railroads, and rivers. They can be used with the mapping or geographic information system (GIS) software that can import TIGER/Line files.

The TIGER Page is the central place to check for updates to the TIGER/Line files and related products. Explanatory material is available for both the newcomer and the experienced community of digital geographic data users.

Subject(s): Census Mapping; Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Demographic Groups

558. AgingStats.Gov

<http://www.agingstats.gov>

Sponsor(s): Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics

Description: The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics is made up of 15 federal agencies that produce or use statistics on aging. Their Web site, AgingStats.gov, is a finding aid for these statistics. The site links directly to aging-related statistics on its members' Web sites, including relevant data at the Census Bureau, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the Social Security Administration. The Contacts section provides the names, area of expertise, and contact information for federal agency experts. The site also carries the full text of *Older Americans: Key Indicators of Well-being* and *Data Sources on Older Americans*.

Subject(s): Senior Citizens—Statistics

Publication(s): *Data Sources on Older Americans*

Older Americans: Key Indicators of Well-Being, HE 20.3852:

559. American Indian and Alaska Native Data and Links

<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/aiان/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Census Bureau Web page serves as a portal to Census information on American Indian and Alaska Native communities. In addition to the population data, maps, and tribal information, the site includes statistical policy background and a link to the Web site for the Census Advisory Committee on the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Populations.

Subject(s): American Indians—Statistics; Alaska Natives—Statistics

560. ChildStats.gov

<http://www.childstats.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics

Description: This Web site provides access to federal and state statistics and reports on children and their families, including population and family characteristics, economic security, health, behavior and social environment, and education. The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics offers several reports on the site, the most prominent of which is the annual *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being*.

Subject(s): Child Welfare—Statistics

Publication(s): *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being*, PR 43.8:

561. National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

<http://www.va.gov/vetdata/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: This site provides current and projected veterans demographics at the national, state, county, and congressional district level. It also provides data on Veterans Administration expenditures by geographic area and links to other surveys and statistics on the veteran population.

Subject(s): Veterans—Statistics

CHAPTER 7

Education

The Education Department is, naturally, the leader in publishing federal government education information on the Internet. This chapter includes many of the Web resources made available by the Education Department, but it also includes information on military education activities, federally sponsored scholarships, and some education-related social service programs. The Kids' Pages section of this chapter includes over 50 Web sites designed for a younger audience and covering a wide variety of subject areas.

Subsections of this chapter are Adult Education, Curriculum, Early Childhood Education, Education Funding, Education Policy, Education Research and Statistics, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, International Education, Kids' Pages, and Teaching.

Adult Education

562. DANTES—Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support

<http://www.dantes.doded.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: DANTES provides support for the Department of Defense's off-duty, voluntary education programs. Its Web site has information about certification programs, counselor support, distance learning, and tuition assistance. It also has a section about the Troops-to-Teachers program, which assists military personnel interested in beginning a second career as a public school teacher.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education

563. Literacy Information and Communication System (LINGS)

<http://www.nifl.gov/lings/>

Sponsor(s): National Institute for Literacy (NIFL)

Description: NIFL and its partners sponsor this Web site as a gateway to adult education and literacy resources on the Internet. The site has information about grants and funding, literacy job openings, events, discussion lists, Web sites, statistics, and resources for teachers and students. The site also features America's Literacy Directory, a database of local adult education programs that can be searched by town or ZIP code.

Subject(s): Adult Education; Literacy

564. National Audiovisual Center (NAC)

<http://www.ntis.gov/products/nac.aspx>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

Description: NAC manages a catalog of over 9,000 training and education materials in audiovisual and multimedia formats. The products are available for sale. The Web site features an online "screening room," with clips from the most popular videos available for purchase. Major topics covered by the collection include language training, law enforcement, health, and safety.

Subject(s): Educational Resources; Vocational Education

565. National Institute for Literacy (NIFL)

<http://www.nifl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institute for Literacy (NIFL)

Description: NIFL promotes literacy efforts, coordinates literacy services and policy, and serves as a resource for adult education and literacy programs. The NIFL Web site provides a section on grants and contracts, information on programs and services, and publications about teaching reading. The Facts and Statistics section compiles literacy data from numerous studies.

Subject(s): Literacy

566. Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Vocational and Adult Education Office

Description: This site provides information about the Office of Vocational and Adult Education programs, grants, events, legislation, and resources concerning the fields of adult education and vocational education. Key sections are Career and Technical Education, Community Colleges, and Adult Literacy and Education.

Subject(s): Adult Education; Vocational Education

567. Opportunity.gov

<http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/opportunity/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Labor Department

Description: Opportunity.gov is a guide to education and training resources for workers considering going back to school. The site links to information on student financial assistance, career and reemployment guides, and other resources from both government and nongovernment sites.

Subject(s): Financial Aid to Students; Job Training

568. U.S.A. Learns

<http://www.usalearns.org/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Vocational and Adult Education Office

Description: The U.S.A. Learns Web site was developed with funding from the U.S. Department of Education and the California Department of Education. The site is designed to help adults learn English and improve basic reading, writing, and speaking skills.

Subject(s): Language Education

569. USDA Graduate School

<http://grad.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Graduate School, USDA

Description: The USDA Graduate School is a continuing education institution that offers career-related courses to federal workers and the public. The Web site has the current course catalog and information on faculty and certification programs.

Subject(s): Adult Education

Curriculum

570. Agriculture in the Classroom

<http://www.agclassroom.org/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

Description: The USDA's Agriculture in the Classroom program coordinates state education programs designed to teach children about the role of agriculture in the economy and in society. The site includes a directory of state programs, a National Resource Directory of educational materials about agriculture, information on the national Agriculture in the Classroom conference, and the online magazine *Agro-World* for high school educators and students.

Subject(s): Agricultural Education

571. ArtsEdge: The National Arts and Education Information Network

<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/>

Sponsor(s): Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Description: ArtsEdge, from the Kennedy Center, is a major arts resource for educators and students. The site includes lesson plans and content standards for grades K–12. It also highlights articles, reports, and organizations related to arts education and features an arts education advocacy section. This well-designed site should be a primary starting point for people involved in arts education.

The Kennedy Center is a federal government building, but its programs are privately funded. ArtsEdge and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts hold the copyright to all of the content on the site.

Subject(s): Arts Education; Lesson Plans

572. BLM Learning Landscapes

<http://www.blm.gov/education/LearningLandscapes/teachers.html>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Description: This BLM Web site has information and activities for students and teachers. The Teachers section has information about field programs (mostly in western states), Web sites, resources, and classroom activities. The site's Curriculum Connections correlates BLM classroom activities to National Science Education Standards and National Geography Standards. Online resources for teachers and learners cover such areas as archeology, geology, paleontology, American history, wildlife, and energy.

Subject(s): Environmental Education; Science Education

573. Census in Schools

<http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/teachers.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census in Schools program provides K–12 teaching materials, workshops for educators, and other outreach activities. Its Web site includes teaching kits and reference materials (primarily about the decennial census).

Subject(s): Census; Social Studies Education

574. EDSITement

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Description: The EDSITement Web site's tag line is "the best of the humanities on the Web." It provides a cataloged selection of lesson plans built around high-quality, freely accessible material available on the Internet. The lesson plans are organized into sections including Art and Culture, Literature and Language Arts, Foreign Language, and History and Social Studies. Each detailed lesson plan is labeled with the appropriate grade level, subject area, time required, and skills taught. The site is sponsored by a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Verizon Foundation.

Subject(s): Lesson Plans; Humanities

575. Energy Education

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/education/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: The Energy Education site links to numerous resources, including more than 350 lesson plans and activities on energy efficiency and renewable energy for grades K–12. It also features science projects, science contests, and links to other energy education resources. The site also links to information on education opportunities for teachers, higher education students, and energy professionals.

Subject(s): Lesson Plans; Science Education

576. For Educators and Students

<http://www.archives.gov/education/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: Also called the "Digital Classroom," this National Archives site features history lesson plans and teaching activities correlated to the National History Standards and the National Standards for Civics and Government. It focuses on teaching, with primary documents available on the Archives site. The site links to information on teacher training, videoconferences, workshops, and other educational services from the National Archives. The site also links to education programs at the presidential libraries and resources for National History Day.

Subject(s): Lesson Plans; Social Studies Education

577. GLOBE Program

<http://www.globe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) program is designed to promote science education at the primary and secondary school levels. GLOBE is funded by NASA and the National Science Foundation, supported by the Department of State, and implemented through a cooperative agreement between NASA; the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.; and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. The GLOBE program's primary objective is to involve students in taking environmental measurements. Schools in over 100 countries are participating. The data they collect is accessible to anyone and there is information on how new schools can register to be included in the program. The site also has a teacher's guide and schedule of teacher workshops. Much of the content is available in Spanish and other non-English languages.

With participating schools from all over the world, this kind of collaborative project demonstrates how the Internet can be used in a K–12 environment. In addi-

tion, this Web site is well designed and makes navigation easy even for users who are unfamiliar with the program.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection; Science Education

578. Library of Congress for Teachers

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: This site serves as an entry point for Library of Congress Web resources relevant to teachers. The site's Learning Page has lesson plans and activities for using primary sources in the classroom. Other sections, such as American Memory and Local Legacies provide access to digitized photographs, documents, drawings, film clips, and other items from the Library's collections.

The Library of Congress is planning to redesign the teachers' page in 2009. The new version of the site should have a searchable database of classroom materials, information on teaching with primary sources, and professional development news for teachers.

Subject(s): Educational Technology; Lesson Plans; Social Studies Education

579. NASA Education

<http://education.nasa.gov/home/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/about/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Education Office

Description: The NASA Education Web site provides information about the education programs that NASA offers to K–12 educators and students, as well as those offered to undergraduate and graduate students and faculty at universities. Under the NASA Education Offices heading, the site links to the individual Web sites of NASA education programs, NASA Flight and Research Centers, and each of NASA's directorates.

Subject(s): Science Education

580. National Marine Sanctuaries Education

<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The National Marine Sanctuaries Education Web site features lesson plans, free materials, information on workshops, and other items of interest to science or environment teachers. The section specifically for teachers includes information on the NOAA Ocean Data Education (NODE) Project, which is developing curriculum for grades 5–8 designed to help teachers and students use real scientific data.

Subject(s): Lesson Plans; Science Education

581. NIH Office of Science Education

<http://science-education.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The NIH Office of Science Education (OSE) develops curriculum supplements, model programs, and other resources focusing on medicine, biology, and research in order to promote public science education. This Web site serves as a portal to numerous resources from NIH. The site features the *NIH Curriculum Sup-*

plement Series for grades K–12, a LifeWorks site about health careers, information on science education funding programs, and many other online resources.

Subject(s): Science Education

Publication(s): *NIH Curriculum Supplement Series*, HE 20.3065:

582. NOAA Education Resources

<http://www.education.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The NOAA Education site has teacher training opportunity announcements and materials for teachers that cover weather, climate change, oceans and coasts, weather satellites, and space environments. The Primarily for Students section has educational resources and other information color-coded for grade K–5, grades 6–12, and higher education students. The Cool Sites for Everyone section highlights NOAA Web sites covering a variety of topics.

Subject(s): Environmental Education

583. NSF Classroom Resources

<http://www.nsf.gov/news/classroom/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The NSF provides organized links to classroom resources on the Internet. The Web site describes its intended audience as “classroom teachers, their students, and students’ families.” Links are organized into science topics such as biology, computing, environment, mathematics, and physics. The linked sites are from a variety of educational organizations and institutions.

Subject(s): Science Education

584. Office of English Language Acquisition

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—English Language Acquisition Office

Description: The full title of this office is the Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students (OELA). OELA administers Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act (Public Law 107-110) on Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students. It also administers a state formula grant program. The site has program information and technical assistance for those applying for Title III grants, and also links to the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Educational Programs (NCELA), which is funded by the Department of Education.

Subject(s): Language Education—Grants

585. Picturing America

<http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Description: The Picturing America project provides schools with American art images and teacher resources to facilitate teaching American history and culture. The Web site has information about the program, a gallery of Picturing America images, and downloadable teacher resources.

Subject(s): Arts Education

586. USGS and Science Education

<http://education.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The USGS education Web site covers topics of concern to USGS scientists, including geography, geology, biology, and water resources. Educational resources are organized for grades K–6, grades 7–12, and undergraduate education. One section aligns USGS and other Web resources with an established list of science and social science curriculum standards for California. The site also covers USGS careers, internships, and postdoctoral fellowships.

Subject(s): Science Education; Kids' Pages

Early Childhood Education**587. Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center**

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Office of Head Start (OHS)

Description: The Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC) Web site states that it is designed to provide “relevant, timely information, knowledge and learning to Head Start programs and the early childhood community in an easy-to-use format.” The site has information on the Head Start Program and on topics such as early education, child health, supporting your child in Head Start, and professional development for program grantees. It includes an online directory of Head Start programs. ECLKC also provides information on Head Start regulations and policy, performance standards, and program monitoring. Some information is provided in Spanish.

This Web site duplicates some information provided on the Office of Head Start Web site, but also offers unique resources, particularly for the support of program grantees.

Subject(s): Early Childhood Education

588. Head Start

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Office of Head Start (OHS)

Description: The Office of Head Start administers grants for local public and private nonprofit and for-profit agencies that provide child development services for low-income children and their families. The Web site has information on the program and relevant laws and regulations. The site also links to research on outcomes for the Head Start (preschool) and Early Head Start (infant to three years) programs.

Subject(s): Early Childhood Education

589. National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)

<http://nccic.org/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Child Care Bureau

Description: NCCIC is a national clearinghouse and technical assistance center for parents, early education professionals, governments, researchers, and the general public. It is a service of the Department of Health and Human Services Child Care Bureau. The site has background information and an extensive section of links on topics such as licensing regulations, child care as a business, federal policy, child

development, literacy, and school readiness. The State and Territory Information section has profiles of child care in each individual state. Some information is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Child Care

Education Funding

590. Bureau of Indian Education

<http://enan.bia.edu/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.bia.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Description: The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Web site is designed with the same template as a school Web site, so the headquarters is sometimes referred to as a “district” on this site. The site links to BIE programs and resources, including Tribal Colleges and Universities and the Native American Student Information System used by participants. Other sections link to information on special education, BIE human resources, headquarters staff, and program news. Much of the site is designed to provide administrative information to BIE participants. Some sections require participant login.

Subject(s): American Indians

591. Education Finance Statistics Center

<http://nces.ed.gov/edfin/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Description: The Education Finance Statistics Center (EDFIN) Web site provides finance information on public elementary and secondary education. The site provides charts and data on per-pupil expenditures for public elementary and secondary education, distribution of expenditures for public elementary and secondary education by function, and similar measures. The site also offers the data to download in SAS and text formats. Data tools on the site include the Public School District Finance Peer Search to compare a school district with other districts.

Subject(s): Education Funding—Statistics

592. FAFSA4caster

<http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Federal Student Aid Office

Description: The FAFSA4caster Web site is for those planning for higher education but not yet ready to apply for financial aid. The site provides an orientation to the financial aid process and an estimate of eligibility for aid. FAFSA4caster is available in English and Spanish.

Subject(s): Financial Aid to Students

593. Federal Cyber Service: Scholarship for Service

<http://www.sfs.opm.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: OPM’s Scholarship for Service program funds the education expenses of graduate and undergraduate students in information assurance fields in exchange for an obligation to work for the federal government for an agreed-upon term. The program is designed to strengthen the federal government’s expertise in information

assurance (the security of computer and communication networks and the information they carry). This Web site has further details about the program and a list of participating higher education institutions.

Subject(s): Computer Science; Scholarships

594. Federal School Code Search Page

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/FOTWWebApp/FSLookupServlet>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Federal Student Aid Office

Description: This site provides searchable access to the federal Title IV School Codes required on many financial aid forms.

Subject(s): Financial Aid to Students

Publication(s): *Federal School Code List*, ED 1.92/2:

595. Federal Student Aid Gateway

<http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Federal Student Aid Office

Description: This site provides information, referrals, and Web links for students, parents, financial aid professionals, those repaying student loans, and those doing business with the Federal Student Aid Office. The site also has press releases and general information about the office.

The Federal Student Aid Gateway serves a broad audience. Other financial aid Web sites listed in this section are more specialized.

Subject(s): Financial Aid to Students

596. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Federal Student Aid Office

Description: FAFSA on the Web makes it possible to apply online for federal financial aid for college. The site provides guidance on applying for aid, the application process, and deadlines.

Subject(s): Financial Aid to Students

597. GI Bill Website

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: The GI Bill site provides information on the range of education benefits for active duty and reserve servicemembers, veterans, survivors, and dependents. Information on the programs is available in the Education Benefits, Information for Benefit Recipients, and Questions and Answers sections. The site has a history of the original GI Bill, the Servicemembers' Readjustment Act of 1944, which preceded the current program. The site is available in English and Spanish.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education; Veterans

598. Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP)

<http://ifap.ed.gov/ifap/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Federal Student Aid Office

Description: IFAP is an electronic library for financial aid professionals that contains publications, regulations, and guidance regarding the administration of the Title IV Federal Student Aid (FSA) Programs. This site features technical documentation, online tools, worksheets, and schedules related to the programs. The site also has an RSS feed of program news.

Subject(s): Financial Aid to Students

Publication(s): *Counselors and Mentors Handbook*, ED 1.45:
Direct Loan Bulletin, ED 1.40/6:
Federal Student Financial Aid Handbook, ED 1.45/4:

599. Student Aid on the Web

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Federal Student Aid Office

Description: This Web site is a portal and service center for federal student aid information and programs, designed for students and their parents or advisers. It begins with information about preparing for, choosing, applying to, and attending a college. Other sections contain facts about funding a college education and repaying student loans. The site links to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The site is available in English and Spanish.

Subject(s): Education Funding; Student Loans

600. Tax Benefits for Education

<http://www.irs.gov/publications/p970/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: This Web page has the full text of Publication 970, *Tax Benefits for Education*. The publication outlines the tax deductions and benefits available to those saving for or paying education costs.

Subject(s): Education Funding; Taxation

Publication(s): *Tax Benefits for Education*, T 22.44/2:

Education Policy

601. Directorate for Education and Human Resources—NSF

<http://www.nsf.gov/dir/index.jsp?org=ehr>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) provides leadership in the effort to improve science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education in the United States. Its Web site includes links to descriptions of the EHR divisions—the Division of Graduate Education (DGE); the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE); Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL); and the Human Resource Development (HRD)—and the types of projects they sponsor. The site provides directorate reports and notices of funding opportunities.

This site will be of assistance to science and engineering students and educators at all levels who are interested in pursuing grants or scholarships.

Subject(s): Science Education—Grants

602. ED.gov—U.S. Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: The Department of Education Web site features current news and links to high-profile initiatives. The top menu of the site's home page directs users to information by audience, with sections including Students (financial aid and homework help), Parents (encouraging learning, finding schools, and college planning), Teachers (teaching resources and research), and Administrators (guidance on school safety, teacher recruitment, and other topics). The site also organizes its content into several information centers, including Grants and Contracts, Financial Aid,

Research and Statistics, Policy, and Programs. In addition, it has an A to Z index and a site map.

The About ED section has a directory of offices, budget and appropriations information, and press releases. The Publications section aggregates links to Department of Education newsletters (including a daily RSS news feed), reports, and Spanish-language materials. The Web site also features the ED.gov Blog.

Subject(s): Education—Policy; Educational Resources; Financial Aid to Students

Publication(s): *ED Review*, ED 1.2/18:

Helping Your Child Succeed in School, ED 1.302:C 43/

Helping Your Child with Homework, ED 1.302:C 43/

U.S. Department of Education Strategic Plan, 2007–2012, ED 1.2:

603. Lifelong Literacy

<http://www.loc.gov/literacy/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.literacy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: This Web site is a companion to an advertising campaign to encourage young people to read. The site links to numerous resources from the Library of Congress and elsewhere that promote reading, books, poetry, Braille literacy, and libraries.

Subject(s): Reading

604. No Child Left Behind

<http://www.nclb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: This Department of Education Web site is dedicated to information about Public Law 107-110, better known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The law concerns educational standards and testing, teacher training and recruitment, English-language instruction, school safety, and other matters. The site has an A to Z index, individual state assessments, legislative updates, and information for parents and teachers. It also has an e-mail newsletter, *Achiever*.

Subject(s): Education—Policy; Educational Testing

Publication(s): *Achiever*, ED 1.85/2:

605. Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Innovation and Improvement Office

Description: OII administers discretionary grant programs, coordinates public school choice and supplemental educational efforts, works with the nonpublic education community, and develops guidance for the No Child Left Behind initiative. The Web site's Non-Public Education section includes a private school locator and statistics on private education in the United States. The office also has an e-mail newsletter, *Education Innovator*.

Subject(s): Elementary and Secondary Education; Education Policy

Publication(s): *Education Innovator*, ED 1.90/2:

606. White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans

<http://www.yic.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.yosipuedo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans

Description: The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans and the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans were established by executive order in 2001. The alternate URL listed above links to a Spanish-language version of the Web site for the initiative. As this book was going to press, the English version of the Web site carried the message "The White House Initiative is currently in transition and will continue to post updates to this site when available."

Subject(s): Educational Resources; Hispanic Americans

Publication(s): *From Risk to Opportunity: Fulfilling the Educational Needs of Hispanic Americans . . .*, ED 1.2:

Education Research and Statistics

607. ERIC—Educational Resources Information Center

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences

Description: ERIC is a database and information system funded by the Department of Education to provide organized access to a wide array of published and unpublished material about education. It references education literature from 1966 to the present and is a standard resource for educational research. From 1978 forward, some of the documents are available in full text.

The ERIC search interface has basic and advanced versions. Searchable fields include title, author, ERIC number, identifier, ISBN, ISSN, journal name, source institution, sponsoring agency, thesaurus descriptor, and date range. Searches can be limited by type of material cited (e.g., journal article, non-print media, or dissertation) and full-text availability. The ERIC Thesaurus is linked to the search interface; users can also browse and search the thesaurus separately. An interface called My ERIC allows for some customization once users register for a My ERIC account.

Subject(s): Educational Resources; ERIC

608. Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ies/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences

Description: IES was established in 2002 to focus on education research. It includes the National Center for Education Research (NCER), the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEE), and the National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER). The Web site has information on IES and its grants and component programs.

Subject(s): Education Research

609. International Comparisons in Education

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/international/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Description: NCES provides a central page for linking to the international education statistics that the agency collects. The site links to information on the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) assessments, as well as the Progress in Interna-

tional Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) and Adult Literacy and Lifeskills (ALL) international comparative studies.

Subject(s): Educational Assessment—International

610. National Center for Education Statistics

<http://nces.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Description: NCES collects and analyzes data concerning education in the United States and other nations. NCES is a primary source for education statistics for all educational levels and for data on educational assessment, libraries, and international educational outcomes. The center's major annual reports are available on its site PDF and Web versions; the reports are *Education Statistics Quarterly*, *The Condition of Education*, *Digest of Education Statistics* and *Indicators of School Crime and Safety*. Use the Publications section and its subject index to locate other NCES reports. The site also provides a variety of tools, including the new QuickStats feature, to search and report the data yourself. The Fast Facts section highlights frequently requested information, such as data on high school dropout rates or the effects of reading to children. The site also includes a searchable directory of private and public schools, colleges, and public libraries.

For users searching for statistics related to any form of education, this site should be the first place to visit.

Subject(s): Education Statistics

Publication(s): *Developments in School Finance*, ED 1.139:

Digest of Education Statistics, ED 1.326:

Directory of Postsecondary Institutions, ED 1.111/4:

Dropout Rates in the United States, ED 1.329:

Indicators of School Crime and Safety, ED 1.347:

Projections of Education Statistics, ED 1.120:

The Condition of Education, ED 1.109:

Youth Indicators, ED 1.327:

611. Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings

<http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=DRL>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The NSF Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL) is concerned with teaching and learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at all age levels. The division's Web site has information on funding opportunities for research in this area, along with division news and events.

Subject(s): Science Education—Grants

Elementary and Secondary Education

612. Computers for Learning

<http://computersforlearning.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The Computers for Learning Web site is designed for public, private, parochial, and home schools serving the K–12 student population, as well as other nonprofit educational organizations. The service allows these groups of students and nonprofit organizations to request donations of surplus federal computer equipment.

The site includes program and eligibility information and sections on how to give and receive computers.

Subject(s): Educational Technology; Surplus Government Property

613. Education Resource Organizations Directory (EROD)

<http://wdeobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Elementary and Secondary Education Office

Description: EROD is a database of approximately 3,000 state and regional organizations that provide education-related information. It includes organizations such as state literary resource centers, state directors of adult education, curriculum materials centers, and education libraries. Each organization's entry has complete contact information and a description of its services.

Subject(s): Educational Resources

614. Emergency Planning

<http://www.ed.gov/emergencyplan/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools

Description: The Emergency Planning Web site provides school leaders with information to plan for emergencies such as natural disasters or violent incidents. The site includes instructional webcasts, a crisis planning guide, information on pandemic flu preparedness, and links to related assistance programs from the Education Department.

Subject(s): Disaster Preparedness; School Buildings

615. NAEP Data Explorer

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences

Description: The NAEP Data Explorer allows researchers to analyze data from the National Assessment of Education Progress, the testing program administered in fourth, eighth, and twelfth grades on skills in reading, math, science, and other subjects. The Data Explorer includes assessment results in 10 subject areas for the nation and participating states. It enables state and school district comparisons and also has trend data on national mathematics and reading results dating from the 1970s. Users can create custom tables and charts and export data in several formats including spreadsheet format. Instructions are linked from the NDE Help button that appears on the Data Explorer search screen.

Subject(s): Educational Assessment—Statistics

616. Nation's Report Card

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Description: This is the online home of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), an ongoing national assessment for student achievement in grades 4, 8, and 12. It provides background information on the history and current operations of the NAEP. Current results are available in the form of state profiles. Users can also construct custom data tables and get reports at the national level or by state, region, or major urban district. The Subject Areas section provides background and reports on assessments in mathematics, reading, science, civics, and other specific subjects.

Subject(s): Educational Assessment; Elementary and Secondary Education

617. Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Elementary and Secondary Education Office

Description: The OESE Web site has information on its programs, office contacts, and reports. The Laws, Regulations, and Guidance section is largely concerned with the No Child Left Behind Act. The Standards, Assessment, and Accountability and the Flexibility and Waivers sections also cover areas of No Child Left Behind. The Consolidated State Info section has information on the No Child Left Behind Consolidated State Performance Report for states reporting accomplishments and data. The site is searchable through an A to Z index.

The alphabetical index is useful in uncovering all of the information at this site. Much of the information on the site is intended for elementary and secondary education professionals and officials who need to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act or who are interested in its documents.

Subject(s): Education Standards; Educational Assessment; Elementary and Secondary Education

618. Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools

Description: OSDFS's major programs come under the categories of Health, Mental Health, Environmental Health, and Physical Education; Drug-Violence Prevention; and Character and Civic Education. Many of the programs are for the elementary and secondary level, although some programs also apply to higher education. The Web site has information on the grants that fall under these program categories and offers news and publications; it also links to related resources on the Internet in the Reports and Resources section.

Subject(s): Drug Control; School Safety

619. Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Office—Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

Description: OSEP has the primary responsibility of administering programs and projects relating to the education of all children, youth, and adults with disabilities, from birth through age 21. The Web site covers OSEP's programs and initiatives, reports, news, and office contacts. The site also includes offices within OSEP, the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). The site has extensive information on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which authorizes OSEP programs.

Subject(s): Special Education—Grants

Publication(s): *Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, ED 1.32:

620. Presidential Scholars Program

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/psp/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Commission on Presidential Scholars

Description: The Presidential Scholars Program was established to recognize and honor some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors and their teachers. This Website includes information on the program, the applications process, and current honorees.

Subject(s): High Schools—Awards and Honors

621. School District Demographics System

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sdds/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Description: This site presents demographic and geographic data for school districts from the decennial census and American Community Survey. The Map Viewer application allows users to view state or individual school district maps. The School District Profiles section can be used to compare demographic information between any of the nation's school districts. Users can also download school district data from the American Community Survey in spreadsheet file format.

Subject(s): Census; Elementary and Secondary Education—Statistics

Higher Education

622. Air Force Institute of Technology

<http://www.afit.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT)

Description: A component of Air University, AFIT is the Air Force's graduate school of engineering and management and its institute for technical professional continuing education. The Web site provides information on each of AFIT's schools and centers.

Subject(s): Air Force; Military Training and Education

623. Air University

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air University

Description: Air University (AU), located at Maxwell Air Force Base, conducts professional military education, graduate education, and professional continuing education for officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians. This site links to each of the component schools that make up AU and to its research centers, including the USAF Counterproliferation Center, Nation Space Studies Center, and Cyberspace and Information Operations Study Center. It also provides information on the university's history and mission. The Other AU Links section links to the university's course catalogs and publications, Air University Press, and the Air University Library.

Subject(s): Air Force; Military Training and Education

Publication(s): *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, D 301.133:

624. Army Logistics Management College

<http://www.almc.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Logistics Management College (ALMC)

Description: The Army Logistics Management College site features a course catalog, course schedule, online version of *Army Logistician*, and a link to the Army Logistics Library Web site.

Subject(s): Army; Military Training and Education

Publication(s): *Army Logistician* (bimonthly), D 101.69:

625. Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships

<http://www.act.org/goldwater/>

Sponsor(s): Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

Description: Goldwater Scholarships are awarded for undergraduate education in the fields of mathematics, science, and engineering. The Goldwater Foundation was established by Congress to encourage study in these fields. The Web site has scholarship application information and lists of past awardees.

Subject(s): Higher Education; Scholarships

626. Carlisle Barracks and the U.S. Army War College

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Carlisle Barracks

Description: Carlisle Barracks is the home of the U.S. Army War College, the Center for Strategic Leadership, the Strategic Studies Institute, the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, the Army Physical Fitness Research Institute, the Army Heritage and Education Center, and the Military History Institute. The Web site provides information on the barracks and the resident institutions. The site's home page features summaries of timely studies in national defense. The site also carries the quarterly *Parameters*, the Army's senior professional journal; issues are archived online from 1996 onward.

Subject(s): Army; Military Training and Education

Publication(s): *Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly*, D 101.72:
Strategic Studies Institute (General Publications), D 101.146:

627. College Navigator

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Description: College Navigator is a database of information on colleges, universities, community colleges, technical colleges, and similar institutions. Prior to September 2007, it was known as the College Opportunities Online (COOL) database. The database can be searched by institution name or by location, type of school, programs offered, tuition and enrollment ranges, and other criteria. For each institution, the database typically supplies phone numbers, a URL, average costs, and basic background information. Colleges can also be compared side-by-side for such factors as estimated student expenses and graduation rates.

College Navigator is a useful reference for college-bound students as well as for those simply looking for a college's phone number or URL. Note that the site states that an institution's inclusion in the database does not constitute a recommendation by the Department of Education.

Subject(s): Higher Education

628. College.gov

<http://www.college.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: The Education Department says this new site is "intended to be the go-to source for information and resources about planning, preparing and paying for postsecondary education (such as 2- or 4-year colleges and universities, as well as vocational or career schools)." The site is organized into three main sections: Why Go; What to Do; and How to Pay. Students can upload and personalize content if they register an account with the site.

Subject(s): Colleges and Universities; Financial Aid to Students

629. Command and General Staff College

<http://usa.cac.army.mil/cac2/cgsc/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Command and General Staff College

Description: The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College is focused on leadership development within the Army. This site offers information on the college, its training programs, and its organizations.

Subject(s): Army; Military Leadership; Military Training and Education

Publication(s): *Military Review*, D 110.7:

630. Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC)

<http://www.dliflc.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Language Institute (DLI)

Description: DLIFLC is the primary foreign-language training institution within the Department of Defense. Programs are for U.S. military personnel and select agency staff. The Web site has information on the history of the center and its current language programs. The center's journal, *Applied Language Learning*, is online dating back to 1996.

The site is primarily of interest to those eligible for and interested in DLI language training.

Subject(s): Language Education; Military Training and Education

Publication(s): *Applied Language Learning*, D 1.105:

631. Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

<http://www.truman.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Truman Scholarship Foundation

Description: Truman Scholarships are awarded to outstanding undergraduate students who wish to pursue graduate study and careers in government or public service. This Web site has information about the Truman Foundation and its scholarship program, with sections for candidates, faculty, and current Truman scholars.

Subject(s): Public Policy; Scholarships

632. Marine Corps University

<http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Marine Corps—Training and Education Command

Description: The Marine Corps University's Web site provides information about its schools, including the Expeditionary Warfare School, the Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Warfighting, and the Marine Corps War College.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education

Publication(s): *Marine Corps University Journal*

633. NASA Office of Higher Education at Goddard Space Flight Center

<http://university.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: This office manages fellowships, grants, and other higher education programs at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. The programs target colleges and universities along the eastern seaboard and aerospace-oriented institutions nationwide with programs of mutual interest to Goddard. The site has information about these and other NASA-wide higher education programs.

Subject(s): Fellowships; Science Education—Grants

634. National Defense University (NDU)

<http://www.ndu.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Defense University (NDU)

Description: The NDU Web site provides an online course catalog and links to the university's component colleges and schools: the Joint Forces Staff College, the National War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Information Resources Management College, and the College of International Security Affairs. NDU Research Centers online include the Institute for National Strategic Studies and the Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction. A Professional Military Reading Lists section presents bibliographies of recommended reading from the chiefs of the armed services and others.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education; National Defense—Research

Publication(s): *Defense Horizons*, D 5.420:

Joint Force Quarterly, D 5.20:

McNair Papers, D 5.416:

Strategic Forum, Institute for National Strategic Studies, D 5.417:

635. Naval Postgraduate School

<http://www.nps.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

Description: NPS emphasizes education and research programs relevant to the Navy, defense, and national and international security interests. The Web site links to information from each of the NPS component schools: Business and Public Policy, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Operational and Information Sciences, and International Graduate Studies. The Research section includes archives of technical reports and abstracts from theses.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education

636. Naval War College

<http://www.nwc.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval War College (NWC)

Description: The Naval War College in Newport, R.I., is open to selected mid-grade and senior military officers of the U.S. armed services and civilian government officials. Naval officers from other countries attend international programs by invitation. The Web site has information on the component colleges, the Center for Naval Warfare Studies, and the Naval War College Press. The Press section includes the full texts of studies in the Newport Papers series and the *Naval War College Review*.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education; Navy

Publication(s): *Naval War College Review*, D 208.209:

Newport Papers, D 208.212:

637. NSF Division of Graduate Education

<http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=DGE>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The programs of the NSF's Division of Graduate Education promote the early career development of scientists and engineers by offering support at critical junctures of their careers. This Web site describes the division's research and teaching fellowships for graduate students in the sciences. Major programs described on the site include the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP); Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program (IGERT); and the NSF Graduate STEM Fellows in K-12 Education (GK-12).

Subject(s): Fellowships; Science Education

638. NSF Division of Undergraduate Education

<http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=DUE>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) focuses on improving undergraduate education in science, technology, mathematics, and engineering. The division awards funds to scholarship programs at educational institutions; they do not award scholarships directly to students. The division also funds programs for teacher education and curriculum development. The Web site has information on the programs, deadlines, and awards.

Subject(s): Science Education

639. Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Postsecondary Education Office

Description: In the Programs/Initiatives section, this Web site provides a guide to the postsecondary-related education programs administered by the OPE. Initiatives include programs for improving educational institutions, supporting international education, funding teacher training, and reaching out to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The Reports and Resources section of the site includes the *Federal Campus-Based Programs Data Book*. The Reports and Resources section includes statistical reports on the Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Student Loan Program, and others. The Accreditation section of the site explains the accreditation of educational institutions and has a directory of the numerous accrediting agencies. The OPE Web site has an A-Z subject index for finding information on specific topics.

This is a useful site with a substantial body of information sources of interest to students, educators, and financial aid offices.

Subject(s): Financial Aid to Students; Higher Education; International Education

Publication(s): *Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Program Book*, ED 1.23/2:

Grant Application for the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, ED 1.94/2:

640. Smithsonian Office of Fellowships

<http://www.si.edu/ofg/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The Office of Fellowships has applications, lists of fellowship and internship opportunities, and announcements of current recipients. The publication *Smithsonian Opportunities for Research and Study* is available online in an HTML format.

Subject(s): Fellowships

641. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

<http://www.usmma.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Description: The Merchant Marine Academy Web site has information about admissions, academics, and other activities. In the Academics section, the site also links to the Global Maritime and Transportation School (GMATS) for maritime and transportation industry professionals.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education; Shipping

642. United States Air Force Academy

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Force Academy

Description: The United States Air Force Academy Web site provides information for cadets, staff, and faculty. It includes visitor information and sections on admissions, academics, and cadet life. The academy's libraries are listed in the USAFA Organizations section.

Subject(s): Air Force; Military Training and Education

643. United States Military Academy at West Point

<http://www.usma.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Army—United States Military Academy (USMA)

Description: The West Point Web site has information for prospective and current students, alumni, visitors, and the West Point community. Sections include Admissions, Cadet Life, and the Academic, Physical, and Military Programs. A brief section on USMA history, found in the About the Academy section, includes a timeline and list of notable graduates.

Subject(s): Army; Military Training and Education

644. United States Naval Academy

<http://www.usna.edu>

Sponsor(s): Navy—United States Naval Academy (USNA)

Description: This site contains information on the Naval Academy, mainly for students, prospective students, and midshipmen. The About USNA section links to information about the academy's history and notable graduates.

Subject(s): Military Training and Education; Navy

645. White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/whhbcu/edlite-index.html>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Description: The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities was established by executive order in 1981. This Web site has information on the initiative's work, board of advisers and staff, and budget. It also has a list of Historically Black Colleges and Universities by state and type of institution, with Web addresses provided for each institution.

Subject(s): African Americans; Higher Education

646. White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/whtc/edlite-index.html>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities

Description: The President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities and the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities were established by executive order in 2002. In addition to information on the board and its activities, this site has a directory of tribal colleges and universities.

Subject(s): Higher Education; American Indians

International Education

647. EducationUSA

<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau

Description: EducationUSA is a global network of more than 450 advising and information centers in 170 countries supported by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Web site's About Us section provides contact information for individual centers worldwide. Other sections of the site provide information about finding a school, financial assistance, student visas, school accreditation, and living in the United States. Information is available for all levels of higher education and specialized professional study. See the Living in the U.S. Publications section for booklets from the department's "If You Want to Study in the United States" series; they are available online in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish, and English.

Subject(s): International Education

648. Exchanges

<http://exchanges.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau

Description: The State Department's Exchanges Web site provides information on the international exchange programs they sponsor. The programs range from those designed for high school students to those for specialized professionals. The site also has information for exchange program administrators. Exchanges links to a number of social networking sites, including Connect.state.gov.

Subject(s): Diplomacy; International Education

649. Fulbright Scholar Program

<http://fulbright.state.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.fulbrightonline.org/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau—Institute of International Education (IIE)

Description: The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the United States, is an international education program that provides grants for graduate students, scholars, professionals, teachers, and administrators from the United States and other countries. This site, geared toward U.S. and non-U.S. applicants, describes the program in details, lists famous Fulbright alumni, and links to the Fulbright Commissions around the world.

Much of the program is administered for the Department of State by the Institute of International Education (IIE), an independent nonprofit organization. The alternate URL for this entry leads to the IIE Fulbright Web site.

Subject(s): International Education—Grants

650. Future State

<http://www.future.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: Designed as the student Web site for the Department of State, Future State is largely written for students at the secondary school level, although it has one section for students in grades K–6. The site explains the work of the department, international education opportunities available to students, and the nature of careers

within the Department of State. A section for parents and educators includes lesson plans and online resources.

Future State includes a substantial amount and variety of information relating to diplomacy, U.S. diplomatic history, country information, international exchange programs, and educational outreach activities.

Subject(s): Career Information; Diplomacy

651. International Affairs Office

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/internationaled/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: The International Affairs Office coordinates the Education Department's international programs and works with international agencies such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Web site provides a directory to Education Department programs that have an international aspect. It also describes the office's activities, such as International Education Week and the United States Network for Education Information (USNEI) program.

Subject(s): International Education

652. National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation

<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/ncfmea.html>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) reviews the standards used by foreign countries to accredit medical schools and determines whether those standards are comparable to standards used to accredit medical schools in the United States. The Web site provides information on the review process and lists countries the NCFMEA has found to have comparable standards.

Subject(s): Medical Schools—International

653. U.S. Network for Education Information (USNEI)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/edlite-index.html>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: USNEI is an interagency and public-private partnership set up to provide official information for anyone researching U.S. education. It also provides U.S. citizens with authoritative information about education in other countries. The site covers all levels of education, with topics including visas, accreditation, professional licensure, and teaching abroad (or in the United States). The site's Foreign Country Database links to Web sites for individual countries' official education agencies and organizations.

Subject(s): International Education

Kids' Pages

654. America's Story from America's Library

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: This Library of Congress Web site is designed for children and their families. It uses digitized images from the library's collection, accompanied by text and graphics, to create educational pages about American history and culture. Sec-

tions include Explore the States, Jump Back in Time, and Meet Amazing Americans.

Subject(s): History; Kids' Pages

655. ATF Kids' Page

<http://www.atf.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

Description: Several sections of the site are designed specifically for children, such as those about Elliot Ness and ATF canines. Other menu items link to content on the main ATF Web site, such as those about ATF history and ATF special agents killed in the line of duty.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement; Kids' Pages

656. BAM! Body and Mind

<http://www.bam.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: BAM!, designed for children age 9 to 13, has tips on fighting stress and adopting healthy lifestyles. It contains information about fitness, nutrition, safety, and handling peer pressure.

Subject(s): Kids' Pages; Child Health and Safety

657. Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)—Superintendent of Documents

Description: With a cartoon version of Benjamin Franklin as a guide, this GPO site for children covers topics such as the U.S. Constitution, how laws are made, the branches of the federal government, and citizenship. It features sections for specific age groups, plus a special section for parents and educators. The major sections are About Ben, K–2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–12, and Parents and Teachers.

Ben's Guide has received numerous accolades. It is useful as a grade school or high school student's homework helper, but may also help older students refresh their basic knowledge of U.S. government and history.

Subject(s): Kids' Pages; Civics Education

658. BLS Career Information

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Description: The BLS Career Information page for youth uses a graphical interface to match kids' interests with potential careers. A Teachers' Guide refers teachers to additional information available from BLS.

The site is easy and fun to use. It is most appropriate for upper elementary grades and high school students.

Subject(s): Career Information; Kids' Pages

659. CIA Kids' Page

<https://www.cia.gov/kids-page/index.html>

Sponsor(s): Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

Description: The CIA Kids' Page has section for students in grades K–5 and 6–12 and for parents and teachers. It also has a separate games section and links to the kids' pages at other intelligence agency Web sites. Kids' activities include learning

about the CIA seal, CIA history, and working for the CIA. Parent and teacher materials include lesson plans and guidance on topics such as Internet safety and helping children avoid drug abuse.

Subject(s): Intelligence Agencies; Kids' Pages

660. CryptoKids™

<http://www.nsa.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Security Agency (NSA)

Description: This site has games, activities, and background information about NSA's specialty, cryptography. The Student Resources section has NSA career information for high school and college students. The site has both a Flash and a text version.

Subject(s): Kids' Pages

661. DOI Just For Kids

<http://www.doi.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: This Department of the Interior site is a portal to the various kids' pages hosted by the department's agencies and bureaus. Linked sites include Endangered Species, Astrogeology for Kids, Earthquakes for Kids, and Web Rangers. The target audience age varies with the sites. Many sites include sections for teachers and field trip information.

Subject(s): Environmental Education; Kids' Pages

662. Dr. E's Energy Lab: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: This Department of Energy page for children includes home energy saving tips, an introduction to renewable energy technologies, games, and an energy quiz. A section for parents and teachers includes lesson plans for grades K–4, 5–8, and 9–12.

Subject(s): Renewable Energies; Kids' Pages

663. EIA Energy Kid's Page

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Information Administration (EIA)

Description: The Department of Energy's Information Administration provides this educational page. Sections include: Energy Facts, Fun and Games, Energy History, Classroom Activities, and Glossary. The Classroom Activities section includes materials for teachers and parents to use in working with learners from grades K–12.

Subject(s): Energy; Kids' Pages

664. Endangered Species Program, Kids' Corner

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: This site features a selection of educational activities about endangered species, most designed to be used by a teacher or parent for the benefit of young learners. In the Educators' section, the Endangered Means There is Still Time activity includes slide shows, a quiz, an activity workbook, and teachers' resources. The site also links to related programs from inside and outside the government, such as the Junior Duck Stamp Program and the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitats program.

Subject(s): Endangered Species; Kids' Pages

665. Energy Department—For Students and Kids

<http://www.energy.gov/forstudentsandkids.htm>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: This site centralizes access to Energy Department Web sites for kids and students, including energy glossaries and agency-sponsored contests and competitions. Linked sites cover a range of topics, from the relationship between garbage and energy to the Virtual Frog Dissection Kit. The More Kids Pages link leads to a list of kids' pages at the Energy Department's national laboratories and other centers. The Scholarships and Internships link leads to information on opportunities for undergraduate college students, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and faculty.

Subject(s): Science Education; Kids' Pages

666. Environmental Kids Club

<http://www.epa.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The EPA Environmental Kids Club Web site serves as a portal to information at a variety of educational levels and offers links to a Kids' Page, a site for high schoolers, and a site for teachers.

Subject(s): Environmental Education; Kids' Pages

667. EPA Climate Change Kids Site

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This site provides explanations of climate, weather, and the greenhouse effect. It also has games and a section for teachers. Due to the amount of text and the complicated nature of the subject, this site is best for students in the upper grades.

Subject(s): Environmental Education; Kids' Pages

668. FBI Kids' Page

<http://www.fbi.gov/fbikids.htm>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Description: The FBI Web site provides pages for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade, such as the About Our Dogs section, and pages for those in grades 6–12, such as the How We Investigate section.

Subject(s): Crime Detection; Kids' Pages

669. FCC Kids Zone

<http://www.fcc.gov/egb/kidszone/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

Description: The FCC Kids Zone has information on the history of communications technology, online games, and a section about satellites. It also has answers to questions kids ask, such as “What is 911?” and “What is the difference between AM radio and FM radio?” grouped in categories for grades K–3, 4–8, and 9–12. The site links to an FCC Web page for parents covering such issues as children's television programming.

Subject(s): Telecommunications; Kids' Pages

670. FDA Kids' Site

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Description: The colorful FDA Web site for children presents health and safety information in several sections, including the Food Safety Quiz and All About Animals. The center box links to the Parents' Corner with information on child health and safety.

Subject(s): Adolescents; Health Promotion; Kids' Pages

671. Federal Highway Administration Education Pages

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/education/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: The central education page from FHWA provides educational information and resources on the administration and its Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program. Featured sections include Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade through Eighth Grade, Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade, Life-Long Learning, Instructional Aids for Teachers, and Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools.

Subject(s): Transportation; Kids' Pages

672. Federal Reserve Kids Page

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve

Description: This Web site has answers to twelve questions, ranging from “What is inflation?” to “What is the FOMC, and what does it do?” The site is also available in Spanish.

The Federal Reserve has a broader education site with resources for teachers available at <http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/>.

Subject(s): Monetary Policy; Kids' Pages

673. FEMA for Kids

<http://www.fema.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Description: This FEMA site provides information and resources to help children prepare for and prevent disasters. Children can go through a series of activities and receive a Disaster Action Kid certificate. A section called the Disaster Area explains threats like floods and hurricanes. The site includes a section for parents and teachers with curriculum resources and links to further information.

Because of the sensitive nature of disaster threats, parents and teachers will probably want to review this site before sharing sections of it with young children.

Subject(s): Disaster Preparedness; Kids' Pages

674. FSA Kids

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/kidsapp?area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Description: To avoid entering the long Web address above, look for the FSA Kids link in the Outreach and Education section of the Farm Service Agency Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. The kids' page provides coloring books and games with an agricultural theme.

Subject(s): Agricultural Education; Kids' Pages

675. GirlsHealth.gov

<http://girlshealth.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: GirlsHealth.gov is designed to help adolescent girls (ages 10 to 16) learn about the health issues and social situations that they will encounter during the teen years. Sections provide information about fitness, nutrition, the mind, relationships, and other related topics. The site also has sections for parents, caregivers, and teachers.

Subject(s): Health Promotion; Kids' Pages

676. HHS Pages for Kids

<http://www.hhs.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: This portal links to kids' pages offered by agencies related to the Department of Health and Human Services. They distribute information about health, avoiding cigarettes and drugs, food safety, medical science, and more. The site includes sections for parents and teachers.

Subject(s): Health Promotion; Science Education; Kids' Pages

677. Indian Health Service Native American KIDS page

<http://www.ihs.gov/PublicInfo/Publications/Kids/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Indian Health Services (IHS)

Description: This site is divided into sections for children's content on health, safety, Native American culture, and Native American stories. Some of the links lead to material developed for the IHS; others lead to kids' pages at other federal agencies.

Subject(s): American Indians; Kids' Pages

678. Inside the Courtroom

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/eousa/kidspage/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—United States Attorneys

Description: This kids' page describes a typical courtroom and the jobs of the people who work in a courthouse. It also presents a fictional account of an FBI case and how it moved from investigation to prosecution.

Subject(s): Courts; Kids' Pages

679. Kidd Safety

<http://www.cpsc.gov/kids/kidsafety/>

Sponsor(s): Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

Description: The Kidd Safety page uses a cartoon goat named Kidd to guide users through games and information about safety. The site covers topics such as bicycle helmets, riding a scooter, and safety around the house.

Subject(s): Safety; Kids' Pages

680. Kids in the House

<http://clerkkids.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Office of the Clerk

Description: The House Clerk's Web site for kids includes material (written primarily for upper grade or high school students) on House procedures and history. It also discusses how bills are made into law. Features include a cartoon field trip to Capitol Hill, games, and a resource section for parents and teachers.

Subject(s): Legislative Procedure; Kids' Pages; Civics Education

681. Kids Next Door

<http://www.hud.gov/kids/kids.html>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: HUD's Web site for children is subtitled "Where kids can learn more about being good citizens." The page features sections including Meet Cool People, See Neat Things, and Visit Awesome Places. Within each of these sections are activities and pages such as Help the Homeless, Kids Volunteer, Safe Places to Play, and Build A Community. A section called Franklin's Fair Housing Corner provides educational materials on fair housing law that will be of interest to teachers and schools.

Subject(s): Citizenship; Kids' Pages

682. Kids.gov

<http://www.kids.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: Kids.gov is a portal to U.S. federal and state government Web pages designed for children. The site groups Web links in sections for grades K–5 and grades 6–8. Links are then organized by topic, such as careers, computers, and "fun stuff." A section for educators provides links organized in the same categories, supplemented with parent and teacher resource sites.

Kids.gov provides an easy way for children (as well as teachers and parents) to find kid-friendly information on the Web.

Subject(s): Government Information; Finding Aids; Kids' Pages

683. MyPyramid for Kids

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/kids-pyramid.html>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.mypyramid.gov/preschoolers/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Description: The MyPyramid for Kids Web site provides nutrition education resources for teachers and parents of elementary school children. Resources include a MyPyramid for Kids poster, coloring page, and worksheet in PDF format. Classroom materials on the site include three lesson plans. The USDA also has a MyPyramid site for preschoolers at the alternate URL above.

Subject(s): Nutrition; Kids' Pages

684. NASA for Students

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Education Office

Description: The NASA For Students page has sections for students in grades K–4, 5–8, 9–12, and postsecondary levels. It also features a NASA Kids' Club site with games and graphics; the Kids' Club Web address is listed at the alternate URL above. Both the Kids' Club and the For Students Page are part of a comprehensive NASA Education Web site at <http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/about/>.

This site and the central NASA education site are rich sources of material for students and teachers.

Subject(s): Space; Kids' Pages

685. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Children's Website

<http://www.nga.mil/ngakids/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)

Description: This site provides an introduction to satellite intelligence through several features aimed at the lower and upper grades.

Subject(s): Kids' Pages

686. NCEH Kids' Page

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)

Description: This site is based on “Take Your Children to Work Day,” a booklet created by NCEH for its employees' children to introduce them to the work of the agency. It includes sections on asthma, disabilities, emergency response, global health, lead poisoning, and other topics. The site's Fun Activities section features word games and puzzles.

Subject(s): Health Promotion; Kids' Pages

687. NGAkids

<http://www.nga.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): National Gallery of Art (NGA)

Description: This National Gallery of Art kids' page includes plenty of interactive activities, many of which use the Shockwave Player software.

Subject(s): Arts Education; Kids' Pages

688. NIEHS Kids' Pages

<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/home.htm>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Description: This Kids Page offering from the NIEHS has both a Spanish-language and a text-only version. It includes sections such as Games and Activities, Color Our World, and Sing-Along Songs. It also has a page for kids about Pandemic Flu.

Subject(s): Environmental Education; Health Promotion; Kids' Pages

689. NLS Kids Zone

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/children/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

Description: This Web site for kids is designed to be used with text-based browsers, such as Lynx, frequently used by blind readers. It recommends audio, Braille, and print/Braille books for children.

Subject(s): Kids' Pages

690. NRC: Students' Corner

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/basic-ref/students.html>

Sponsor(s): Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

Description: The NRC student's Web site explains everything from what nuclear energy is, to emergency planning, to radioactive waste. It also has a section for teachers' lesson plans.

Subject(s): Science Education; Kids' Pages

691. NROjr.GOV

<http://www.nroj.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

Description: The NRO kids' page features information and activities with a satellite and space theme. The site labels the content for the K–5 grade range.

Subject(s): Space; Kids' Pages

692. Patent and Trademark Office Kids' Page

<http://www.uspto.gov/go/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Description: The PTO Web site offers children's contests, games, and puzzles having to do with creativity, invention, and the operations of the PTO. The site has sections designed for students in grades K–6 and 6–12, as well as information for parents, teachers, and coaches.

Subject(s): Inventions; Kids' Pages

693. Peace Corps Challenge Online Game

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Peace Corps

Description: The Peace Corps kids' page is a "Peace Corps Challenge" game simulating a volunteer experience in the fictional village of Wanzuzu.

Subject(s): Geography; Kids' Pages

694. Sci4Kids

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/espanol/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Description: Sci4Kids is designed for children between the ages of 8 and 13. With a colorful all-graphics menu, it shows how scientific research affects many areas of life. The site includes information about careers in science. The alternate URL links to the Spanish-language version of the site.

Subject(s): Science Education; Kids' Pages

695. ScienceLab

<http://www.osti.gov/sciencelab/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: ScienceLab links to student resources at government and other Web sites. Major sections for students include Elementary Lab, Middle School Lab, High School Lab, and Experiments. The site also has a Teachers' Lab section and sections about science careers, competitions, and summer camps.

Subject(s): Science Education; Kids' Pages

696. Smithsonian Education

<http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The Smithsonian Web site for kids and students features themed Idea-Labs called Mr. President, Walking on the Moon, and Digging for Answers. The At the Smithsonian section links to pages of interest to kids from many Smithsonian Web sites. More activities are organized under the topics of art, science and nature, history and culture, and people and places. Links in the upper right corner lead to Smithsonian content for educators and parents.

Subject(s): Kids' Pages

697. Space Place

<http://spaceplace.jpl.nasa.gov/spacepl.htm>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://spaceplace.jpl.nasa.gov/sp/kids/index.shtml>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: Space Place is full of games, projects, and animations relating to earth and space science. The Teachers' Corner has classroom activity articles. The site has a Spanish-language version available; it can be linked from the top of the home page or directly accessed at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Space; Kids' Pages

698. State Facts for Children

<http://www.census.gov/schools/facts/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: A map of the United States serves as a menu for basic Census statistics, history, and trivia concerning each of the states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

Subject(s): Geography; Kids' Pages

699. Stop Bullying Now

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: This site has extensive information and a variety of activities for kids about dealing with bullying behavior. The portion of the site for adults and educators called What Adults Can Do is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Children; Kids' Pages

700. ToxMystery

<http://toxmystery.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: ToxMystery is an interactive game designed to teach kids about dangerous household substances. The site includes sections for parents and teachers, and has a version in Spanish.

Subject(s): Kids' Pages; Environmental Health

701. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Education Center

<http://education.usace.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Army Corps of Engineers

Description: This site provides educational information and activities about ports, waterway navigation, engineering, and related topics. Some links lead directly to Corps Web site pages that are not written for children.

Teachers and parents will need to preview and select the sections written for their students' grade level and interests.

Subject(s): Engineering; Kids' Pages

702. United States Mint's Site for Kids

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—United States Mint

Description: This site is alternatively called H.I.P. (History in Your Pocket)/Pocket Change. It features games and activities to teach children about the history of coins, coins around the world, and coin collecting. The site includes a section for teachers and parents.

Subject(s): Coins; Kids' Pages

703. USA Freedom Corps for Kids

<http://www.usafreedomcorpskids.gov/>

Sponsor(s): USA Freedom Corps

Description: This USA Freedom Corps page has sections for kids, youth, parents, and teachers—all focused on volunteering. The teachers' section has information on service-learning programs.

Subject(s): Volunteerism; Kids' Pages

704. USFA Kids

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/flash.shtm>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—U.S. Fire Administration

Description: USFA Kids has information on home fire safety, smoke alarms, and escaping from fire. It includes coloring pages and a Hazard House game. The section for parents and teachers includes lesson plans and downloadable activity sheets.

Subject(s): Fire Prevention; Kids' Pages

705. VA KIDS

<http://www.va.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: VA KIDS has sections for grades K–5 and 6–12 and for teachers. The grades 6–12 section includes information about volunteer and scholarship opportunities. The teacher section has resource guides and contacts for finding classroom speakers.

Subject(s): Veterans; Kids' Pages

706. White House 101

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: Labeled as “Facts and Fun for All Ages,” White House 101 features sections on past presidents, presidential trivia, and famous White House pets. The main section, Inside the President's House, provides information on the past residents, history, art, and architecture of the White House as well as information on topics such as Air Force One and Camp David. Inside the President's House is text-heavy and more appropriate for older students and adults than for young children.

Subject(s): White House (Mansion); Kids' Pages

707. World Book @ NASA

<http://www.nasa.gov/worldbook/wbkids/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: Through a partnership with World Book, the NASA Web site offers a selection of over 40 *World Book* encyclopedia articles concerning space exploration, earth science, and aeronautics. The site is labeled as being appropriate for students in grades 4–8.

Subject(s): Science Education; Space

708. You Are Here

<http://www.ftc.gov/YouAreHere/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)—Bureau of Consumer Protection

Description: You Are Here uses the setting of a cartoon shopping mall to teach kids and teens how to be smart consumers.

Subject(s): Consumer Information; Kids' Pages

Teaching

709. Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE)

<http://www.free.ed.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: FREE is a central finding aid for roughly Web-based teaching and learning resources on government and government-supported sites. Resources are organized by broad topics, such as Arts and Music, History and Social Studies, and Math. They include primary documents, photographs, animation, and video. The Subject Map provides a detailed breakdown of the topics. Announcements of newly added resources are available via RSS feed.

This is one of the most comprehensive finding aids for education-related U.S. government Web sites. Its primary focus is on K–12 resources.

Subject(s): Educational Resources; Finding Aids; Kids' Pages

710. For Teachers

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: This site focuses on using the digital collections of the Library of Congress in classroom education. It serves as a portal to relevant resources on the library site and also links to professional development tools for teachers.

Subject(s): Educational Resources; Teaching

711. James Madison Graduate Fellowships

<http://www.jamesmadison.com/>

Sponsor(s): James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation

Description: James Madison Graduate Fellowships are for teachers at the secondary school level who wish to enhance their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. The fellowships are for graduate study leading to a master's degree. This Web site has more about the program and about the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, an independent agency within the executive branch.

Subject(s): Constitution of the United States; Fellowships; Civics Education

712. NCELA—National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition

<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—English Language Acquisition Office

Description: NCELA, known in full as the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Educational Programs and funded by the Department of Education, is concerned with the effective education of linguistically and culturally diverse learners in the United States. The NCELA Web site provides direct access to a wealth of information on research, resources, statistics, funding, and programs to assist those working with English-language learners.

Subject(s): Language Education

713. What Works Clearinghouse (WWC)

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Institute of Education Sciences

Description: WWC collects and reviews studies of the effectiveness of educational programs and practices. It is intended to be a “central and trusted source of scientific evidence of what works in education” (from the Web site). In addition to the reports and guides, the site provides a database of education program evaluators and technical information on evaluating education programs.

Subject(s): Educational Assessment

CHAPTER 8

Employment

The federal government has a role in employment law, in regulating workplace conditions, in measuring employment and promoting jobs growth, and also—to a degree—in labor-management relations. All of these areas are reflected in the following Web sites. Many of the sites covering government’s role as an employer, however, are in the Government and Politics chapter.

Subsections in this chapter are Employment Law, Employment Statistics, Jobs, Labor-Management Relations, and Workplace Conditions.

Employment Law

714. Benefits Review Board (BRB)

<http://www.dol.gov/brb/welcome.html>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Benefits Review Board (BRB)

Description: The BRB rules on appeals of worker’s compensation claims that arise under the Longshore and Harbor Worker’s Compensation Act and the Black Lung Benefits amendments to the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. Its Web site has the text of BRB published and unpublished opinions and lists of case citations for Longshore and Black Lung cases.

Subject(s): Employment Law

715. Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Home Page

<http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/contracts/dbra.htm>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment Standards Administration (ESA)

Description: This Web site includes information on the forms and surveys relevant to the construction contractors complying with the Davis-Bacon Act. (The Davis-Bacon Act concerns wage rates for laborers working on public buildings or public works projects.) The Help section explains many of the Davis-Bacon provisions and will help users learn about these regulations. The site also includes regional contact information for the Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division, the Davis-Bacon Workplace Poster, and the online *Employment Law Guide: Prevailing Wages in Construction Contracts*.

The information on this Web site will be most useful to construction contractors complying with the Davis-Bacon Act.

Subject(s): Construction Industry—Regulations; Wages—Regulations

716. Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: The Department of Labor uses the front page of its Web site to showcase the variety of information contained in its networks. The Find It section provides quick links to the Topics, Audiences, Top 20 Items Requested, Forms, Services by Location, and Agencies (links to DOL agency Web sites) sections. The home page also highlights the latest Labor Department news and economic indicators from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and links to RSS feeds for Labor Department news and statistical releases. Other features of the site are labor law compliance information

and information on assistance after job loss. The FOIA Reading Room section includes administrative manuals, opinions and orders, statements of policy and interpretations, and frequently requested information. The site also has a search feature and an A to Z index to aid in navigation.

This Web site provides effective access to Department of Labor information and to related Web sites by providing multiple paths for accessing information and by highlighting the most frequently consulted topics.

Subject(s): Employment; Labor Law; Labor Statistics; Labor-Management Relations

717. Elaws—Employment Laws Assistance for Workers and Small Businesses

<http://www.dol.gov/elaws/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: The elaws Advisors are interactive tools designed to help employees and employers understand their respective rights and responsibilities under the laws and regulations administered by the Department of Labor. Each elaws Advisor provides information about a specific law or regulation. The Advisor imitates the interaction that an individual might have with an employment law expert. It asks questions, provides information, and directs the user to the appropriate resolutions based on the user's responses. Featured sections of expertise include the Fair Labor Standards Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Veterans' Issues, and Workplace Poster Requirements.

Subject(s): Labor Law

718. Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA)

<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: EBSA is concerned with private retirement plans and private health and welfare plans. Its Web site explains pension rights and employer compliance programs. Major sections include Pension Protection Act, ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act) Enforcement, Technical Guidance, Compliance Assistance, and Consumer Information. The main page highlights news, upcoming compliance assistance seminars, and frequently asked questions. The site also has forms, criminal enforcement news releases, EBSA publications, and links to relevant laws, regulations, and proposed regulations. Consumer information covers health plans, retirement plans, and retirement savings.

The EBSA Web site has material for both employee benefit specialists and consumers. The site design makes it easy for both audiences to find relevant content.

Subject(s): Health Insurance; Pensions

719. Employment Standards Administration

<http://www.dol.gov/esa/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment Standards Administration (ESA)

Description: ESA is responsible for enforcing and administering laws governing legally mandated wages and working conditions, including child labor, minimum wages, overtime, family and medical leave, equal employment opportunity, workers' compensation, internal union democracy and financial integrity, and union elections. Its Web site links to ESA's four component programs: the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, the Office of Labor-Management Standards, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, and the Wage and Hour Division. The ESA home page Regulatory Library provides laws, regulations, and guidance documents for each of the ESA programs.

Subject(s): Labor Law; Minimum Wage

720. E-Verify

<http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)

Description: E-Verify allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees and the validity of their Social Security Numbers. The program is run by USCIS in partnership with the Social Security Administration. The Web site directs employers to information on participating and registering online. The site also has sections for state workforce agencies and for federal contractors.

Subject(s): Employment—Regulations; Immigrant Workers

721. Foreign Labor Certification

<http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Description: The Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) in the Department of Labor provides labor certifications to employers seeking to bring foreign workers into the United States. The site provides program news, employment verification information, and applications. The Frequently Asked Questions section covers questions about permanent, H1-B, H2-A, and other classifications, and about prevailing wages. The site also links to the Foreign Labor Certification Data Center, the location of the Online Wage Library for prevailing wage determinations and disclosure databases for the temporary and permanent programs.

Subject(s): Immigrant Workers—Regulations; Wages—Regulations

722. Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Office of Disability Employment Policy

Description: JAN is an Americans with Disabilities Act information service sponsored by the Department of Labor and operated by West Virginia University. This Web site provides information on JAN's free consulting service for employers and on the employability of people with disabilities. Information is targeted at private employers, government employers, and individuals with disabilities. The JAN by Disability: A to Z section provides quick access to JAN fact sheets and other resources. JAN also has a blog and Spanish-language materials.

Subject(s): Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

723. Office of Disability Employment Policy

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Office of Disability Employment Policy

Description: The Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) manages programs, policies, and grants to further its mission to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Sections on the ODEP Web site focus on the workforce, youth, and employers. The Employment Supports section covers assistive services, benefits, policies, tools, and equipment for the disabled in the workforce. The home page also links to ODEP programs, grants information, and publications.

This Web site offers an excellent overview on many issues related to employment for people with disabilities.

Subject(s): Disabilities—Policy; Employment Discrimination—Laws

724. Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Trade Practices

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Rights Division

Description: The Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Trade Practices investigates employers charged with national origin and citizenship status discrimination under the antidiscrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This Web site provides guidance for both employers and employees and links to relevant laws and regulations. The News section includes announcements of grants awarded to organizations that provide public education on immigration-related discrimination. Special sections cover help for small business employers and a guide to best practices for online job postings. A Spanish-language version of the site is also available.

Subject(s): Employment Discrimination; Immigrant Workers

Publication(s): *OSC Update*

725. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

<http://www.pbgc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC)

Description: PBGC is a federal corporation created by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. It insures and protects pension benefits in certain pension plans. The Web site explains what PBGC does and does not guarantee, as well as the legal limits on their guarantees. PBGC offers online transactions for tasks such as applying for pension benefits and designating a beneficiary; instructions for doing these tasks by phone are also provided. Information is categorized for three audiences: Workers and Retirees, Practitioners (pension plan professionals), and Press and Policymakers. The Find Your Pension Plan database, under Workers and Retirees, can be searched by company name or plan name; status and guarantee tables are provided for each plan. Also in the Workers section, the Pension Search section is a directory of people known to be entitled to a pension from a company that went out of business or ended its defined benefit pension plan, but who have not yet claimed their pension. The Practitioners section includes interest rates, mortality tables, premium filing instructions, the *Pension Insurance Data Book* (under the heading Plan Trends and Statistics), laws, regulations, appeals board decisions, and opinion letters. The Press section includes publications, news releases, and PBGC congressional testimony. A significant selection of PBGC publications is available in Spanish.

This Web site offers well-organized content and online services. It should prove useful to anyone seeking information on one of the PBGC-insured pension plans.

Subject(s): Pensions; Retirement

Publication(s): *Finding a Lost Pension*, Y 3.P 38/2:

Pension Insurance Data Book, Y 3.P 38/2:2 P 38/7

Your Guaranteed Pension, Y 3.P 38/2:2 P 38/5

726. Railroad Retirement Board

<http://www.rrb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Railroad Retirement Board (RRB)

Description: RRB is an independent agency that administers retirement-survivor and unemployment-sickness benefit programs for railroad workers and their families. The Web site's section for beneficiaries and employees has forms, publications, and the Benefit Online Services portal called MainLine. The rail and labor employer

section has forms, publications, and online services for employers. The section for the general public serves as a central location for RRB legal opinions and decisions, financial statistics, and organizational information. Due to frequent requests, this section also has useful information for people seeking former railroad employee records for genealogical research. The RRB site also has a collection of videos for online briefings, and a ZIP code locator for finding the nearest RRB office.

Subject(s): Railroads; Retirement

Publication(s): *Annual Report on the Financial Status of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance System*

Annual Report on the Railroad Retirement System

727. U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

<http://www.eeoc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Description: EEOC coordinates federal equal employment opportunity regulations and investigates charges of employment discrimination. Its Web site provides information for employees, employers, small businesses, attorneys, and the public. The Discrimination by Type section has clear descriptions of laws related to age, disability, race, religion, and other areas. Statistics and additional information sources are provided for each area. A Laws, Regulations, and Guidance section serves as a library for relevant legal documents. Other topics include enforcement and employment statistics, special information for federal agencies and employees, reports on litigation settlements, how to file a discrimination charge, training and outreach programs, publications and posters, news, and an RSS newsfeed. The Other Languages section has translations of fact sheets and basic information in Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Vietnamese, Korean, and Haitian Creole. A Spanish-language version of the Web site is also available.

The EEOC Web site provides a straightforward presentation of important content. The home page has a clean table-of-contents style that makes the lack of a site map much less critical. The site offers adjustable font size and a plain text version, making it even more accessible for users.

Subject(s): Employment Discrimination—Laws

Publication(s): *Digest of Equal Opportunity Law*, Y 3.EQ 2:22

Enforcement Guidances, Y 3.EQ 2:2

728. Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/welcome.html>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)

Description: VETS advocates for veterans in the employment marketplace. Materials on the VETS Web site include the text of laws and regulations concerning veterans' employment, information about the Veterans' Preference for federal jobs, grants announcements, and information about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

Subject(s): Veterans

729. Wage and Hour Division (WHD)

<http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment Standards Administration (ESA)

Description: As part of the Department of Labor's Employment Standards Administration, WHD administers some of the best-known labor laws in the United States. These include Fair Labor Standards Act (which concerns minimum wage and over-

time), the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, worker protections provided in several temporary visa programs, and the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act. Its Web site provides fact sheets, posters, opinion letters, and compliance information for these laws. It also links to over a dozen charts comparing state labor laws on a variety of topics. The Compliance Assistance section covers topics including wage garnishment, stock options, lie detector tests, and government contracts.

Subject(s): Wages—Laws; Employment Law

730. Wage Determinations OnLine.gov

<http://www.wdol.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment Standards Administration (ESA)

Description: This Web site, intended for federal contracting officials, provides Service Contract Act (SCA) and Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) wage determinations. It is also open to labor organizations, contractor associations, employees, and the general public. SCA determinations can be searched by state and county. Archived SCA wage determinations can be retrieved by number. Users can also browse a list of determinations due to be revised. DBA wage determinations can be browsed by state, searched by number, or searched by a combination of state, county, and construction type. Archived DBA wage determinations and a list of determinations due to be revised are also online. The Library section links to the *Federal Acquisition Regulations* and other Web sites related to federal contracting.

According to its Web site, Wage Determinations OnLine.gov is a collaborative effort of the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Labor, the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Commerce.

GPO Access has long hosted a Davis-Bacon Act Web site for the Department of Labor, and it continues to do so. The GPO Access Web site, Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations, is described elsewhere in this chapter and does not include Service Contract Act wage determinations.

Subject(s): Construction Industry—Regulations; Government Contracts; Wages—Regulations

Publication(s): *Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations*, L 36.211/2:

Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations, L 36.202:

731. Youth at Work

<http://youth.eeoc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Description: Youth at Work is targeted at working teens. It provides straightforward information on employment discrimination, employee rights, and employee responsibilities. The site is available in English and Spanish.

Subject(s): Adolescents; Employment Discrimination

732. YouthRules!

<http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: The Department of Labor's YouthRules! Program promotes safe work experiences for young workers. The Web site has information on federal and state laws and regulations governing child labor. The four main sections are centered on information pertaining to teens, parents, educators, and employers. A Compliance Assistance section has guides, fact sheets, posters, and other resources for employers of teenagers. The site includes some information in Spanish.

Subject(s): Adolescents—Regulations; Labor Law

Employment Statistics

733. Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Description: The BLS Web site is a major source for employment, economic, and labor statistics. The home page features the latest key economic indicators from BLS, including the Consumer Price Index, unemployment rate, payroll employment, average hourly earnings, the Producer Price Index, the Employment Cost Index, productivity, and the U.S. Import Price Index.

BLS data and products are organized under the Subject Areas tab; topics include Inflation & Prices, Unemployment, and Pay & Benefits. For each topic, the site links to BLS news releases, databases, prepared tables, publications, and related documentation. Online tutorials are available for the databases. The home page links to “Economy at a Glance” tables for the U.S., regions, states, and specific industries. Under Other Statistical Sites, BLS provides links to other U.S. statistical agencies, state labor market information agencies, and other countries’ statistical agencies.

BLS helps researchers by providing multiple approaches to their data. The database tutorials are a welcome addition to the site.

Subject(s): Labor Statistics; Wages—Statistics; Employment Statistics

Publication(s): *BLS Handbook of Methods*, L 2.3:

BLS News Releases, L 2.120:

Career Guide to Industries, L 2.3/4-3:

Compensation and Working Conditions, L 2.44/4:

Consumer Expenditure Survey, L 2.3/18:

CPI Detailed Report, L 2.38/3:

Employee Benefit Survey Data, L 2.46/6: to L 2.46/9:

Employer Costs for Employee Compensation, L 2.120/2-13:

Employment Characteristics of Families, L 2.118/2:

Employment Cost Index, L 2.117:

Extended Mass Layoffs, L 2.120/2-14:

Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, L 2.3/12:

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Major Work Stoppages, L 2.45/3:

Monthly Labor Review, L 2.6:

Monthly Series on Mass Layoffs, L 2.120/2-15:

National Compensation Survey, L 2.121

News, Consumer Price Index, L 2.38/3-2:

News, International Comparisons of Hourly Compensation Costs in Manufacturing, L 2.130:

News, International Comparisons of Manufacturing Productivity and Unit Labor Cost Trends, L 2.120/2-6:

News, Producer Price Indexes, L 2.61/10:

News, Productivity and Costs

News, Real Earnings, L 2.115:

News, Regional and State Unemployment

News, The Employment Situation, L 2.53/2:

News, Work Experience of the Population, L 2.120/2-18:

News, Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, L 2.120/2-11:

NLS Handbook, L 2.46/3:N 21

Occupational Injuries and Illnesses by Selected Characteristics, L 2.3/11:
Occupational Outlook Handbook, L 2.3/4:
Occupational Outlook Quarterly, L 2.70/4:
PPI Detailed Report, L 2.61:
Producer Price Indexes Data, L 2.61
Summary Data from the Consumer Price Index, L 2.38/10:
U.S. Import and Export Prices, L 2.60/3:
Union Membership
Usual Weekly Earnings of Wage and Salary Workers, L 2.126:

734. Current Population Survey (CPS)

<http://www.bls.gov/cps/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)—Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: CPS is the primary source of information on the labor force characteristics of the U.S. population. The Census Bureau surveys a sample of households to get the data for BLS. Estimates obtained from the CPS include employment, unemployment, earnings, hours of work, multiple jobholders, union membership and other statistics. The monthly CPS news release, *The Employment Situation*, is widely quoted for details on the current national unemployment rate.

The CPS home page links to CPS data in news releases, publications, databases, and prepared tables. Researchers can also download the entire database or subsets.

Subject(s): Employment Statistics

Publication(s): *Characteristics of Minimum Wage Workers*

The Employment Situation, L 2.53/2:

Women in the Labor Force: A Databook, L 2.71:

735. Income

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/income.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: The Census Bureau's Web page for income data provides reports, briefs, and research in addition to aggregated data and microdata. It links to the income data from the Current Population Survey, American Community Survey, Decennial Census, and Survey of Income and Program Participation, and other Census programs. Data tables include median state income and historic income inequality. The site provides detailed information on the data sources and links to other income data programs on the Internet.

Subject(s): Wages—Statistics

Publication(s): *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States*, C 3.186/32:

736. Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

<http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Web site describes the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) project and provides access to the data. LEHD involves a Census Bureau partnership with the states, combining federal and state administrative data on employers and employees while ensuring confidentiality. Most of the site is concerned with Local Employment Dynamics (LED), which provide data on local labor market conditions. LED's Quality Workforce Indicators (QWI) include data for

employment, job creation, wages, worker turnover, and other factors at state, county, and city levels. The Data Tools section of the site includes QWI Online, OnTheMap (which maps work and home locations with other workforce data), and the Community Economic Development HotReport (a suite of data options designed to assist local and regional economic development decision making).

LEHD provides an extensive library of information, documentation, and research for social scientists, economic development specialists, and those familiar with the data; other users will face a learning curve. Most, but not all, states participate—the site has a list of participating states.

Subject(s): Employment Statistics

737. National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS) Annotated Bibliography

<http://www.nlsbibliography.org/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Description: The NLS Annotated Bibliography is an ongoing effort to provide the public with an up-to-date, searchable record of research based on data from all NLS cohorts. NLS gathers detailed information about the labor market experiences and other aspects of the lives of a sample of men and women. The NLS Bibliography section contains citations and abstracts of NLS-based journal articles, working papers, conference presentations, and dissertations. The last printed version of the bibliography was published in 1995, and this Web site is a continuation of the effort to provide an online bibliography of research based on data from the NLS.

Subject(s): Workforce—Research

Jobs

738. Career Guide to Industries

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Description: This Web site presents the online version of the *Career Guide to Industries*, which is also available in print form and is updated every two years. The guide profiles the careers that account for most employment in the United States. Each career profile includes sections on training, earnings, opportunities for advancement, occupational outlook, and sources of additional information.

Subject(s): Career Information

Publication(s): *Career Guide to Industries*, L 2.3/4-3:

739. Career Voyages

<http://www.careervoyages.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Labor Department

Description: The Career Voyages Web site is designed to spotlight high-growth, high-demand career options and identify the education and skills needed for those careers. It includes sections for career changers, career advisers, students, and parents. The site makes use of online videos and provides links to Web sites related to each career.

Subject(s): Career Information

740. Employment and Training Administration

<http://www.doleta.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Description: ETA supports workforce training programs and job placement through employment services. The ETA Web site offers information about services for businesses and industry, workers, and workforce professionals. The site has a Grants and Contracts section and links to regional and state resources. The ETA Library section includes a research database, relevant laws and regulations, ETA Advisories and Memorandums, and links to information on ETA programs. Major programs include Foreign Labor Certification, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program, and the Dislocated Workers Program. The site also has a helpful page on unemployment insurance. Use the “Find It! in ETA” link in the right column to locate specific topics, such as unemployment insurance and National Emergency Grants.

Subject(s): Job Training

Publication(s): *ETA Occasional Paper Series*, L 37.27:

741. HireVetsFirst.gov

<http://www.hirevetsfirst.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: HireVetsFirst.gov calls itself “the comprehensive career Web site for hiring veterans of America’s military” (from the Web site). It has sections for employers and for veterans seeking employment and promotes the One-Stop Career Centers available for employers and veterans. Features include a Military Skills Translator veterans can use to map their Military Occupation Classification (MOC) to similar occupations in the civilian workforce.

Subject(s): Veterans

742. O*NET—The Occupational Information Network

<http://online.onetcenter.org/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Description: O*NET, the Occupational Information Network, is a database system developed by the Department of Labor to replace the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT)*. O*NET contains comprehensive information on job requirements and worker competencies. It is aligned with the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The Web site has a Find Occupations section to search the database by keyword and other criteria, and a Skills Search that allows users to select from a list of skills and match them to occupations. It also has a crosswalk search between the O*NET classifications and other classifications, such as the Military Occupation Classification.

Subject(s): Job Skills; Occupations

743. Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Description: The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* profiles job and career options and describes the work involved and the training or education needed for each career. It is updated every two years. Each entry is available in HTML or PDF format. The *Handbook* is also available for purchase in print.

Occupation profiles can be found with a keyword search or through an A to Z index. Occupations can also be browsed by broad category, such as sales or transportation. The Web site links to supporting material, including a teacher’s guide,

the *Occupational Outlook Quarterly Online* magazine, and an overview of trends in job opportunities for the future.

This Web site contains an excellent online implementation of a standard reference source. The links to definitions and related occupations make the *Handbook* easy to browse online.

Subject(s): Career Information; Occupations; Workforce

Publication(s): *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, L 2.3/4:

Occupational Outlook Quarterly Online, L 2.70/4:

744. Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) System

<http://stats.bls.gov/soc/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Description: The SOC system is used by federal statistical agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, and disseminating data. This Web site allows users to browse or search the classification system, or to order a copy of the printed edition of the *Standard Occupational Classification Manual*. Related reference material is provided, including the *Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) User Guide*. The site also has information on the planned revision of the SOC for 2010.

Subject(s): Occupations

Publication(s): *Standard Occupational Classification Manual*, PREX 2.6/3:

745. Studentjobs.gov

<http://www.studentjobs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Federal Student Aid Office—Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: Studentjobs.gov is a clearinghouse of information about student employment and internships in the federal government. Users interested in federal jobs can create and post a resume online or search a database of federal job openings. An Agency Information Gateway section facilitates browsing, with direct links to the relevant employment pages at the agencies' Web sites. The e-Scholar section of the site lists apprenticeships, internships, scholarships, and other educational opportunities offered by federal agencies.

Subject(s): Internships; Job Openings; Students

746. USAJOBS

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: USAJOBS identifies itself as “the official job site of the United States federal government” (from the Web site). The core of the site is a database of current federal government employment opportunities. These openings can be searched by keyword or by other criteria, including by agency, occupational grouping, salary, or state. In the My USAJOBS section, users can create and store a resume online for applying for federal jobs and set up a profile to receive automated job alerts. Other services on USAJOBS include links to federal employment application forms online, services for veterans, and guidance on the federal hiring process.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Job Openings

747. Women's Bureau

<http://www.dol.gov/wb/welcome.html>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Women's Bureau

Description: The Department of Labor's Women's Bureau was created in 1920 to promote profitable employment opportunities for women. Its Web site describes the bureau's current and past programs. The Resource and Info section includes fact sheets, reports, and statistics on women in the workforce.

Subject(s): Occupations—Statistics; Women—Policy

Labor-Management Relations

748. Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service

<http://www.fmcs.gov/internet/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS)

Description: FMCS is an independent agency set up by Congress to promote sound and stable labor-management relations. One of the agency's major responsibilities is to mediate collective bargaining negotiations. The What We Do section on its Web site provides information about collective bargaining, alternative bargaining processes, arbitration, the FMCS grants program, best practices, and other topics. The site also describes the FMCS e-service, which is called Technology Assisted Group Solutions (TAGS); TAGS includes capabilities for online meetings, online voting, and other services. The Resources section has articles by and about FMCS.

Subject(s): Labor-Management Relations; Mediation

749. Key Workplace Documents

<http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/keydocs/>

Sponsor(s): Cornell University. Catherwood Library

Description: Cornell University's Catherwood Library, while not a government institution, offers an online archive of historical government reports, statistics, and public policy papers from various agencies and commissions. The subject focus is on the workforce and employer-employee relationships. Federal publications in the collection include many reports from the Congressional Research Service.

This collection is small but focused. It is a nongovernmental information source but provides an excellent service in maintaining access to government reports that might not otherwise be available on the Internet.

Subject(s): Child Labor; Labor-Management Relations—Policy; Workforce—Policy

750. National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)

<http://www.nlr.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)

Description: NLRB conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees want union representation; it also investigates unfair labor practices by employers and unions. The Workplace Rights section explains the National Labor Relations Act. Under the I Am New to this Website heading, the section has basic information employee rights, filing a charge, and petitioning to start or dissolve a union. The Research section has NLRB decisions and memos, the weekly summary of new documents, and the CiteNet database for the *Classified Index of NLRB Board Decisions and Related Court Decisions*. The Publications section includes NLRB manuals, regulations, annual reports, and some publications in Spanish. The E-Gov section enables electronic filing of case documents, access to a customizable My NLRB portal, and FOIA information.

Subject(s): Labor Unions

Publication(s): *Classified Index of NLRB Board Decisions and Related Court Decisions*, LR 1.8/6:

Decisions and Orders, NLRB, LR 1.8:

Weekly Summary of NLRB Cases, LR 1.15/2:

751. National Mediation Board

<http://www.nmb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Mediation Board (NMB)

Description: NMB is an independent U.S. government agency whose principal role is to foster harmonious labor-management relations in the rail and air transport industries in order to minimize disruptions to the flow of interstate commerce. The NMB Web site's Mediation section includes information on Presidential Emergency Boards. The What's New section contains a weekly report on mediation, representation, and arbitration activity, as well as Freedom of Information Act links. The Documents and Forms section includes recent NMB determinations by fiscal year, an archive of the weekly reports, and NMB rules.

Subject(s): Airlines; Labor Mediation; Railroads

Publication(s): *Determinations of the National Mediation Board*, NMB 1.9:

752. Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS)

http://www.dol.gov/esa/olms_org.htm

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment Standards Administration (ESA)

Description: OLMS administers and enforces certain reporting, disclosure, and operational requirements for labor unions and union officers. The Web site has financial disclosure reports for labor unions, union officers, and union employees, as well as reports for employers and labor relations consultants. The scanned reports can be viewed in PDF format and are generally available from 2000 to the present. Data from the annual financial reports submitted by unions can also be searched by criteria, such as type of union, state or ZIP code, and the dollar range of assets, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements. The site also has compliance assistance information and notification of civil and criminal enforcement actions.

Subject(s): Labor Unions—Regulations

Workplace Conditions

753. Federal Occupational Health (FOH)

<http://www.foh.dhhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: FOH provides occupational health services to federal government managers and their employees. It is a quasi-governmental organization that must cover its operating costs with funds collected through the service provision. The FOH Web site includes information on topics such as worksite health centers, environmental health, safety, and health promotion.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Health Promotion

754. Mine Safety and Health Administration

<http://www.msha.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

Description: MSHA is charged with enforcing mine safety and health standards to prevent accidents and minimize health hazards. The MSHA Web site makes a wealth of current information on mine safety available for multiple audiences. The site has extensive information about mine safety laws and regulations and guidance on compliance with the laws. It has statistics on mining accidents, injuries, and fatalities. MSHA also provides the Data Retrieval System, a database with mine overviews, accident histories, violation histories, inspection histories, inspector dust samplings, and operator dust samplings and employment/production data. The site also links to the National Mine Safety and Health Academy site and to the Web sites for each of the agency's district offices. Use the A-Z index to locate specific information on the extensive MSHA site. A version of the site is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Mining; Workplace Safety—Regulations

Publication(s): *Fatalgrams*, L 38.15:

Holmes Safety Association Bulletin (monthly), L 38.12:

MSHA Program Information Bulletin, L 38.17/2:

755. Nanotechnology at NIOSH

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/nanotech/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Description: This site is concerned with the occupational safety and health implications related to applications of nanotechnology. It describes NIOSH research and published scientific research from other institutions. The Informational and Educational Materials section provides fact sheets and access to the NIOSH Nanoparticle Information Library database.

Subject(s): Nanotechnology; Workplace Safety

756. National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Description: NIOSH is responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injuries and illnesses. Its Web site offers multiple points of access to the agency's publications, databases, program information, and other resources. Information is organized into major sections, including Industries and Occupations, Hazards and Exposures, Diseases and Injuries, Chemicals, Safety and Prevention, Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Data and Statistics. NIOSH databases on the site include the NIOSHTIC-2 bibliographic database, the Power Tools Sound Level Database, National Occupational Respiratory Mortality System (NORMS), the Work-Related Injury Statistics Query System, and the Work-Related Lung Disease Surveillance System. It also links to the grant-supported Electronic Library of Construction Safety and Health. The Web site includes a NIOSH Science Blog. The site has an A to Z subject index and a search engine. A reduced version of the site is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Workplace Safety

Publication(s): *Criteria for a Recommended Standard . . .*, HE 20.7110:
Health Hazard Evaluation Summaries, HE 20.7125:
NIOSH Certified Equipment List, HE 20.7124:
NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletins, HE 20.7155:
NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods, HE 20.7108:994/
NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards, HE 20.7108:
Worker Health Chartbook, HE 20.7302:

757. Occupational Safety and Health Administration

<http://www.osha.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Description: OSHA's mission is to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths. The OSHA Web site provides information on the agency and its regulations and educational and enforcement activities. Major sections include Compliance Assistance; Laws and Regulations (including standards, interpretations, directives, and dockets); Enforcement; State Programs; Newsroom (including publications); Safety and Health Topics; Statistics; and International. The Statistics section provides multiple ways of searching OSHA inspection data. OSHA links to the Bureau of Labor Statistics for workplace injury, illness, and fatality statistics.

This Web site includes a Spanish-language section designed for employers and employees. Other special sections are offered for small businesses, workers, teenage workers, and Hispanic employers and employees. OSHA offers RSS feeds for its news releases, OSHA interpretations, Federal Register notices, and QuickTake e-news.

Subject(s): Workplace Safety—Regulations

758. Working Partners for an Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace

<http://www.dol.gov/workingpartners/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy (OASP)

Description: Working Partners is a Labor Department program designed to help businesses and communities address the problem of workplace substance abuse. It provides materials and training for a drug-free workplace program, basic information on substance abuse, and regulatory and legal information on the topic. The Working Partners site also has statistical information on the impact of substance abuse in the workplace.

Subject(s): Substance Abuse

Chapter 9

Energy

The federal government is both a regulator and producer of energy. The government sets energy policy, and it plays a role in the development of energy-related technologies. This chapter covers the varied federal Web sites that describe energy use and production, consumer energy issues, and energy statistics. Information on the work of the Energy Department's research laboratories can be found in the Science and Space chapter. Information on some aspects of Energy's defense work can be found in the Defense and Intelligence chapter. The topic of transportation is covered in the Transportation chapter.

Subsections in this chapter are Alternative and Renewable Fuels, Energy Policy and Information, Fossil and Nuclear Fuels, and Utilities.

Alternative and Renewable Fuels

759. Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: Alternative fuels for vehicles is the singular theme of this Department of Energy Web site. The site describes fuels such as biodiesel, electricity, ethanol, hydrogen, natural gas, and propane. The Vehicles section includes buying guides and explanatory material about alternative and advanced vehicles. The Fleets section has a “Clean Fleet Guide” and information on specific applications, such as school buses and long-haul trucks. The Fuels section includes an alternative fuel station locator for finding CNG, ethanol/E85, LPG, biodiesel, LNG, hydrogen, and electric refueling stations, with a tally of each type in each state. Another section details state and federal incentives for alternative fuel use. The Information Resources section features a documents database, technology bulletins, the *Alternative Fuels Price Report*, a glossary, and other relevant resources.

Subject(s): Fuels

Publication(s): *Alternative Fuels Price Report*

760. Bioenergy Feedstock Information Network

<http://bioenergy.ornl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Description: The Bioenergy Feedstock Information Network (BFIN) Web site is a gateway to information resources from the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Idaho National Laboratory, and National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and other facilities. The site covers biomass basics and offers details on the related economics, environmental issues, and supply system. It includes fact sheets, reports, databases, a glossary, and other resources.

This is an information-rich site for users interested in renewable energy and bio-fuels.

Subject(s): Renewable Energies

761. Biomass Programs

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: The Energy Department’s Biomass Program encourages the development of biomass technologies through its research and development activities. The Web site’s About the Program section has information on policy and budget. The Program Areas section describes the initiatives in Biomass Feedstocks, Sugar Platform, Thermochemical Platform, Product Research and Development, and Integrated Biorefineries sections. The Information Resources section includes publications, state and local program information, and audience-specific pages for industry, researchers, policymakers, consumers, and students. The site also has information about funding for basic and applied research for converting biomass resources to biofuels.

Subject(s): Biomass Fuels—Research

762. Biomass Research

<http://www.nrel.gov/biomass/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Description: This Web site describes the biomass research activities of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Capabilities and projects discussed include biochemical conversion, thermochemical conversion, and biobased products. NREL also makes energy analysis information and tools available for researchers on the site.

Subject(s): Biomass Fuels—Research

763. Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI)

<http://www.brdisolutions.com/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Energy Department

Description: As stated on the Web site, “The Biomass Initiative is the multi-agency effort to coordinate and accelerate all federal biobased products and bioenergy research and development.” Participating agencies include the Department of Energy and the Department of Agriculture. The site’s Solicitations section compiles information about funding opportunities from various agencies, and the Calendar section provides links to related workshops and conferences. The About section has information on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee and the Biomass Research and Development Board. The Publications section includes the BRDI’s annual report to Congress and meeting minutes from the Technical Advisory Committee.

Subject(s): Biomass Fuels—Research

Publication(s): *Annual Report to Congress on the Biomass Research and Development Initiative*

764. Clean Cities

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: The Clean Cities Program promotes alternative fuels and vehicles, fuel blends, fuel economy, hybrid vehicles, and a reduction in engine idle time for diesel vehicles. Clean Cities is a voluntary program that involves government, industry, and professional associations. Its Web site provides information about these coalitions and the program’s accomplishments. The site also carries solicitation announcements and the quarterly *Clean Cities Now* newsletter.

Subject(s): Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Publication(s): *Clean Cities Now*

765. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: EERE's mission is to enhance energy efficiency and productivity and bring clean, reliable, and affordable energy technologies to the marketplace. The EERE Web site links to detailed sections on each of the office's program areas, including biomass, building technologies, vehicle technologies, solar energy, and wind and hydropower technologies. The site provides a number of approaches to discovering all of the online information offered by EERE, including a subject index, an EERE site name index, and quick links to popular topics (such as ethanol and home energy audits). The Offices section covers EERE's mission, planning, economic and policy analysis, budget, and structure. The site also features the Energy Savers Blog.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation; Renewable Energies

Publication(s): *Renewable Energy Data Book*

766. Hydrogen Portal

<http://hydrogen.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)

Description: The Hydrogen Portal aggregates Department of Transportation information about the use of hydrogen fuel cells for transportation applications. The site includes the following sections: Hydrogen-Related Regulations; Safety, Codes, and Standards; and Projects Across DOT.

Subject(s): Alternative Fuel Vehicles

767. Hydrogen.gov

<http://www.hydrogen.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: Hydrogen.gov is an interagency Web site resulting from the White House Hydrogen Fuel Initiative announced in 2003. The site includes a table of regulations relevant to hydrogen fuel and information on federal agency research and development activities. The Federal Activities section links to information on the Interagency Working Group on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells.

Subject(s): Alternative and Renewable Fuels—Research

768. National Renewable Energy Laboratory

<http://www.nrel.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Description: NREL was originally established as a national center for federally sponsored solar energy research and development. It has since expanded into areas of energy efficiency, wind energy, advanced vehicle technologies, geothermal technologies, and other renewable energy fields. This Web site presents detailed information about each of NREL's major research and development areas. The Technology Transfer and Applying Technologies sections cover the laboratory's technology licensing, technical and other assistance to governments, and programs for universities. The Learning About Renewable Energy section includes resources for students and basic information for anyone interested in learning about biomass, hydrogen, and other alternative energy sources. The Resources section, in the right sidebar, includes NREL publications, photographs, and renewable resource maps and data.

The availability of many full-text documents and detailed project descriptions

makes this an excellent site for finding information about solar, wind, and other renewable energy topics.

Subject(s): Renewable Energies—Research; Research Laboratories

769. Wind and Hydropower Technologies Program

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/windandhydro/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: This Web site's content is evenly divided between the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's wind power and hydropower technologies research programs. The site provides a basic overview of the technology, program information, research and development news, financial opportunities, and online publications.

Subject(s): Hydroelectric Power; Wind Power

Energy Policy and Information

770. Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy

<http://www.arpa-e.energy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, known as ARPA-E, was established in 2007 to advance the development of energy technologies. The site has information on funding opportunities for “capable technology research and development entities,” as well as documents and facts sheets about ARPA-E.

Subject(s): Energy—Research; Research and Development—Grants

771. Building Energy Codes Program

<http://www.energycodes.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: The Building Energy Codes Program develops model commercial and residential energy codes and compliance assistance. This Web site provides information on federal rules and on state adoption of model codes. The content will be of most interest to state and local governments, builders, and suppliers to the construction industry.

Subject(s): Construction Industry—Regulations; Energy Conservation—Regulations

772. Building Technologies Program: Building America

http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building_america/

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.buildingamerica.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: Building America is a partnership program between the Department of Energy and industry to research new solutions for more energy-efficient homes. Its Web site features a national, interactive map/database of homes constructed as a result of participation in Building America research projects. The site reports on building technologies research and includes sections for builders, building scientists, and consumers. Much of the research conducted by the Building Technologies Program is funded through competitive solicitations, and the site provides information in the Financial Opportunities section.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation; Home Construction

773. Clean Energy

<http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This portal to EPA clean energy programs and information describes clean energy as including “energy efficiency and clean energy supply options like highly efficient combined heat and power and renewable energy.” The site links to information on federal, state, and local programs and policy and links to specific programs such as the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency and State Utility Commission Assistance. It features a Power Profiler tool that shows what types of power are used in any ZIP code and how the emissions compare to a national average. The site links to other online tools, including a Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator and the downloadable eGrid database of plant-specific emissions data for all U.S. electricity generating plants.

Subject(s): Air Quality; Energy Conservation

774. Department of Energy

<http://www.energy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: The Department of Energy’s home page presents news and headlines, with links to major sections on Science and Technology, Energy Sources, Energy Efficiency, Environment, Prices and Trends, National Security, and Safety and Health. Each of these sections provides topical access to department offices and programs. The Offices and Facilities section and National Laboratory listings link directly to component organizations. The site also has sections designed for target audiences such as consumers, researchers, educators, and students and kids. As with other departments, Energy has a section devoted to tracking its Recovery Act work at <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>.

This site makes an excellent starting point for searching for any type of energy-related information, although the Energy Information Administration Web site is also highly recommended.

Subject(s): Energy Policy

Publication(s): *Office of Inspector General Public Reports*, E 1.136:

U.S. Department of Energy National Telephone Directory, E 1.12/3:

775. Directives, Regulations, and Standards

<http://www.directives.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: The site serves a dual audience: Department of Energy employees and the general public. It is a finding aid for many Energy Department documents. The general public can use the Read section, which is linked from the site’s home page. The site can also be used by Energy Department employees who are writing or commenting on directives. (Directives are meant to guide or instruct employees in the performance of their jobs.) The Regulations section points users to Energy Department regulations online and to government Web sites with information about federal regulations. The Standards section has approved, draft, and archived Energy Department technical standards. The site also has a section for the Energy Department’s Secretarial Delegations of Authority, the legal instrument used to transfer authority granted to the secretary of energy to another official within the department.

Subject(s): Energy—Regulations

776. Energy Citations Database

<http://www.osti.gov/energycitations/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: The Energy Citations Database indexes energy and energy-related scientific and technical information from the Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies for material published from 1943 to the present. The citations include bibliographic information and abstracts. For many of the newer works cited, there are direct links to online full-text versions or files in PDF format. The indexed articles, books, papers, dissertations and patents cover such topics as chemistry, climatology, engineering, geology, oceanography, and physics. An advanced search feature allows users to search by title, subject, identifier numbers, and other bibliographic fields. Results can be sorted by relevance, publication date, system entry date, resource/document type, title, research organization, sponsoring organization, or the document's unique OSTI identifier number. Registered users can receive e-mail updates on topics of interest.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

777. Energy Information Administration

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Information Administration (EIA)

Description: EIA provides data, forecasts, and analyses regarding energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment. The EIA Web site is divided into major topical areas, including Petroleum, Natural Gas, Electricity, Coal, Nuclear, Renewable and Alternative Fuels, Environment, and Households, Buildings, and Industry. Each section has data, reports, analyses, and forecasts. Other major sections focus on international data (including country energy profiles), historical data, and forecasts and analyses. The About Us section explains EIA's data processes, forecasting methods, analysis activities, and the policy-independent nature of its work.

EIA has an extensive line of statistical publications and data sets, many of which are available on this site. The Publications section includes both current and archival editions. The home page links to EIA e-mail update services and RSS feeds. The Press Room section lists new and upcoming reports and data releases.

For highly specialized information beyond the scope of the site, EIA provides a directory of its subject experts on a wide range of topics, including energy taxation, wind energy, and electric power emissions; this directory is available under Contact Us heading. The site also includes an energy glossary and a reference section called Energy Basics 101.

With its broad scope and multiple access points, the EIA Web site is the place to start when looking for energy-related data. Much of the data are at the national level, but state, regional, and international data are also available. An A-Z Index helps in locating specific information on this large site.

Subject(s): Energy—Statistics; Energy Prices and Costs; Databases

Publication(s): *Annual Coal Report*, E 3.11/7-3:

Annual Energy Outlook, E 3.1/4:

Annual Energy Review, E 3.1/2:

Country Analysis Briefs

Current EIA Publications, E 3.27/8:

EIA Publications Directory, E 3.27:

Electric Power Annual, E 3.11/17-10:

Electric Power Monthly, E 3.11/17-8:

Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States, E 3.59:
Energy Education Resources, Kindergarten through 12th Grade, E 3.27/6:
Energy INFOcard, E 3.2:IN 3
Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales, E 3.11/11-3:
International Energy Annual, E 3.11/20:
International Energy Outlook, E 3.11/20
International Petroleum Monthly, E 3.11/5-6:
Monthly Energy Review, E 3.9:
Natural Gas Annual, E 3.11/2-2:
Natural Gas Monthly, E 3.11:
Natural Gas Weekly Update, E 3.11/2-12:
Oil and Gas Field Code Master List, E 3.34/2:
On-Highway Diesel Prices, E 3.13/8:
Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers, E 3.37:
Petroleum Marketing Annual, E 3.13/4-2:
Petroleum Marketing Monthly, E 3.13/4:
Petroleum Supply Annual, E 3.11/5-5:(year)/V.1
Petroleum Supply Annual, E 3.11/5-5:(year)/V.2
Petroleum Supply Monthly, E 3.11/5:
Quarterly Coal Report, E 3.11/9:
Renewable Energy Annual, E 3.19/2:
Retail Gasoline Prices, E 3.13/9:
Short Term Energy Outlook, E 3.31:
State Electricity Profiles, E 3.2:ST 2/5
State Energy Data Reports, E 3.42:
State Energy Price and Expenditure Reports, E 3.42/3:
This Week in Petroleum
U.S. Crude Oil, Natural Gas, and Natural Gas Liquids Reserves, E 3.34:
Uranium Marketing Annual Report, E 3.46/5:
Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouses Gases Annual Report, E 3.59/2:
Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report
Weekly Petroleum Status Report, E 3.32:

778. Energy Savers

<http://www.energysavers.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: This Energy Savers Web site includes tips for consumers on saving energy and reducing energy costs. It also provides information on financial assistance for consumers and small businesses to make energy-saving improvements. The site links to the Energy Department's Energy Savers Blog.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation

779. Energy Savers Blog

<http://eere.typepad.com/energysavers/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: This blog focuses on energy saving tips for consumers, covering topics such as energy-efficient appliances and weatherization. The blog allows comments.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation; Blogs

780. Energy Savers: Tips on Saving Energy

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: Energy Savers provides tips for conserving energy at home, with in-depth information about such topics as water heating, insulation, windows, lighting, and appliances. The information is derived from the 36-page *Energy Savers* booklet, which can be downloaded in PDF format. The full Web version and booklet are also available in Spanish.

The Department of Energy also has a site at <http://www.energysavers.gov>, which is also called Energy Savers and is described in this section. That site has a broader scope, with information for builders, building managers, state agencies, and other audiences, including homeowners.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation

Publication(s): *Energy Savers*

781. ENERGY STAR

<http://www.energystar.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: ENERGY STAR is a voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products. The core of this Web site is its extensive and detailed directory of qualified projects. Other sections cover energy-efficient home improvement projects, finding new homes that qualify for ENERGY STAR, and guidelines for energy-efficient commercial buildings. Some information is available in Spanish.

This Web site is well designed, informative, and customer-oriented.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation

782. EnergyFiles—Energy Science and Technology Virtual Library

<http://www.osti.gov/energyfiles/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: EnergyFiles is a portal to “over 500 databases and Web sites containing information and resources pertaining to science and technology of interest to the Department of Energy, with an emphasis on the physical sciences” (from the Web site). The Subject section uses topical pathfinders to guide users to the diverse databases and tools available. Subject subsections include Biology and Medicine, Chemistry, Fission and Nuclear Technologies, Fossil Fuels, Geosciences, Physics, Power Transmission, and Renewable Energy. The OSTI Resources section presents a list of databases that can be searched singly or in combination.

EnergyFiles is a flexible and user-friendly finding aid. The site continues to add features and resources while maintaining a straightforward interface.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information; Finding Aids

783. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

<http://www.ferc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Description: FERC is an independent regulatory commission, organized under the Department of Energy, with responsibilities in the areas of electricity, natural gas, oil, and hydroelectric power businesses. The About FERC section of its Web site enumerates the responsibilities that are inside and outside FERC’s jurisdiction. The site’s eLibrary section serves as a central point for parties filing documents with FERC and for researchers seeking FERC documents. A For Citizens section helps users locate FERC documents and filings for energy projects by geographical area.

The Legal Resources section has current information about administrative litigation, court cases involving FERC, and the FERC Alternative Dispute Resolution process. Special sections provide guidance to regulated parties and other users on such topics as the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and open access transmission tariff reform. FERC has RSS feeds for its news releases, Market Oversight updates, and Technical Conference notices.

Subject(s): Energy—Regulations

784. Saving Starts at Home

<http://www.ftc.gov/energysavings>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: This consumer-oriented Web site provides tips on reducing energy costs through the use of energy-saving appliances, compact fluorescent bulbs, better gas mileage in cars, and other household strategies. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation

785. Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: The Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program works with regional and state energy offices to promote energy-efficient technologies and policies. This Web site outlines its major program areas and funding opportunities. Major programs include Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, Weatherization Assistance, the State Energy program, the Tribal Energy program, and Renewable Energy Production Assistance.

Subject(s): Energy Conservation—Grants

Fossil and Nuclear Fuels

786. Department of Energy Office of Health, Safety, and Security

<http://hss.energy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Office of Health, Safety, and Security

Description: This Department of Energy office is responsible for worker and public health and safety at Energy Department sites, including the former nuclear weapons production complex, the national laboratories, and research and testing facilities. The Office of Health, Safety, and Security (HSS) Web site has information about requirements, guidance, and technical standards for health and safety issues. Specific topics covered on the site include the HSPD-12 standards for government security badges and the Nuclear Materials Management & Safeguards System (NMMSS). The HSS Library section links to HSS documents that appear throughout the site.

Subject(s): Nuclear Fuels—Regulations; Radiation Exposure; Workplace Safety

787. Depleted UF6 Management Information Network

<http://web.ead.anl.gov/uranium/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)

Description: The Depleted UF6 Management Information Network is a public information Web site about the Department of Energy's management of its depleted uranium hexafluoride inventory. The material is a product of the uranium enrichment process and must be managed to protect the environment and the safety of workers and the public. This Web site provides information about the material, its

uses and risks, and the status of the management program. It includes Environmental Impact Statements, program documents, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Subject(s): Nuclear Waste

788. Energy Resources Program

<http://energy.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The USGS Energy Resources Program conducts research and provides scientific information and supply assessments for geologically based energy resources, such as oil, natural gas, and coal. Information, including maps and images, is organized by energy source and by U.S. region. International information includes assessments of petroleum resources and consumption around the globe. Other sections cover environmental and health issues, such as acid mine drainage and mercury emissions from coal, and USGS research in geochemistry and geophysics. The site has an online publications catalog and downloadable spatial and tabular data sets.

Subject(s): Fossil Fuels

789. Fuel Economy

<http://www.fueleconomy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency cosponsor this Web site, which is also known as Fueleconomy.gov. The site features a database that can be used to find and compare gas mileage, greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollution ratings for various car and truck models. The site also has tips for improving gas mileage and explains why miles per gallon (MPG) rates can vary. The Gasoline Prices section of the site links to gas price data from other sources and has information about related topics, such as gasoline taxes and regional variations in retail price. Other sections cover hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles. The annual *Fuel Economy Guide*, which includes revised 2008 MPG ratings, compiles fuel economy values for the model year for gasoline and alternative fuel cars, as well as light trucks, minivans, and sport utility vehicles. Versions of the fuel economy comparison tool and an alternative fuel station locator are available for mobile Internet devices; the mobile versions are linked from this site.

Subject(s): Gasoline; Motor Vehicles—Statistics

Publication(s): *Fuel Economy Guide*, E 1.8/5:

790. Global Nuclear Energy Partnership

<http://www.gnep.energy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: The Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) is an initiative to foster safe use of nuclear power. The Web site describes the program and its implementing elements, such as nuclear power expansion, minimized nuclear waste, fuel supply and waste services for countries without advanced nuclear technologies, and international nuclear safeguards. The site has information on the development of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for GNEP and includes sections on the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative.

Subject(s): Nuclear Energy

791. Idaho National Laboratory

<http://www.inl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Idaho National Laboratory (INL)

Description: The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) and the Argonne National Laboratory-West became the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) in February 2005. This Web site describes INL's research and development work in the nuclear energy, national security, and energy science and technology areas. It includes information about the Center for Advanced Energy Studies and the Next Generation Nuclear Plant projects. The Research Library section describes research services available to the public.

Subject(s): Nuclear Energy—Research; Scientific Research

792. National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

<http://www.netl.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Fossil Energy Office

Description: NETL conducts research related to coal, natural gas, and oil. The Web site's Research section describes NETL's research capabilities in basic sciences, energy system dynamics, geological and environmental systems, and materials science. The Technologies section covers topics including oil and natural gas supply, carbon sequestration, and hydrogen as an energy source. Information about research grants and technology transfer is available in the Solicitations and Business section. The Reference Shelf section of the site links to numerous papers, presentations, reports, and other publications in NETL's areas of expertise; they are grouped into categories including carbon sequestration, coal and power systems, and energy analysis.

Subject(s): Fossil Fuels—Research

Publication(s): *Netlog: NETL's R&D Newsletter*, E 12.15:

793. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

<http://www.nrc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

Description: NRC is an independent agency charged with regulating civilian use of nuclear materials. Its Web site highlights current news, public meetings schedules, and current rulemakings. Much of the material explaining NRC regulations and responsibilities can be found under the Nuclear Reactors, Nuclear Materials, and Radioactive Waste headings. Of interest to the general public, the site has a section on public involvement in NRC regulatory activities, information about reporting a safety or security concern, a directory of operating nuclear facilities, a section on radiation protection, and the option to receive e-mail news notices. The Event Reports section gives a daily status of nuclear power reactors, and the For the Record section provides NRC responses to "information on controversial issues or to significant media reports that could be misleading" (from the Web site).

The Electronic Reading Room section organizes access to NRC public documents. It features the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), a database that provides access to all image and text documents (the NRC has made this database public since November 1, 1999), as well as bibliographic records made public by the NRC before that date. Other online document collections include NRC Regulations, Commission Papers, Commission Orders, Significant Enforcement Actions, NUREG-Series Publications, and Regulatory Guides.

Subject(s): Nuclear Energy—Regulations

Publication(s): *Brochure Reports (NUREG-BR) Series*, Y 3.N 88:31/
Contractor Reports (NUREG/CR) Series, Y 3.N 88:25/
FSME Quarterly Newsletter, Y 3.N 88:57/
Information Digest, Y 3.N 88:10/1350/
NRC News Releases, Y 3.N 88:7/
NRC Staff Reports (NUREGs) Series, Y 3.N 88:10
NUREG/CP Series, Y 3.N 88:27/
Weekly Information Report, Y 3.N 88:50/

794. Office of Fossil Energy

<http://fossil.energy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Fossil Energy Office

Description: The Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy organizes its Web site content into major subject sections, including Clean Coal and Natural Gas Power Systems, Carbon Sequestration, Hydrogen and Other Clean Fuels, Oil and Gas Supply and Delivery, Natural Gas Regulation, and U.S. Petroleum Reserves. Each section links to news, related publications, Energy Department program information, and program contacts. Many of the topical sections also feature a database of Energy Department R&D projects in the specific field. From the main page, users should consult the drop-down menus to locate fossil energy projects by state and to find the Web pages for the various component offices and facilities.

Subject(s): Fossil Fuels

Publication(s): *Clean Coal Today*, E 1.84/4:

Coal and Power Systems: Strategic Plan and Multi-Year Program Plans, E 1.84:

Fossil Energy R&D Project Data Base, E 1.90/9:

Natural Gas Import and Export Regulations, E 1.84/8:

795. Office of Nuclear Energy

<http://www.ne.doe.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.nuclear.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Nuclear Energy Office

Description: The Office of Nuclear Energy is concerned with developing new nuclear energy generation technologies, managing the national nuclear infrastructure, and working to support university nuclear engineering programs. Under the heading Our Programs, each program section presents substantial information. Programs include Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative, Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems, and Nuclear Fuel Supply Security. The Public Information section includes budget information, reports to Congress, information on the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee (NERAC), and a Price-Anderson Indemnification section regarding insuring the public for damages from nuclear accidents.

Subject(s): Nuclear Energy—Research

796. Oil and Gas Industry Initiatives

<http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/oilgas/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: As stated on the site, "this Web site describes the FTC's oversight of the petroleum industry, with special sections on our activities related to merger enforcement, anticompetitive nonmerger activity, and gasoline price data." The Competition Policy section provides FTC reports on gasoline pricing and mergers in the petroleum industry.

Subject(s): Antitrust Law; Petroleum

797. U.S. Petroleum Reserves

<http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/reserves/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Fossil Energy Office

Description: This Web site provides profiles of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and the much smaller Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve and Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves. For the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the site has data on current inventory, general location of the secure storage sites, information on expanding the reserve, and information about when and why crude oil has been released from the reserve.

Subject(s): Petroleum

Publication(s): *Strategic Petroleum Reserve Annual Report*, E 1.84:
Strategic Unconventional Fuels Task Force Report

Utilities**798. Bonneville Power Administration**

<http://www.bpa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description: BPA is a self-financing federal power marketing agency that sells power primarily generated by federally owned dams and by one nuclear power plant in the Pacific Northwest. Major sections of its Web site report on BPA's Power Services and Transmission Services. Other sections cover energy efficiency, technology innovation, and environmental stewardship. The Finance and Rates section has BPA financial reports and rates and tariff information for the Power Business Line and Transmission Business Line. The Publications section points to BPA Records of Decision (RODs), the annual report, and other reports and educational brochures.

The BPA site has a search engine but no overall site index to help researchers find content in each of its major sections. Each section is structured differently, and researchers are advised to explore each one by browsing.

Subject(s): Hydroelectric Power

Publication(s): *Journal, Bonneville Power Administration*, E 5.23:

799. SEPA: Southeastern Power Administration

<http://www.sepa.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Southeastern Power Administration

Description: SEPA is responsible for marketing the electric power and energy generated at reservoirs operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and southern Illinois. Its Web site includes rate schedules, a system map, and information about how hydroelectricity works.

Subject(s): Hydroelectric Power

800. Southwestern Power Administration

<http://www.swpa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Southwestern Power Administration

Description: The Southwestern Power Administration is responsible for marketing the hydroelectric power produced at 24 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers multipurpose dams. Its Web site has information about how the Southwestern Power Administration operates and its rate schedules, estimated power generation, and acquisitions information.

Subject(s): Hydroelectric Power

801. Tennessee Valley Authority

<http://www.tva.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Description: TVA is a federal corporation and public power company. It operates fossil fuel and nuclear power plants and manages a system of dams. The major sections of the TVA Web site include About TVA, Power System, Environmental Stewardship, River System, Economic Development, Investor Resources, and TVA Newsroom. The Power System section discusses how power is generated at fossil fuel, hydroelectric, and nuclear plants. The River System section includes information about flood control, Tennessee River navigation, water quality, and the regional public recreation areas operated by TVA. The Environmental Stewardship section features the *Tennessee Valley Authority Environmental Report*, environmental impact statements, and environmental assessments. The Newsroom section has press releases and background information about topics of current interest. A helpful alphabetical site index can be found under the Site Help link.

Subject(s): Electricity; Utilities (Energy)

Publication(s): *Tennessee Valley Authority Environmental Report*, Y 3.T 25:1

802. USDA Utilities Programs

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Description: USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs helps rural utilities expand and keep their technology up to date. The Web site has sections on the Electric Program, Telecommunications, and the Water and Environmental Program. Along with program information, each section includes publications, regulatory information, and frequently asked questions.

Subject(s): Rural Utilities; Telecommunications

803. Western Area Power Administration

<http://www.wapa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)

Description: WAPA markets and delivers hydroelectric power in the central and western United States. The Power Marketing and Transmission sections provide detailed background information. The About Western section has financial and statistical data. The Energy Services section is designed for customers. The Web site also has information on WAPA's Electric Power Training Center, which is open to public enrollment. Other sections offer news, acquisitions information, *Federal Register* notices, and links to Web pages for each WAPA region. WAPA has also included a section for reporting on Recovery Act of 2009 programs.

Subject(s): Hydroelectric Power; West (United States)

Publication(s): *Energy Services Bulletin*
Green Power News

CHAPTER 10

Engineering and Technology

Engineering and technology Web sites from the federal government cover a broad range of applications and goals, such as aerospace research and development, computer security, telecommunications regulations, technical assistance for manufacturers, industrial standards, and technology transfer and commercialization. Sponsors of these Web sites include the military, the Energy Department, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Researchers may also want to check the Science chapter of the book, particularly the Scientific and Technical Information section and the Space section, for additional sites of interest.

Subsections in this chapter are Communications, Engineering, and Technology.

Communications

804. 911 Service

<http://www.fcc.gov/911/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

Description: This FCC Web site provides general, policy, and technical information on 911, the official national emergency number in the United States and Canada. The site contains consumer information and official reports about the basic 911 service. It also has a section about Enhanced 911, or E911, for wireless services and the technical and regulatory changes needed to bring it about. The State 911 section lists official points of contact for each state's 911 plan and links to related online resources. The site also includes sections on VOIP 911 and Mobile Satellite 911.

Subject(s): Disasters and Emergencies; Telephone Service

805. FCC Enforcement Bureau

<http://www.fcc.gov/eb/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Enforcement Bureau

Description: The FCC's regulatory enforcement arm focuses on implementing rules regarding consumer protection, local competition enforcement, and public safety/homeland security. In the What We Do section, the bureau explains its work in areas such as consumer telephone issues, local telephone competition enforcement, indecent or obscene broadcasts, and wireless 911 violations. The bureau's Web site has instructions on filing complaints about amateur radio interference, indecent broadcasts, and other topics. The site also has current news and documents, including Public Notices, FCC Orders, and Citations and Notices of Violation issued by the bureau's field offices.

Subject(s): Broadcasting—Laws; Telecommunications—Laws

806. FCC International Bureau

<http://www.fcc.gov/ib/>

Sponsors: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—International Bureau

Description: The International Bureau administers the FCC's international telecommunications policies and obligations. Its Web site includes information about bureau contacts and current FCC actions. The Application section includes Earth Station Licensing information, fee filing guides, and a link to the International Bureau electronic filing system. The Industry Information section contains FCC decisions on submarine cable landing licenses, news related to the World Trade Organization Basic Telecommunications Agreement, and the annual circuit status reports for U.S. facilities-based international common carriers. The Resources section provides a long list of reference information, including foreign ownership guidelines, international agreements, rules for international carriers, Significant Satellite Rulemakings, and a Global Outreach page for international users of the FCC Web site.

Subjects: Telecommunications—International

Publications: *Foreign Ownership Guidelines for FCC Common Carrier and Aeronautical Radio Licenses*

807. FCC Media Bureau

<http://www.fcc.gov/mb/>

Sponsors: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Media Bureau

Description: The FCC Media Bureau manages policy and licensing programs relating to electronic media, including cable television, broadcast television, and radio. This Web site carries news on regulatory, licensing, and merger developments. Media Bureau Information Sheets, which are offered on the site, cover such topics as cable TV complaints, children's television, and closed captioning. The Official Documents section includes documents from the Media Bureau and from its recent predecessors, the Mass Media Bureau and the Cable Services Bureau. The site also provides quarterly tallies of broadcast stations, information on political programming rules, and a "Significantly Viewed TV Stations" list. Media Bureau databases include CDBS (licensing information for radio and RV broadcast stations) and COALS (Cable Operations and Licensing System).

Subjects: Broadcasting—Regulations

808. FCC Office of Engineering and Technology

<http://www.fcc.gov/oet/>

Sponsors: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Office of Engineering and Technology

Description: The FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) is concerned with the policies and regulations for frequency allocation, spectrum usage, advanced communications technologies, and other matters related to communications engineering. Major sections of its Web site focus on information about radio frequency safety, radio spectrum allocation, and the authorization of equipment using the radio frequency spectrum. The OET Docket page provides access to FCC orders, notices, and press releases. It also links to mapping resources, technical documents, and a database of equipment authorizations.

Subjects: Communications Technology—Regulations

809. FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/>

Sponsors: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

Description: The FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau was established in 2006 to coordinate FCC activities related to public safety, homeland security, national security, emergency management and preparedness, and disaster management. The Web site covers topics such as the public safety communications spectrum, emergency communications planning, 911 call centers, and related advisory groups and safety groups. The site also has an online clearinghouse of public safety communications information.

Subjects: Communications—Policy; Disaster Preparedness; Homeland Security

810. FCC Tribal Initiatives

<http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>

Sponsor: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Description: This site describes FCC programs to overcome the lack of telecommunications availability and use on tribal lands. The site includes the FCC “Statement of Policy on Establishing a Government-to-Government Relationship with Indian Tribes.” It also covers specific issues such as tower and antenna siting, tribal lands bidding credits for telecommunications services, and financial assistance.

Subjects: Telecommunications—Policy; American Indians

811. FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/>

Sponsors: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Description: The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau handles FCC domestic wireless telecommunications programs and policies for cellular, paging, maritime mobile, and other wireless communications services. Its Web site includes bureau press releases, public notices, commission decisions, and other documents. Other sections within the site include Auctions, Licensing, Towers and Antennas, Wireless Services, and Wireless Outreach Initiatives. The Wireless Services section links to FCC information for over 30 services, including amateur radio, Citizens Band (CB) radio, and broadband Personal Communications Service (PCS).

Most of the information on this Web site addresses the regulated parties rather than the individual consumer.

Subjects: Wireless Communications—Regulations

812. FCC’s Parents’ Place

<http://www.fcc.gov/parents/>

Sponsor: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Description: The FCC created this Web site to help parents understand and monitor their children’s use of communications technology, including television and the Internet. The site includes sections on children’s television programming, TV ratings, TV channel blocking, 900 numbers, and Internet access.

Subjects: Communications Technology

813. Federal Communications Commission

<http://www.fcc.gov/>

Sponsor: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Description: The FCC Web site provides centralized access to information about the commission and its work, along with biographies of its commissioners and links to the FCC bureaus, offices, and advisory committees. The site's main sections include Strategic Goals, Consumer Center, and Filing Public Comments. The home page also features current FCC headlines and a link to the Web version of *FCC Daily Digest*, which is also available via e-mail delivery. The *Daily Digest* is a synopsis of commission orders, news releases, speeches, public notices, and all other FCC documents released each business day, with links to the full-text versions of each document. Issues are archived and kept online from June 1994 onward. The FCC offers a variety of finding aids for its Web site and documents collections. Select the Search link at the top of the home page for a full menu of the search tools available.

Subjects: Telecommunications—Regulations

Publications: *FCC Forms*, CC 1.55/2:

Federal Communications Commission Daily Digest, CC 1.56:

Statistics of Communications Common Carriers, CC 1.35:

Telephone Directory, FCC, CC 1.53:

814. Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS)

<http://www.its.blrdoc.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Description: ITS is the research and engineering branch of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The Web site's Programs and Projects section links to information on such projects as the Audio Quality Research, Video Quality Research, Wireless Networks, and Radio Frequency Interference Monitoring System projects. It also links to information about technology transfer and ITS cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs). The Publications section offers access to a variety of NTIA reports and a glossary of telecommunications terms.

Subjects: Communications Technology—Research

Publications: *ITS Technical Progress Report*, C 60.14:

815. National Communications System (NCS)

<http://www.ncs.gov/>

Sponsors: Homeland Security Department—National Communications System

Description: NCS is concerned with national security and emergency preparedness communications for the federal government. It consists of a 23-member interagency group managed by the Department of Homeland Security. This Web site describes NCS's mission, structure, and services. It also describes two closely related organizations, the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) and the National Coordinating Center for Telecommunications (NCC). The Library section of the site contains NCS newsletters, technical bulletins, and reports, and relevant Executive Orders and Homeland Security Presidential Directives.

Subjects: Disaster Preparedness; National Security; Communications Technology

816. National Telecommunications and Information Administration

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Description: NTIA, an executive branch agency within the Department of Commerce, is principally responsible for domestic and international telecommunications and information policy issues. The NTIA Web site has information about the administration, its publications, and its press releases. Much of the information on the site is found on the pages for NTIA's component offices, such as the pages for Spectrum Management and for Domestic Policy. The Grants section includes information on the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP), Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC), and other grant programs. The NTIA Web site also addresses digital television transition and the broadband issues in the Recovery Act of 2009.

Subjects: Internet—Policy; Telecommunications—Policy

Publications: *Manual of Regulations & Procedures for Federal Radio Frequency Management (Redbook)*, C 60.8:R 11/

United States Frequency Allocations: The Radio Spectrum (Wall Chart), C 60.16:R 11

817. USDA Telecommunications Program

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/>

Sponsors: Agriculture Department (USDA)—Rural Development

Description: The Rural Development Telecommunications Program assists with financing for rural America's telecommunications infrastructure. The program provides loans and grants in the areas including broadband connectivity, distance learning, and telemedicine. The site includes program materials such as grant and loan applications and a list of materials acceptable for use on the telecommunications systems of borrowers.

Subjects: Telecommunications

Engineering**818. Advanced Materials, Manufacturing & Testing Information Analysis Center (AMMTIAC)**

<http://ammtiac.alionscience.com/>

Sponsors: Defense Department—Advanced Materials, Manufacturing & Testing Information Analysis Center (AMMTIAC)

Description: AMMTIAC is a Department of Defense-sponsored Information Analysis Center (IAC) concerned with advanced materials and processes, such as ceramics and alloys. Its Web site offers information under sections entitled About AMMTIAC, Technical Services, Resources, and Publications. Resources on the site include the Industry Locator database of Web sites, reference books, and other resources relating to advanced materials.

Subjects: Information Analysis Centers; Materials Science

819. Chemical Propulsion Information Analysis Center

<http://www.cpia.jhu.edu/>

Sponsors: Defense Department—Chemical Propulsion Information Analysis Center (CPIAC)

Description: This Department of Defense Information Analysis Center is a clearinghouse for information on chemical, electrical, and nuclear propulsion for missile, space, and gun propulsion systems. In the Products section, the Web site includes the CPIAC *Bulletin* and listings of other CPIAC publications and databases. Database access is granted only to those who meet the eligibility requirements listed on the site. For the general public, the site offers propulsion news items from non-restricted sources.

Subjects: Information Analysis Centers; Propulsion Technology; Rockets

Publications: *Bulletin*

820. Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL)

<http://chl.erd.c.usace.army.mil/>

Sponsors: Army—Army Corps of Engineers

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL) conducts research and development in civil engineering related to shorelines, coastal structures, water flow, and waterways navigation. The CHL Web site provides information on its research programs, data and software publications, research and development applications, research facilities, and organizational structure. CHL capabilities are organized by area of expertise, such as dredging, estuaries, flood control, and coastal and hydraulic structures.

Subjects: Civil Engineering—Research; Waterways—Research

Publications: *Coastal and Hydraulics Engineering Technical Notes*

821. Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

<http://www.cecer.army.mil/td/tips/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.cecer.army.mil/>

Sponsors: Army—Army Corps of Engineers—Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

Description: The Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) conducts research in civil engineering and environmental quality to support sustainable military installations for the Army. The Web site has information about CERL, contracting and employment opportunities, and technology transfer and partnerships. Research areas are organized into sections including Installation Operations, Military Ranges and Land, and Acquisition, Planning, and Design for Facilities. Each research section links to related publications. The Publications section includes technical reports and other documents produced by CERL.

Subjects: Civil Engineering—Research

Publications: *Construction Engineering Research Laboratory: Technical Reports*, D 103.53:

822. Engineer Research and Development Center

<http://www.erd.c.usace.army.mil/>

Sponsors: Army—Army Corps of Engineers—Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

Description: ERDC specializes in engineering and environmental sciences in support of the military and for domestic projects. ERDC and its laboratories are concerned with the engineering and science aspects of coastal environments and hydraulics,

flood control and storm damage reduction, cold regions, construction, engineering geology, environmental cleanup and restoration, information technology, geospatial systems, and military support. The Web site links to each of the ERDC laboratory Web sites and to the site for ERDC's International Research Office.

Subjects: Civil Engineering; Defense Research

823. Engineering at LLNL

<http://www-eng.llnl.gov/>

Sponsors: Energy Department—Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)

Description: The Engineering at LLNL Web site highlights the engineering projects underway at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Designed for potential clients and the general public, the site covers such LLNL specialties as biotechnology, micro- and nanotechnologies, and precision engineering. Special sections include For Students, For Researchers, and For Collaborators.

Subjects: Engineering Research; National Laboratories

824. Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)

<http://www.mep.nist.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), named for Sen. Fritz Hollings, is a network of extension centers and experts who offer technical and business assistance to smaller manufacturers. Its Web site describes the program and offers a directory of participating extension centers.

Subjects: Manufacturing

825. Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory (MEL)

<http://www.mel.nist.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory (MEL) focuses on measurements and standards issues in parts manufacturing. The MEL Web site features an interactive organizational chart with profiles of the respective divisions: Precision Engineering, Manufacturing Metrology, Intelligent Systems, Manufacturing Systems Integration, and Fabrication Technology. Background pages on MEL research projects provide details about staffing, funding, goals, and accomplishments. Research areas include calibration, material removal processes, laser and optics, surface and nanometer-scale manufacturing, and simulation and visualization. The Products and Services section of the site has information on calibrations and Standards Reference Materials (SRMs) supported by MEL.

Subjects: Manufacturing Technology

826. Manufacturing Technology Program (ManTech)

<https://www.dodmantech.com/>

Sponsor: Defense Department

Description: The ManTech Web site offers information on the Department of Defense's Manufacturing Technology Program, which focuses on improved processes in the production of weapons systems. The site describes program activities in such areas as metals, composites, and electronics research. The Publications and Links section offers access to full-text strategy and planning documents, papers, presentations, and the proceedings of the Defense Manufacturing Conference. The

site also includes information on the program's funding, relevant legislation, business opportunities, and technology transfer.

Subjects: Manufacturing Technology

827. National Institute of Standards and Technology

<http://www.nist.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: NIST, an agency within the Department of Commerce, seeks to promote economic growth by working with industry to develop and apply technology, measurements, and standards. In addition to general information about NIST (including an overview, budget, organizational chart, and relevant testimony), its Web site hosts extensive information on individual programs. The home page links to sites for each of the NIST laboratories: Building and Fire Research, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, Chemical Science and Technology, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Information Technology, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, and NIST Center for Neutron Research, Physics, and Technology Services. Other featured sections include Standards, Assistance to Small Manufacturers, Calibrations, Laboratory Accreditations, Publications, R&D Funding, Standard Reference Materials (SRMs), and Weights and Measures.

The NIST home page also presents relevant information by audience, including sections for Industry, Researchers, News Media, General Public, and Kids. The Industry section organizes NIST information by industry sector, such as automotive, computers, and construction. Information for researchers includes descriptions of grants available from NIST, links to free databases and software, and NIST research and reference resources. The News Media section leads to press releases and the *NIST Tech Beat* newsletter. The General Public section includes educational material about the everyday applications of NIST's work, the metric system, time measurement, and other resources. Another section of the site, NIST Research Library, has the NIST Library's online catalog and Web guides on such topics as biotechnology, physics, and materials science.

The NIST Web site does an excellent job of communicating information to multiple audiences, from scientific and technical researchers to manufacturing and trade business professionals to the general public and education communities. For any topic covered by NIST, the user will find a wealth of accessible information within several clicks. An A to Z index assists with navigation.

Subjects: Research and Development; Research Laboratories; Standards and Specifications

Publications: *Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods (Handbook 133)*, C 13.11:133/4

Directory of NVLAP Accredited Laboratories, C 13.58/7:

Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS Pubs) Index, C 13.52:58/INDEX

Journal of Research of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, C 13.22:

NIST Conference Calendar, C 13.10/3-2:

NIST Special Publications (800 Series), C 13.10:800

NIST Standard Reference Materials Price List, C 13.48/4-2:

NIST Tech Beat, C 13.46/3:

Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices (Handbook 44), C 13.11/2:

SRM (Standard Reference Materials), C 13.48/4-3:
Uniform Laws and Regulations in the Areas of Legal Metrology and Engine Fuel Quality (Handbook 130), C 13.11:130/

828. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC)

<http://www.navfac.navy.mil/>

Sponsors: Navy—Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Description: NAVFAC manages the planning, design, and construction of shore facilities for U.S. Navy activities around the world. Its Web site contains descriptions of their products and services, links to contracting and procurement opportunities, and links to all NAVFAC locations worldwide. The Document Library has policy, informational, and technical publications from the NAVFAQ headquarters and component commands. *SEABEE Magazine* is available in the Newsroom section.

Subjects: Military Bases and Installations

Publications: *SEABEE Magazine*

829. Reliability Information Analysis Center

<http://www.theriac.org/>

Sponsors: Defense Department—Reliability Information Analysis Center (RIAC)

Description: Sponsored by the Department of Defense, RIAC's mission is to analyze and disseminate data on the reliability and maintainability of manufactured components and systems. The primary sections of its Web site are About RIAC, Products and Services, and Information Resources. Most publications listed are available for purchase and are not available online.

Subjects: Information Analysis Centers; Reliability Engineering

830. SRS Publications and Data: Federal Government

<http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/showpub.cfm?TopID=4>

Sponsor: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: This site compiles NSF Science Resources Statistics reports on federal government science, engineering, and research and development (R&D). It includes an annual online listing of federally funded R&D centers. The site also provides information on federal funding of R&D and the R&D plant components of agency programs.

Subjects: Research and Development

831. Standards and Technical Regulations

<http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/ssd.cfm>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: This site describes the work and products of the NIST Statistical Standards Division, which manages the Global Standards and Information Group, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, and Standards Coordination and Conformity Group. Major sections of the site include Standards and Regulatory Information, Conformity Assessment/Accreditation, Information Technology Standards, Training and Workshops, and Physical Measurement Standards/Metrology.

Subjects: Standards and Specifications

832. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL)

<http://www.crrel.usace.army.mil/>

Sponsors: Army—Army Corps of Engineers—Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

Description: CRREL conducts scientific and engineering research on cold temperature environments. The site provides information on ice jams and their flooding potential in the United States, especially in the far northern states and Alaska. The site also describes CRREL climate change research. Under Business Areas, the CRREL Technical Areas section links to substantial information on CRREL specialties, such as Cold Regions Infrastructure and Water Resources Geospatial Applications. Information on academic and business opportunities with CRREL is also provided.

Subjects: Engineering Research; Research Laboratories

Publications: *CRREL Reports*, D 103.33.12:

833. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>

Sponsors: Army—Army Corps of Engineers

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides engineering services for military construction and civil works projects in areas such as flood control and waterway navigation and emergency response. Most of the information about USACE operations is in the Services section, divided into Services for the Public; Service for the Military; and services related to the environment, emergency response, research and development, and Army real estate. The Library section includes links to the USACE libraries, publications listings, and maps information. The Press Room links to news releases, fact sheets, and the monthly *Engineer Update*. The Web site also has information on USACE locations and business opportunities, and a blog by the Commanding General of USACE.

The Army Corps of Engineers has an extensive network of Web sites. To discover the full range of content available, use the organizational and geographic district links in the About Us section.

Subjects: Civil Engineering; Waterways

Publications: *Engineer Circulars*

Engineer Manuals

Engineer Regulations

Engineer Update, D 103.69:

Technology

834. Aeronautical Systems Center Major Shared Resource Center

<http://www.asc.hpc.mil/>

Sponsors: Defense Department—High Performance Computing Modernization Program (HPCMP)

Description: The Aeronautical Systems Center Major Shared Resource Center (ASC MSRC) is a facility for scientific high-performance computing research and visualization, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This Department of Defense high-performance computing Web site provides information on the center, its services, and its hardware and software resources. The journal *Wright Cycles* is available in the Outreach section of the site.

This site, while primarily of interest to authorized users of the center's resources, may also be interesting to users active in high-performance computing.

Subjects: High Performance Computing; Military Computing

Publications: *Wright Cycles*, D 301.121:

835. Biometrics Catalog

<http://www.biometricscatalog.org/>

Sponsors: Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Description: The Biometrics Catalog, sponsored by a group of interested federal agencies, is a central resource for information about technologies that identify an individual by unique characteristics, such as fingerprints or voice. Major sections of the site are Government Documents and Biometrics Privacy. The Newsroom section includes a calendar of events and links to conference presentations. The Additional Resources section links to research reports. Government sponsors listed on the site include the FBI, the National Institute of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Subjects: Biometrics

836. Biometrics Resource Center Website

<http://www.itl.nist.gov/div893/biometrics/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: NIST is part of the government's Biometric Consortium. This Web site describes the biometrics research activities of NIST's Information Technology Laboratory, links to Biometric Consortium conference information, and links to related government Web sites.

Subjects: Biometrics—Research

837. Biometrics.gov

<http://biometrics.gov/>

Sponsors: White House—National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)

Description: Biometrics.gov serves as the federal government's central Web site for information on biometric technologies and federal biometrics activities. The site features a section for publications and presentations from the NSTC's Subcommittee on Biometrics. It also includes an extensive introduction to the field of biometrics, an inventory of relevant federal programs, and a Media Room with press releases and "Fast Facts" about biometrics.

Subjects: Biometrics

Publications: *NSTC Policy for Enabling the Development, Adoption and Use of Biometric Standards*

Registry of USG Recommended Biometric Standards

838. DACS Data and Analysis Center for Software

<https://www.thedacs.com/>

Sponsors: Defense Department—Data and Analysis Center for Software (DACs)

Description: DACS is a Department of Defense Information Analysis Center that focuses on software technology and software engineering. Topics addressed on this Web site include project management, software architecture, software assurance, and advanced technology. Each topical section links to best practices information, articles, reports, organizations, and other sources. The DACS newsletter, *Software Tech News*, is online under the DACS Services heading.

Subjects: Military Computing; Software

Publications: *Software Tech News*

839. Digital Preservation

<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/>

Sponsor: Library of Congress

Description: Digital Preservation is the Web site for the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP), a collaborative effort led by the Library of Congress. This Web site provides information about the program, its strategic planning, its reports and papers, and its press releases. The site also has a section about preserving personal records, such as e-mail and digital photos.

Subjects: Archives; Digital Libraries; Information Technology

840. Digital TV Transition

<http://www.dtv.gov/>

Sponsor: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Description: This special FCC Web site is dedicated to educating consumers about digital television due to the requirement that full-power television broadcast stations stop broadcasting in analog format and broadcast only in digital format by June 12, 2009. The site includes a basic explanation of DTV, a glossary, a shoppers' guide, answers to frequently asked questions, and phone numbers for FCC call centers. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subjects: Television

841. Digital TV Transition and Public Safety

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/dtv/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Description: This site describes programs related to the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171) concerning the nationwide transition to digital television. Programs include the Converter Box Coupon Program and the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program.

Subjects: Television

842. Energy Science and Technology Software Center

<http://www.osti.gov/estsc/>

Sponsors: Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: The Energy Science and Technology Software Center (ESTSC) licenses and distributes federally funded scientific and technical software developed by the national laboratories, Department of Energy contractors, and other developers. This Web site serves as the central catalog and order site. The software available is highly technical and specialized, with titles such as “Unsaturated Groundwater and Heat Transport Model” and “Transient One-dimensional Pipe Flow Analyzer.”

Subjects: Software; Technology Transfer

843. Energy Sciences Network

<http://www.es.net/>

Sponsors: Energy Department—Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBL)

Description: The Energy Sciences Network, or ESnet, is a high-speed network funded by the Department of Energy (DOE) that provides network and collaboration services in support of the agency's research missions. ESnet is used by researchers at national laboratories, universities, and other institutions and provides direct connections to all major DOE sites with high performance speeds. Major sections of the Web site include Network Tools and Services, Network Research and Development, Publications and Presentations, and About ESnet.

Subjects: Computer Networking
Publications: *ESnet Newsletter*

844. Environmental Technologies Portal

<http://www.epa.gov/etop/>

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The Environmental Technologies Portal (ETOP) links to resources, funding opportunities, and program information from the EPA to support public and private sector efforts to develop and commercialize new environmental technologies.

Subjects: Environmental Engineering; Technology Transfer

845. Federal Smart Card Web Site

<http://www.smartcard.gov/>

Sponsor: General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: Smart cards make use of integrated circuits and other technologies to store data. This Web site discusses policies, practices, and standards for the use of smart cards by government agencies. It includes the *Smart Card Handbook* developed to help agencies develop and deploy smart card systems and a multimedia tutorial on smart cards. The site also links to related federal government Web sites.

Subjects: Information Technology

Publications: *Smart Card Handbook*

846. Information Access Division

<http://www.itl.nist.gov/iaui/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The NIST Information Access Division (IAD) researches measurements and standards to support digital and multimedia information access. Major program areas described on the Web site include human language recognition, biometrics, interactive systems, digital and multimedia technology, and SmartSpace Technology. The site also links to information on the Text RETrieval Conference (TREC) on information retrieval. IAD publications, reference products, and measurement tools are all available on the site.

Subjects: Information Technology

847. Information Technology Laboratory

<http://www.itl.nist.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: This NIST laboratory develops the tests and test methods used by researchers and scientists to measure, compare, and improve information technology systems. Detailed information is available on its Web site, organized by research area: advanced network technologies, computer security, information access, mathematical and computational sciences, software and systems, and statistical engineering. The site also has information on the laboratory's role as an ANSI standards developer.

Subjects: Information Technology—Research

Publications: *Engineering Statistics e-Handbook*
ITL Bulletin, C 13.76:

848. Nanotechnology at NIH

<http://www.nih.gov/science/nanotechnology/>

Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: This site provides basic information about nanotechnology and about the nanotechnology research at NIH.

Subjects: Nanotechnology—Research

849. NASA Advanced Supercomputing Division

<http://www.nas.nasa.gov/>

Sponsors: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Ames Research Center (ARC)—Advanced Supercomputing Division (NAS)

Description: The NASA Advanced Supercomputing Division (NAS) provides research, development, and delivery of high-end computing services and technologies to facilitate NASA mission success. The Web site describes projects running on the NASA Columbia supercomputer and provides—under the News & Publications heading—links to NAS technical reports.

Subjects: High Performance Computing

850. NASA Independent Verification and Validation Facility

<http://www.ivv.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The NASA Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Facility was established in 1993 to ensure the safety and reliability of the agency's mission-critical software and systems. IV&V is defined on the Web site as “a system engineering process . . . for evaluating the correctness and quality of a software product throughout its life cycle.” The site has information about this process in the IV&V Services section. Other sections provide information about the facility's mission and organization, research, education programs, and business opportunities.

Subjects: Software

851. NASA Innovative Partnership Program

<http://ipp.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: NASA's Innovative Partnership Program (IPP) administers programs to advance the commercialization and transfer of NASA technology. The Web site provides information on the IPP's Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs, its Innovation Incubator, and partnership programs.

Subjects: Space Technology; Technology Transfer

Publications: *Spinoff*, NAS 1.1/4

Technology Innovation Magazine, NAS 1.95:

852. NASA TechFinder

<http://technology.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: NASA TechFinder highlights the NASA technologies that have commercial potential. The major sections of this Web site are Licensing Opportunities, Technology Opportunities, and Software Technologies. A Success Stories section describes NASA spinoffs into the commercial sector.

Subjects: Space Technology; Technology Transfer

853. National Coordination Office for Information Technology Research and Development

<http://www.nitrd.gov/>

Sponsor: National Coordination Office for Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD)

Description: The National Coordination Office for Information Technology Research and Development coordinates planning, budget, and assessment activities for the federal IT R&D program. NITRD reports to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). This Web site is intended to provide information about multi-agency information technology research and development. It includes NITRD presentations, publications, and news. The full text of NITRD's annual *Supplement to the President's Budget* (commonly referred to as the *Blue Book*) is available at the site.

Subjects: Information Technology—Research

Publications: *Harnessing the Power of Digital Data for Science and Society Supplement to the President's Budget (Blue Book)*

854. National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center

<http://www.nersc.gov/>

Sponsors: Energy Department—Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBL)

Description: The National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC) provides high-performance computing services to scientists supported by the Department of Energy Office of Science. Its Web site provides information on NERSC computing resources, research projects, and publications. Although the computing resources of NERSC are limited to authorized scientists, the center's technical reports and presentations on the Web site may be of interest to other scientists.

Although the computing resources of NERSC are limited to authorized scientists, the NERSC site provides some information for non-affiliated people interested in computational sciences and high-performance computing.

Subjects: High Performance Computing; Scientific Research

855. National Nanotechnology Initiative

<http://www.nano.gov/>

Sponsors: White House—National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)

Description: The National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) is a multi-agency effort to coordinate federal research and development in nanoscale science, engineering, and technology. The NNI Web site includes information on available funding opportunities for nanotechnology R&D, the areas of research focus for NNI, current research news, and information about nanotechnology safety issues. It links to the Web sites for government and academic nanotechnology research centers, as well as to lectures, publications, and educational resources on the topic.

Subjects: Nanotechnology—Research

856. National Vulnerability Database

<http://nvd.nist.gov/>

Sponsors: Homeland Security Department—National Cyber Security Division—Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The National Vulnerability Database provides current information about threats to computer security. NVD includes databases of security checklists, security-related software flaws, misconfigurations, product names, and impact

metrics. The Web site also has a statistics generation engine to graph and chart vulnerability characteristics.

Subjects: Computer Security

857. NIST Computer Security Resource Clearinghouse

<http://csrc.ncsl.nist.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The NIST Computer Security Resource Clearinghouse (CSRC) is designed to collect and disseminate computer security information and resources to help users, systems administrators, managers, and security professionals better protect their data and comply with the Federal Information Systems Management Act (FISMA). Most of the information on the site can be found in the CSRC Groups sections: Security Technology, Systems and Network Security, Security Management and Assistance, and Security Testing and Metrics. Publications on the CSRC site include Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) information. The Drivers section covers the legal and regulatory framework governing federal information security practices.

Subjects: Computer Security

858. Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center

<http://www.nttc.edu/>

Sponsor: National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC)—Wheeling Jesuit College

Description: Established by Congress in 1989, the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC) works to help American businesses find technologies, facilities, and researchers within the federal laboratories and agencies with whom they can partner. NTTC itself is not a federal agency. Its funding comes primarily through contracts and cooperative agreements with federal agencies. The NTTC Web site provides information on its services and programs.

Subjects: Commercialization; Technology Transfer

859. Section 508

<http://www.section508.gov/>

Sponsor: General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology accessible to people with disabilities. This GSA-sponsored Web site provides the guidance and explanations of Section 508 requirements to help both agencies and vendors comply with the law. The Communications/Media section links to articles on Section 508, and the 508 Tools and Resources section points to government and nongovernment information on assistive and accessible technology.

Subjects: World Wide Web—Laws

860. Standards.gov

<http://standards.gov/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: Standards.gov provides background information on standards (including a legal definition of “standards” for the purposes of the Web site) and assistance in locating information about the use of standards in government. The site focuses on federal agency use of standards for regulatory and procurement purposes. The Regulations section explains the use of standards or technical requirements in fed-

eral regulations. The Federal Agency Info section links to agency Web sites about standards, the Interagency Committee on Standards Policy (ICSP), and federal standards-related laws, policies, and guidance.

Subjects: Standards and Specifications

861. Technology Innovation Program

<http://www.nist.gov/tip/>

Sponsors: Commerce Department—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The Technology Innovation Program (TIP) supports high-risk, high-reward research in areas determined to be of critical national need. The Web site has information on the current competition for TIP funding and on past funded projects.

Subjects: Research and Development—Grants

862. Usability.gov

<http://usability.gov/>

Sponsors: National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: The Office of Communications within the National Cancer Institute sought to apply evidence-based practices for Web site usability in its design principles for NCI Web sites. The result of their work is distilled into an online guidebook, which is available on this Web site.

This site is an excellent resource for people learning about or working in the field of Web site design.

Subjects: World Wide Web

Publications: *Research-Based Web Design and Usability Guidelines*, HE 1.2:

863. US-CERT

<http://www.us-cert.gov/>

Sponsors: Homeland Security Department—National Cyber Security Division

Description: US-CERT (United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team) is a partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and the public and private sectors that was established to protect the nation's Internet infrastructure. This Web site provides three gateways (Technical Users, Non-Technical Users, and Government Users) into the US-CERT content. US-CERT runs a National Cyber Alert System and publishes guidance for both technical and non-technical audiences; the applicable alerts and guides are in the Publications section. Security alerts are available as an RSS feed.

Computer security knowledge is important for any home or office computer user. US-CERT provides practical guides for a variety of audiences—from the at-home novice to the enterprise-wide network manager.

Subjects: Computer Security

CHAPTER 11

Environment and Nature

The Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, and the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sponsor public Web sites with data, science, policy, and educational information related to the environment. Sites from these and other agencies are included in this section. Outdoor recreation information can be found in the Culture and Recreation chapter. Atmospheric sciences sites are in the Science and Space chapter.

Subsections in this chapter are Environmental Law, Environmental Policy, Environmental Protection, Environmental Science, Geography, Natural Resources, Pollutants and Waste, and Weather.

Environmental Law

864. Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO)

<http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: ECHO is an EPA information system that provides violation and enforcement information on roughly 800,000 facilities under key environmental statutes. From the home page, users can search by ZIP code or city name to find regulated facilities and display their inspection and enforcement history. The All Data Search option enables additional search criteria, including facility name, type of industry, EPA region, county, and state. Searches can be filtered by a number of characteristics, such as whether the facility has had violations, is on Indian land, is near the U.S.-Mexico border, or has a certain percentage of minority population within a three-mile radius. Specific types of data, such as compliance on hazardous waste or compliance with water rules, can also be searched separately. Facilities identified in search results can be located on Google maps.

Subject(s): Environmental Law

865. Environmental Appeals Board

<http://www.epa.gov/eab/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The Environmental Appeals Board handles administrative appeals under all major environmental statutes that the EPA administers. The Web site carries published decisions, unpublished final orders, and lists of decisions reviewed by the federal courts or pending federal court review. It includes guidance documents and a *Citizens' Guide to EPA's Environmental Appeals Board*.

Subject(s): Environmental Law

Publication(s): *Environmental Appeals Board Practice Manual*, EP 1.8:

866. EPA Laws, Regulations, Guidance & Dockets

<http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This EPA page links to information on environmental regulations organized by environmental topic, business sector, and state. The page also links to significant regulatory guidance documents and to the major federal laws and execu-

tive orders that EPA administers. Background information includes sections on how EPA writes regulations, how to comment on proposed regulations, and how EPA enforces environmental laws.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection—Regulations

867. National Environmental Policy Act

<http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This Web site summarizes DOE's activities related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A notice on the site advises: "Because of the security sensitivity of some information in [NEPA] documents, the [DOE] is limiting access to NEPA documents on this Web site. Members of the public cannot access some of the environmental impact statements and environmental assessments on this Web site." These documents can be requested in hard copy format. Documents available on the site include relevant Records of Decision, Notices of Intent, and NEPA Annual Planning Summaries. The site also provides environmental impact statement schedules, a public meeting calendar, and the *Lessons Learned* quarterly report. The site also covers NEPA compliance guidance.

Subject(s): Environmental Law

868. NEPAnet CEQ Task Force

<http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/nepanet.htm>

Sponsor(s): White House—Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

Description: This site includes current and past information from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) related to implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Sections of the site cover the CEQ NEPA Task Force, regulations, state and tribal information related to NEPA, information about Environmental Impact Statements, NEPA litigation, and NEPA case law.

Subject(s): Environmental Impact Statements; Environmental Law

Environmental Policy

869. American Indian Tribal Portal

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This Web site serves as a central access point for EPA information specifically relevant to tribal governments. The site links to EPA Indian policies, EPA tribal programs, and agency tribal contacts. It also links to general information on environmental grants, laws, and regulations.

Subject(s): American Indians

870. Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/g/oes/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) coordinates U.S. foreign policy related to science, the environment, and the world's oceans. The Web site presents policy statements, documents, and press releases related to topics such as marine conservation, science and technology cooperation, sustainable development, environmental health, and global climate change. The site also links to Web pages for the State

Department's regional environmental hubs located in selected U.S. embassies around the world.

Subject(s): Oceans—Policy; Science and Technology Policy—International; Environmental Policy—International

871. Climate VISION

<http://www.climatevision.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: Climate VISION is a public-private partnership effort launched in the George W. Bush administration as a presidential initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions using voluntary measures taken by industry. VISION stands for Voluntary Innovative Sector Initiatives: Opportunities Now. The site has information on the initiative, private-sector participants and actions, and relevant technologies.

Subject(s): Greenhouse Gases

872. Council on Environmental Quality

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

Description: The White House Council on Environmental Quality coordinates federal environmental efforts and oversees federal agency implementation of the environmental impact assessment process. The CEQ Web site provides basic information on the council.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection—Policy; National Environmental Policy Act

873. Defense Environmental Network and Information Exchange (DENIX)

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment)

Description: DENIX is a centralized resource for environment, safety, and occupational health news, policy, and guidance information for the entire Department of Defense. Topical sections include Environment; Range Sustainment; and Safety, Health & Fire. Sections also cover state and international agreements, policy from the armed services, and publications. The site also has information on National Historic Landmarks under DoD stewardship and on military museums. Some sections may be available only to authorized users.

Subject(s): Defense Administration; Environmental Protection—Policy; Historic Preservation

Publication(s): *Defense Environmental Restoration Program, Annual Report to Congress*, D 1.97:

874. EPA National Center for Environmental Economics

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/pages/homepage>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—National Center for Environmental Economics

Description: EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) conducts economic research and analysis related to environmental issues, such as economic incentives for protecting the environment and the benefits and costs of environmental policies and regulations. The site has information on NCEE's reports and working papers, seminars and workshops, grants and funding, and an extensive catalog of Web sites concerning environmental economics.

Subject(s): Economics; Environmental Protection—Policy

875. FedCenter.gov

<http://www.fedcenter.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—White House—Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE)

Description: The official tagline for FedCenter.gov is “the federal government’s home for comprehensive environmental stewardship and compliance assistance information.” The site is meant to help federal environmental officials, particularly in the civilian sector, address environmental regulations and goals. Topics include energy use, green buildings, disposal of electronics, and environmental management systems. Each topic section covers regulatory guidance, lessons learned, training and briefings, and conferences and events. The Regulatory Watch section tracks legislation and regulations affecting environment rules and lists future effective dates for new regulations.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection—Regulations; Federal Government

876. Greenversations

<http://blog.epa.gov/blog/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: Greenversations, the official blog of the EPA, is written by a variety of EPA employees. Topics range from the every day, such as asthma or recycling, to the scientific, such as radiation monitoring, and also cover policy and environmental education issues. Comments are allowed.

Subject(s): Environmental Policy; Blogs

877. Interagency Ocean Policy Group

<http://ocean.ceq.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

Description: Members of the Interagency Ocean Policy Group (IOPG) represent executive branch programs concerned with the management and conservation of U.S. oceans and coasts. IOPG was formed by the White House Council on Environmental Quality to consider recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy (USCOP) and to help formulate the Bush administration’s response. The Web site discusses the policy and provides related updates and government reports.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology—Policy; Oceans—Policy

878. Morris K. Udall Foundation

<http://www.udall.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Morris K. Udall Foundation

Description: The Morris K. Udall Foundation is an executive branch agency created by Congress to honor Congressman Morris Udall’s service in the House of Representatives. The foundation provides for internships, scholarships, and fellowships, most with a focus on public service, the environment, and Native Americans. The Foundation also runs the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. The Web site includes information on these and other Udall Foundation programs.

Subject(s): Environmental Education; American Indians; Scholarships

879. Office of Cooperative Environmental Management

<http://www.epa.gov/ocem/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: EPA’s Office of Cooperative Environmental Management coordinates the work of the numerous federal advisory committees concerned with environmental issues. The Web site provides information on each of the committees.

Subject(s): Environmental Policy

880. Office of the Federal Environmental Executive

<http://www.ofee.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE)

Description: The OFEE promotes environmental practices, such as recycling and procurement of recycled products, in the federal government. This site describes both the office and the efforts federal agencies can take to further their environmental stewardship.

Subject(s): Recycling

Publication(s): *Closing the Circle News*, PREX 14.15:

881. Sustainable Operations

<http://www.greening.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: The Agriculture Department is the second-largest landholder in the federal government. This site provides information on the department's Sustainable Operations Council, established in June 2007, and efforts to operate in an environmentally sound manner. The site has information about departmental policies for energy efficiency, waste reduction, and other goals.

Subject(s): Energy Policy

882. Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearinghouse

<http://teeic.anl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)—Interior Department

Description: The Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearinghouse (TEEIC) provides information about the environmental effects of energy development on tribal lands. The site offers impact, mitigation, regulatory, and case study information by type of energy. It also has guidance on conducting project-specific impact assessments and monitoring.

Subject(s): American Indians

Environmental Protection

883. America's National Wildlife Refuge System

<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: This Fish and Wildlife Service Web site has visitor information for each of the National Wildlife Refuges online. The site also provides information on the National Wildlife Refuge System, lands and planning, wildlife and habitat management, budget information, and relevant federal regulations. The Web site is available in Spanish, French, or Chinese.

Subject(s): Conservation (Natural Resources); Wildlife

Publication(s): *Refuge Update*, I 49.44/6:

884. Beaches

<http://www.epa.gov/beaches/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: With this site, EPA brings together popular information about beaches that can be found throughout its Web site. Major sections include Plan a Trip, Learn about Beaches, and How EPA Protects Beaches. The site also has a National List of Beaches. The Where You Live section provides a U.S. map linked to reports from

EPA's Beach Advisory and Closing On-line Notification (BEACON) system. The site links to information about grants for developing beach monitoring and notification programs.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology

885. Coastal Program

<http://ecos.fws.gov/coastal/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: The Coastal Program works to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats in the bays, estuaries, and watersheds around the U.S. coastline. The site has information about the program, reports on habitat improvement, and contact information for local Coastal Program Coordinators. The site can be displayed in Spanish, French, or Chinese.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology

886. Coastal Services Center

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: The Coastal Services Center (CSC) helps state and local coastal resource management programs by providing them with data, tools, training, and technical assistance. The Web site has a map of the center's work by region and state. The center also has fellowship and funding opportunities. Much of the data from CSC is available on their Digital Coast Web site, linked from this site.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology; Remote Sensing

Publication(s): *Coastal Connections Newsletter*, C 55.49/7:

Coastal GeoTools Conference Proceedings, C 55.32/8:

Coastal Services Magazine, C 55.49/5:

887. Cooperative Conservation

<http://cooperativeconservation.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: The Web site describes cooperative conservation as “the efforts of land-owners, communities, conservation groups, industry, and governmental agencies who join together to conserve our environment.” Site content relates to Executive Order 13352 on Facilitation of Cooperative Conservation from 2004. The site provides examples of successful cooperative conservation projects and related news updates. The Library section has documents from the Federal Cooperative Conservation Task Force, an interagency effort.

Subject(s): Conservation (Natural Resources)—Policy

888. Division of Bird Habitat Conservation

<http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: This Fish and Wildlife Service division supports bird habitat conservation partnerships through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act grants program and other programs. The site has sections on the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, and other bird conservation plans.

Subject(s): Birds; Conservation (Natural Resources)—Grants

889. EarthDay.gov

<http://www.earthday.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.epa.gov/earthday/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This site is a portal for government information on Earth Day, celebrated each April 22nd. The site has information on environmental practices, the history of Earth Day, and links to environmental volunteer opportunities. EarthDay.gov is supported by multiple U.S. government agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The alternate URL above links to the EPA Earth Day site.

Subject(s): Environmental Education

890. Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The central EPA Web site provides information resources on science and policy related to the environment, environment-related health issues, climate, ecosystems, pollution, hazardous substances, and water quality. The major sections of the site are: Learn the Issues; Science & Technology; Laws & Regulations; Newsroom; and About EPA. Click on the A-Z Index in the upper right corner of the home page to use the helpful index and other finding aids, such as quick links to the most popular topics, links to EPA's regional Web sites, and a list of EPA databases and software. On the home page, the Where You Live section allows users to search for local environmental information by ZIP code. The Science & Technology section describes EPA research areas and links to laboratories and research centers working on EPA programs. The Laws & Regulations section has environmental laws and regulations, information on how to comment on regulations, and regulatory guidance and enforcement information. Under EPA Newsroom, the site offers a variety of e-mail lists and RSS news feeds, including news from each of the EPA regions and a national Twitter feed. As with other agencies, EPA provides Recovery Act of 2009 information; the direct URL is <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>. EPA also has an agency blog, Greenversations. The EPA Web site has Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean versions.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection

Publication(s): *EPA National Catalog of Publications*, EP 1.21:

Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, EP 1.115:

Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water

National Biennial RCRA Hazardous Waste Report, EP 1.104/3:

National Water Quality Inventory Report to Congress, EP 2.17/2:

Superfund Innovative Technology Program, Annual Report to Congress, EP 1.89/4-4:

Technology Profiles, Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program, EP 1.104:

The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act, EP 4.31:

Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form R Instructions, EP 5.22/3:

Toxic Release Inventory, EP 5.22/2:

Tribal Air

891. Estuaries.gov

<http://www.estuaries.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: This educational Web site explains the environmental importance of estuaries. It includes a section for students and provides classroom activity guides for teachers.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology; Environmental Education

892. Estuary Restoration Act & NOAA

<http://era.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: NOAA is one of five federal agencies serving on an interagency council charged with implementing the Estuary Restoration Act (ERA). This site provides information on the National Estuaries Restoration Inventory and the Estuary Habitat Restoration Strategy. It also has information on the law and on the ERA Council.

Subject(s): Wetlands

893. Great Lakes Environment

<http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO)

Description: This site has information on the Great Lakes, the environmental problems of the lakes, and projects to restore the environment. A Policies and Strategies section has information and publications from the EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office. Other sections provide detailed assessments, data, and reports from projects concerning monitoring and indicators, ecosystems, and toxics reduction. The site also has information on related funding opportunities.

Subject(s): Lakes; Water Pollution

Publication(s): *Great Lakes Atlas*

894. Marine Protected Areas of the United States

<http://mpa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: This site provides a classification system for the various types of marine protected areas (MPAs), including their conservation focus and levels of environmental protection. Major sections of the site include All About MPAs, National System of MPAs, and Science and Analysis. The Helpful Resources section includes an inventory of Marine Managed Areas and a Virtual Library that is an extensive database of information related to MPAs. The site also has organizational information on the National MPA Center and the MPA Advisory Committee.

The MPA Web site provides multiple approaches to rich content on science, policy, regulation, enforcement, and many other topics related to MPAs.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology; Marine Life

895. Migratory Bird Conservation Commission

<http://www.fws.gov/realty/mbcc.html>

Sponsor(s): Migratory Bird Conservation Commission

Description: The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission considers any recommendations by the Secretary of the Interior for the purchase or rental of land for the

Fish and Wildlife Service. It also considers the establishment of any new waterfowl refuges. The Web site has information on the commission, its members, its annual report, the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, and related topics.

Subject(s): Birds; Conservation (Natural Resources)

896. National Estuaries Restoration Inventory

<https://neri.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The National Estuaries Restoration Inventory collects information on estuary habitat restoration projects across the country. Projects can be searched by location, restoration technique, and other factors. The site also reports summary data, such as total acreage restored by region and number of projects by project status. The About section includes links to other online project inventories.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology

897. National Estuarine Research Reserve System

<http://nerrs.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: Areas in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System are protected for long-term research, water-quality monitoring, education, and coastal zone management. The Web site has profiles of the designated areas and the programs offered under the Reserve System. Featured education programs include the National Estuarine Research Reserve System's Graduate Research Fellowships and the Coastal Training Program.

Subject(s): Environmental Education; Environmental Protection; Rivers and Streams

898. National Marine Sanctuaries

<http://www.sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: The National Marine Sanctuary System provides resource protection, coordinates scientific research on the sanctuaries, and facilitates multiple uses of the national marine sanctuaries. Its colorful Web site includes sections on Visiting Your Sanctuaries, Education, Science, Maritime Heritage, and Resource Protection. Publications are in the Library section. The multimedia *Encyclopedia of the Sanctuaries* is in the Photos and Videos section.

Subject(s): Marine Sanctuaries

Publication(s): *National Marine Sanctuaries State of the Sanctuary Report*

899. National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

<http://www.rivers.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Public Law 90-542) is intended to protect selected rivers, keeping them free-flowing and preserving the general character of a river. This site describes the Scenic Rivers program and lists protected rivers. The Web site's menu is at the bottom of each page.

Subject(s): Rivers and Streams

900. Natural Resources Conservation Service

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Description: The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides expertise in conserving soil, water, and other natural resources. The site's Technical Resources section points to information, models, and data on such topics as air quality, forestry, nutrient management, soils, and water resources. It includes *Electronic Field Office Technical Guides* with soil and conservation profiles. The Programs section has an inventory of financial assistance programs for conservation of wetlands, farm and ranch lands, grasslands, and other purposes. It also includes information on program funding and allocations by state. The Features section links to special sections on topics such as backyard conservation, drought information, education materials for K–12 teachers, and NRCS information available in Spanish. The News section includes the online newsletter *NRCS This Week*, state program news, and a publications catalog. A Farm Bill section outlines the conservations programs established for farmers and ranchers in the 2008 Farm Bill. The site also presents information for specific audiences, such as farmers and ranchers, policy-makers, communities, and teachers. A smaller version of the site is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Conservation (Natural Resources); Environmental Protection

Publication(s): *Basin Outlook Reports*, A 57.46:

Keys to Soil Taxonomy, A 57.2:

NRCS This Week

901. Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

<http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/welcome.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: The Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) provides national leadership for state and territory coastal programs and estuarine research reserves. The Web site has information on OCRM programs and funding, education programs, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents on coastal management issues. The site's Federal Consistency section covers the Coastal Zone Management Act. The site also has information on an array of coastal issues, such as marine debris and water quality. The My State section describes and links to coastal management programs in each U.S. coastal or island region.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology

902. Office of Protected Resources

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Marine Fisheries

Description: The NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources coordinates the protection, conservation, and restoration of marine mammals, endangered species, their habitats, and marine-protected areas. This Web site provides legal and regulatory information on the Marine Mammals Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, and a listing of threatened and endangered species. The site also has program descriptions, permit information, and an Education section.

Subject(s): Endangered Species; Marine Life; Marine Mammals

903. Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, EPA

<http://www.epa.gov/owow/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Water Office—Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds Office

Description: The Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds Web site covers their programs for wetlands, rivers and streams, lakes, oceans, coasts, and estuaries. The site has information on laws, databases, publications, and training. The What You Can Do section has an extensive list of links to information on such topics as water conservation, becoming a volunteer water monitor, and preventing stormwater runoff pollution. The site has a significant amount of information on watersheds, including watershed regulations, programs, publications, databases, and funding, and a section on the EPA's Watershed Academy and their free watershed webcasts.

This EPA Office Web site provides access to a wealth of information for citizens, resource managers, researchers, and educators. An A to Z index facilitates its use.

Subject(s): Water Pollution; Watersheds

904. United States Coral Reef Task Force

<http://www.coralreef.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The Coral Reef Task Force, established by executive order, is an inter-agency task force co-chaired by the Interior Department and NOAA. This site has information about the responsibilities of the task force, its meetings, documents, and working groups. In addition, the site provides educational information about the role and status of coral reefs.

Subject(s): Coral Reefs

Publication(s): *National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs*, PR 42.8:

905. US-Mexico Border 2012

<http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: Border 2012 is a U.S.-Mexico binational program focusing on cleaning the air, providing safe drinking water, reducing the risk of exposure to hazardous waste, and ensuring emergency preparedness along the U.S.-Mexico border. The Web site has information on regional and border-wide working groups and on measuring conditions and progress in the board region. Many of the Border 2012 publications are available in English and Spanish.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection; Mexico

Environmental Science

906. Air Resources Laboratory

<http://www.arl.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Description: The Air Resources Laboratory (ARL) focuses on air quality and climate research. The site describes current research, work of the ARL divisions, and climate and meteorological data.

This site will be primarily of interest to atmospheric scientists for the data and information on atmospheric and air quality modeling.

Subject(s): Air Quality—Research; Atmospheric Sciences

907. Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory

<http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Description: AOML conducts research in oceanography, tropical meteorology, atmospheric and oceanic chemistry, and acoustics. The major topical sections of the lab's Web site are Ocean and Climate, Coastal and Regional, and Hurricanes. The site provides online access to the lab's data sets. The Publications section provides a searchable catalog of AOML-authored publications dating back to 1985.

Subject(s): Hurricanes—Research; Meteorology—Research; Oceanography—Research

908. Climate Change

<http://epa.gov/climatechange/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This EPA Web site provides a non-technical overview of global climate change, its causes and effects, and associated policy issues. The site was formerly named Global Warming; it was updated and renamed in October 2006. Introductory sections include The Basics, Frequent Questions, and What You Can Do. Other sections focus on science, greenhouse gas emissions, health and environmental effects, EPA regulatory initiatives, U.S. climate policy, climate economics, and current news. The site also has an educational section for kids.

Subject(s): Climatology; Climate Change

909. Coastal and Marine Geology Program

<http://marine.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Coastal and Marine Geology Program promotes understanding of marine and coastal geologic systems, addressing issues relating to environmental quality, public safety, and natural resources. The online newsletter *Sound Waves* has much of the current program information available at the site. Much of the rest of the content is organized as a database, allowing researchers to specify their topic of interest and region of interest. Searches can also be limited to resource type, including research projects, educational material, photographs, maps, publications, and data. Topics include beaches, sediments, erosion, mapping, remote sensing, minerals, and oil and gas. The site also links to field centers in California, Florida, and Massachusetts.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology; Geology

Publication(s): *Sound Waves*, I 19.171:

910. CSCOR: Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research

<http://www.cop.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: NOAA's Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research (CSCOR) manages a competitive research program to support understanding of complex coastal systems. CSCOR research focuses on the causes of ecosystem change: climate change, extreme natural events, pollution, invasive species, and land and resources use. The Web site includes grants information and a database of sponsored research summaries. The Publications section includes fact sheets and the *Decision Analysis Series*.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology—Grants

Publication(s): NOAA Coastal Ocean Program, Decisions Analysis Program, C 55.49/3:

911. Digital Coast

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: Digital Coast brings together coastal data, software tools, and associated training for coastal resource managers. The site is operated by NOAA's Coastal Services Center. The project works with and assists other federal, state, and local governments as well as coastal professionals with nonprofits and in the private sector. Links to state geospatial data portals are provided in the Data section.

Subject(s): Coastal Ecology; Data Products

912. Earth Observatory

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: The Earth Observatory Web site is a NASA outreach effort to provide satellite imagery and scientific information about Earth to the public. The site provides NASA images and data mapped onto global image maps. The site also has feature articles and news, with a focus on the global climate and environmental changes.

The Earth Observatory site is very well organized and easy to navigate. It is appropriate for the high school through undergraduate science levels, or for any non-specialist interested in the topic. NASA states this on the site about their Web audience: "In particular, we hope our site is useful to public media and educators. Any and all materials published on the Earth Observatory are freely available for re-publication or re-use, except where copyright is indicated. We ask that NASA's Earth Observatory be given credit for its original materials."

Subject(s): Environmental Education; Remote Sensing

913. Florida Integrated Science Center

<http://fisc.er.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Florida Integrated Science Center (FISC) focuses on environmental issues in Florida, the Southeastern States, and the U.S. Caribbean. Information on FISC research is organized in sections covering biology, geology, and water. The site includes relevant reports and data sets, and it links to related USGS Web sites.

This site has information for both scientific and educational communities in Florida, including real-time water data for the state and background on popular topics such as manatees.

Subject(s): Environmental Science—Research; Florida—Research

914. Global Change Master Directory

<http://gcmd.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: NASA's Global Change Master Directory (GCMD) is a catalog of earth science data sets and services pertaining to global change research. The GCMD database has over 15,000 descriptions of earth science data sets and services. An interface for browsing the data set descriptions organizes them by topics such as agriculture, atmosphere, biosphere, climate indicators, oceans, and Sun-Earth inter-

actions. The collection can also be searched by word and has an alert service to notify subscribers of new data sets in their areas of interest. The GCMD offers data set descriptions in a standard format, the Directory Interchange Format (DIF), allowing it to be used to create other Web portals for specialized topics. Under About Us, Metadata Standards, the site explains how DIF has been cross-mapped with other standards. The About Us and FAQ sections have additional information on the GCMD project. The What's New section lists newly added data sets and links to an RSS feed for new data announcements.

This well-constructed directory can assist researchers in finding data sets and serve as a model for similar Web projects.

Subject(s): Climate Research; Data Products

915. Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory

<http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The Great Lakes Lab conducts scientific research of relevance to the Great Lakes and marine coastal environments. This site describes the lab, its mission, and its programs. The Data section has an extensive catalog of data sets. Publications are available under Products and Services. Specific topics addressed on this site include water levels, monitoring, invasive species, and toxic materials. The site also provides information on the outreach and educational activities of the lab.

Subject(s): Lakes—Research

916. Land Use History of North America

<http://biology.usgs.gov/luhna/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This USGS site provides a historical context for understanding ongoing changes in land cover and land use in North America. It presents peer-reviewed scientific papers written for non-specialists on such topics as urbanization, biodiversity, and forest dynamics as studied over time in specific regions of the continent.

Subject(s): Global Change—Research; Land—Research

917. National Centers for Environmental Prediction

<http://www.ncep.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: This site links to the Web sites for the component NCEP centers: the Aviation Weather Center, the Climate Prediction Center, the Environmental Modeling Center, the Hydrometeorological Prediction Center, the Ocean Prediction Center, the Space Environment Center, the Storm Prediction Center, the Tropical Prediction Center, and NCEP Central Operations. Each of these publishes images, data, and information related to its specialty.

Most maps and data presented at the Prediction Center sites may be too technical for anyone who is not a professional meteorologist, but some of the sites—such as the Storm and Tropical Prediction Centers—carry information that will be of interest to a broader audience.

Subject(s): Meteorology; Weather Forecasts

918. National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service

<http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

Description: NESDIS manages environmental satellites, disseminates the data they collect, and conducts related research. The Satellites section of the NESDIS Web site has information on satellite operations and development. Imagery and other products in the Satellites section are available under Products and organized in the categories of image servers and atmosphere, land, ocean, and space products. The Data and Information section organizes its vast archives into climate, geophysical, ocean, and coastal data centers. The site also has information on the Emergency Beacon tracking system operated by NOAA.

Subject(s): Environmental Science; Satellites

919. National Ocean Service

<http://www.nos.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: National Ocean Service (NOS) is the primary civil agency within the federal government responsible for the health and safety of the nation's coastal and oceanic environment. Information about its work is organized by topic under the broad headings of Oceans, Coasts, and Charting and Navigation. Topics include coral reef conservation, ocean exploration, oil spills, coastal ecosystem science, national estuarine research reserves, global positioning, and tides and currents. The site includes the Data Explorer portal to NOS spatial data, and a searchable publications catalog. The Education section offers online tutorials on corals, tides and water levels, and more.

Subject(s): Oceanography

920. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<http://www.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: With information on environmental issues such as climate, fisheries, and the ocean, the NOAA Web site is a major resource for the environmental sciences. Beyond providing current news and agency information, the site best serves as a finding tool for the substantive content on the sites of NOAA's component divisions and offices. Subject access is provided by links to Weather, Ocean, Climate, Coasts, Fisheries, Charting and Navigation, Research, and Satellites. The NOAA in Your State section has a map of NOAA activities relevant to each U.S. state; it appears on the legislative affairs page with links to NOAA policy briefings and congressional testimony.

Subject(s): Atmospheric Sciences; Environmental Science; Oceanography

921. National Oceanographic Data Center

<http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

Description: The National Oceanographic Data Center provides public access to global oceanographic and coastal data, products, and information. Click on "Access

Data” on the home page to reach the Archived Data, CD-ROMs, Publications, and Online Store sections. Available data sets cover ocean currents, plankton, salinity, sea level, and more. The site includes the popular “Coastal Water Temperature Guide,” which reports average monthly temperatures for the U.S. coastal regions, including Hawaii.

Subject(s): Oceanography

922. National Water and Climate Data Center

<http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Description: The NRCS National Water and Climate Data Center provides water and climate information and technology to support natural resource conservation. The Web site features water supply forecasts, snow data, and climate data and reports. The Conservation Planning Information section of the site includes subsections on Animal Waste Management, Irrigation, Nutrient Management, Salinity Management, and related topics. The site also has state-level maps that can be generated online from real-time data on snow, precipitation, temperature, and other factors; for the most part, only western states can be mapped.

Subject(s): Agricultural Waste; Climatology; Water Supply

923. National Wetlands Inventory

<http://wetlands.fws.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: The National Wetlands Inventory Center (NWIC) studies and reports on the nation’s wetlands and deepwater habitats. NWIC’s Web site focuses on wetlands mapping standards, mapping tools, and geospatial wetlands digital data. NWIC also provides a downloadable Keyhole Markup Language file to view Wetlands Data with Google Earth. The Status and Trends section of the site includes NWIC national, state, and regional reports on the status of wetlands, the Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States reference, and other reports.

Subject(s): Wetlands

Publication(s): *Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States*

Status and Trends of Wetlands in the Conterminous United States, I 49.2:

924. NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps

<http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: Members of the NOAA Corps are part of the United States uniformed services and may serve in the armed forces during times of war. Their usual occupations include operating NOAA ships, flying aircraft, managing research projects, conducting diving operations, and serving in staff positions. They are professionals in such fields as oceanography, meteorology, and fisheries science. This Web site provides information on the NOAA Corps organization and operations along with recruiting information.

Subject(s): Environmental Science

925. NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory

<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory (ESRL) was formed in 2005 through the consolidation of six NOAA research organizations. ESRL focuses on global environmental issues such as understanding the roles of gases and particles that contribute to climate change. The Web site describes ESRL research and education activities and provides news on climate change studies. Links just beneath the site search box lead to the ESRL publications catalog and frequently asked questions.

Subject(s): Climate Research; Meteorology—Research

926. NOAA Research

<http://www.research.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: This site links to extensive information on NOAA research activities. As described on the site, "The NOAA Research network consists of internal Research Laboratories, programs for Undersea Research and Ocean Exploration, a grants program through the Climate Program Office, external research at Sea Grant universities and programs, and Cooperative Joint Institutes with academia." Information about NOAA research is organized into three broad categories: Climate; Oceans, Great Lakes, and Coasts; and Weather and Air Quality. The Web site features an A-Z index for finding information about NOAA research on topics from aquatic invasive species to weather warnings.

Subject(s): Environmental Science—Research

927. NSCEP/NEPIS—Publications Gateway

<http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This site provides indexed access to over 25,000 free online and print publications from EPA. It is a combination of what were previously two separate Web sites, National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP)—for print publications—and National Environmental Publications Internet Site (NEPIS)—for digitized publications. The database can be searched and browsed. Special sections highlight new titles and foreign-language publications.

Subject(s): Environmental Protection; Publication Catalogs

928. Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory

<http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Description: The Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (PMEL) carries out interdisciplinary scientific investigations in oceanography and atmospheric sciences. The site has sections for Research, Publications, Data, Theme Pages, and Infrastructure. Theme pages explore such topics as the North Pacific Ocean, the Arctic, and ocean seismicity. Featured topics include El Niño and La Niña, ocean acidification, and underwater hydrothermal vents. The Publications page offers a search of PMEL publications by year, author, title, citation, abstract, division, and media type.

Subject(s): Atmospheric Sciences—Research; Oceanography—Research

929. Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center

<http://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: The Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center is a component of the NASA Earth Observing System Data Information System (EOSDIS). The center is responsible for archiving and distributing satellite data relevant to the physical state of the ocean. The site has a data catalog and information on data tools. Data is organized into Topography and Gravity, Sea Surface Temperature, Ocean Winds, and Circulation and Currents sections.

While most of the data is for the use of scientists, the site also has links to educational Web sites and products.

Subject(s): Oceanography

930. Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

<http://www.stri.org/>

Sponsor(s): Smithsonian Institution

Description: The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute is based in Panama. In addition to its own scientific staff, the institute hosts visiting scholars and students conducting research on the ecology and behavior of tropical plants and animals, and on man's impact in the tropics. This Web site has information on the institute's research, facilities, academic programs, and opportunities for visiting scientists.

Subject(s): Environmental Science—Research

931. Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center

<http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The UMESC is a river-related inventory, monitoring, research, spatial analysis, and information-sharing program. One of its main program areas is the Long-Term Resource Monitoring Program (LTRMP) of the Upper Mississippi River System and adjoining geographic areas. The Data Library section includes a variety of environmental data sets, photographs, and maps for the Mississippi River. The Science Programs section is organized into sections for aquatic sciences, river inventory and monitoring, invasive species, and terrestrial sciences. The Teachers and Students section has a variety of educational material on the Mississippi River.

This site provides access to a substantial amount of information for researchers on fish and wildlife, vegetation, invertebrates, water quality, water levels, sediments, contaminants, and nutrients, as well as access to aerial and satellite photography, software, scientific publications, and geographic information systems maps, quadrangles, and figures.

Subject(s): Rivers and Streams—Research

Geography

932. EarthExplorer

<http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://edcsnsl7.cr.usgs.gov/EarthExplorer/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: EarthExplorer is a system for finding and ordering satellite images, cartographic products, and high resolution scanned images from photographs through

USGS. EarthExplorer provides cross inventory search capabilities, standing request functionality, and secured e-commerce support for product orders. Users may log in as guests or as registered users; registration is required to order and download data.

Subject(s): Maps and Mapping

933. EROS Data Center

<http://edc.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Data Center is a data management, systems development, and research center for the USGS National Mapping Division. Sections include Products, Science, Satellite Missions, National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive, and About EROS. The Products section has links or availability information on aerial photographs, topographic maps, digital raster elevation data, imagery collected from satellites, and land use data sets. The Publications section is under About EROS and includes citations for scientific and technical materials authored or co-authored by the professional staff at the EROS Data Center.

Subject(s): Maps and Mapping; Remote Sensing

934. Federal Geographic Data Committee

<http://www.fgdc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)—White House

Description: The Federal Geographic Data Committee is “an interagency committee that promotes the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geospatial data on a national basis” (from the Web site). The FGDC coordinates the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), which encompasses policies, standards, and procedures for organizations to cooperatively produce and share geospatial data. Web site sections include Metadata, Standards, Policy and Planning, Training, and Grants. The Standards section covers FGDC standards projects, processes, and publications.

Subject(s): Geography

Publication(s): *FGDC (Federal Geographic Data Committee) Newsletter*, I 19.115/4:

935. GeoCommunicator

<http://www.geocommunicator.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Description: “GeoCommunicator facilitates the sharing of geographic data among federal, state, local, and private individuals and organizations interested in providing the public with national data sets” (from the Web site). The site disseminates geographic data and information about public lands from the National Integrated Land System (NILS). Mappable data include the status of federal lands, mining claims, land use permits, and land survey information. A special application on the site, Township Geocoder, assists firefighters with historical data for analysis.

Subject(s): Geographic Information Systems (GIS); Land Management

936. Geodata.gov

<http://www.geodata.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: Geodata.gov is designed to be the “one stop for federal, state, and local geographic data” (from the Web site). The site has also been called Geospatial One-

Stop. It is an interagency effort managed by the Interior Department. In addition to federal contributors, the site solicits content from state, local, and tribal sources. Geospatial data currently cataloged at Geodata.gov can be located by category, including Atmosphere and Climate, Biology and Ecology, Business and Economic, Cadastral, and Transportation Networks. The available data collections can be searched by geographic location, time frame, and other criteria. The site also has online mapping. Users who register and log in can save maps and search criteria.

In addition to its catalog, the Geodata site provides information for the geographic data community. The information in the Help Center on data and metadata standards, metadata tools, and other topics adds value to the site.

Subject(s): Geographic Information Systems (GIS); Maps and Mapping

937. Geographic Names Information System

<http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) database has federally recognized names of physical and cultural geographic features in the United States and its territories. Geographic features are defined broadly and include populated places, as well as airports, cemeteries, mines, lakes, rivers, streams, schools, beaches, and parks. For each feature, GNIS provides the official name, geographic coordinates, state and county, and feature type. GNIS assigns each geographic feature a unique Feature ID “as the only standard Federal key for accessing, integrating, or reconciling feature data from multiple data sets” (from the Web site). Compressed files of the data can be downloaded from the site. The site also provides lists of proposed geographic name changes or new names.

Subject(s): Geography; Reference

938. GEONet Names Server

<http://earth-info.nga.mil/gns/html/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)

Description: GEONet Names Server (GNS) database is the official repository of foreign place names and undersea feature names, such as the Great Barrier Reef, approved by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. It covers place names for all areas of the world except the United States and Antarctica, which are maintained by the United States Geological Survey Geographic Names Information System (<http://geonames.usgs.gov/>).

Subject(s): Geography; Reference

939. National Geodetic Survey

<http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: NOAA’s National Geodetic Survey (NGS) develops and maintains the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), a national coordinate system that defines latitude, longitude, height, scale, gravity, and orientation throughout the United States, including how these values change with time. Under What We Do, the Web site has brief descriptions of NGS programs such as Aeronautical Survey Program, GPS Orbit Data, and National Shoreline.

The technical nature of the material available on this site means that it will be of interest primarily to geodesy and remote sensing professionals. It may also be of interest to the science, transportation, and engineering professionals who can use

NGS data and applications. Others may wish to consult the “Geodasy for the Layman” primer, which is linked at the bottom of the What We Do page.

Subject(s): Geodesy; Maps and Mapping

940. National Geospatial Programs Office

<http://www.usgs.gov/ngpo/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The USGS National Geospatial Programs Office (NGPO), established in 2004, is responsible for all USGS-led geospatial programs, such as *The National Map* and the Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science (CEGIS). NGPO works to promote a National Spatial Data Infrastructure for consistent means to share geographic data between parties. The Web site has news and program information.

Subject(s): Maps and Mapping

941. National Map

<http://nationalmap.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: “The National Map is a collaborative effort among the USGS and other Federal, State, and local partners to improve and deliver topographic information for the Nation. . . . The geographic information available from The National Map includes orthoimagery (aerial photographs), elevation, geographic names, hydrography, boundaries, transportation, structures, and land cover” (from the Web site). The National Map Web site includes a viewer for the data. The Products and Services section has information on current and planned future maps, images, and mapping services.

Subject(s): Maps and Mapping

Publication(s): *Research Agenda for Geographic Information Science at the United States Geological Survey*

942. Office of Coast Survey

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: The Coast Survey is the official U.S. chart-making agency. It manages nautical chart data collections and information programs. The NOAA charts can be viewed at the site or ordered online. The Nautical Charts and Publications section also links to explanatory information, historical maps and charts, and major data portals such as nowCOAST and Tides and Currents; GIS products are listed in a separate section. The site also covers development of new charting technologies, current hydrography projects, and data on submerged wrecks.

Subject(s): Maps and Mapping; Oceans—Research

943. Seamless Data Distribution System

<http://seamless.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Seamless Data Distribution System (SDDS) provides geospatial data layers to view and download. Data sets to download include the Landsat Mosaic orthoimagery database, National Elevation Dataset, and National LandCover Dataset. The site includes a tutorial and frequently asked questions.

Subject(s): Maps and Mapping

944. USGS Geography

<http://geography.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This site brings together geography programs, products, and services information from the Geological Survey. The three central USGS geography programs described are Land Remote Sensing, Geographic Analysis and Mapping, and Science Impact Research. Other featured programs are AmericaView (to promote the availability of remote sensing data and technology), LANDFIRE (Landscape Fire and Resource Management Planning Tools Project), and the National Hazards Support System for near-real time monitoring of natural hazard events. The Products section links to the geographic maps, digital data, publications, and tools on USGS Web sites. The site also links to USGS geographic science centers.

This site is a convenient starting point for learning about and finding USGS geographic data, images, products, and news.

Subject(s): Geography; Maps and Mapping

Natural Resources

945. Alaska Science Center

<http://alaska.usgs.gov/science/biology/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The USGS Alaska Science Center conducts monitoring, research, and assessments of natural resources issues and natural hazards in Alaska and the region. Under Science, the site links to relevant information in the areas of biology, geography, geology, and water. The Maps, Products, and Publications section has a publications catalog and a link to the Alaska Geospatial Data Clearinghouse. Specific topics covered on the site include habitat restoration, fisheries, wildlife veterinary medicine, bird banding, and polar bears.

Subject(s): Wildlife—Research; Alaska—Research

946. Animal Welfare

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Description: This Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service site is concerned with the Animal Welfare Act, Horse Protection Act, animals in disasters, pet travel, and related issues. The site includes publications, animal research facility reports, regulations, and forms.

Subject(s): Animals—Regulations

947. Animal Welfare Information Center

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: The Animal Welfare Information Center compiles links to information about the welfare of farm, lab, circus, and zoo animals, as well as companion animals (pets) to assist with regulatory compliance. The site has information on laws, policies, and guidelines, and links to related databases and Web sites. Linked resources come from both government and nongovernment sources. AWIC also maintains RSS feeds for news about animal welfare.

Subject(s): Animals

948. BLM National Wild Horse and Burro Program

<http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro.html

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Description: The Bureau of Land Management manages the wild horses and burros on public lands. In cases of overpopulation, BLM removes horses and burros through an adoption program. The Web site provides information on adopting the removed animals; it includes an adoption schedule and application. The site includes information from the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board and news updates about the program. The site also provides information on state wild horse and burro programs.

Subject(s): Wild Horses

949. Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.blm.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Description: The Bureau of Land Management administers U.S. public lands, which are primarily in the western states. The site's What We Do section links to BLM activities in the areas of energy (resource extraction and revenues), fire (wildland fire management), grazing, and land use planning. The What We Do programs list also includes information on abandoned mine lands, cultural resources, General Land Office records, law enforcement, the National Landscape Conservation System, rights-of-way, and more. The Information Center section includes news, laws, regulations, policies, and publications. BLM's annual *Public Land Statistics* report online provides statistics on federal lands, their commercial uses, recreational uses, conservation, and related topics. The Information Center's Online Services section has information on researching BLM records and on doing business with BLM or on public lands. The site's home page features a clickable U.S. map as the interface to public lands information for states or regions.

Subject(s): Public Lands

Publication(s): *Mining Claims and Sites on Federal Lands*, I 53.2:
Public Land Statistics, I 53.1/2:

950. Bureau of Reclamation

<http://www.usbr.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)

Description: The subtitle of this Web site is "Managing Water in the West." The Bureau of Reclamation manages dams and reservoirs in the western states and produces hydroelectric power. The Programs and Activities section of the Web site serves as an index to many other reclamation activities, including desalination, cultural resources management, hydroelectric research, and materials engineering and research. The site's DataWeb provides detailed information on operational or substantially completed Reclamation projects. The Water Operations section links to the Web sites for BLM regional offices representing the Great Plains, Lower Colorado, Upper Colorado, Mid-Pacific, and Pacific Northwest. Each regional site has information on its dams, reservoirs, projects, news, and publications.

Subject(s): Hydroelectric Power; Water Supply

951. Dataweb: Dams, Projects and Powerplants

<http://www.usbr.gov/dataweb/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)

Description: Project Dataweb is a directory of Bureau of Reclamation dams, power plants, and other projects. It is an electronic version of information the bureau has long published as a project data book. The site provides detailed information on each of the projects, which can be located by name or state. It also has interactive maps for locating projects.

Project Dataweb is intended for use by reclamation professional, planners, and government and policy officials, as well as the general public.

Subject(s): Dams; Hydroelectric Power; Water Supply

952. Department of the Interior

<http://www.doi.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: The Interior Web site serves primarily as a portal to the sites for the department's many component agencies, such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The main page features news and RSS feeds from Interior. The People, Land & Water section is an online news magazine with links to news from each of the component agencies. Like other major departments and agencies, Interior has a section for Recovery Act information on its site. The Interior Web site is also available in Spanish.

The site is well organized and its multiple access points to various DOI resources make it easy to use.

Subject(s): Natural Resources; Public Lands

Publication(s): *People, Land & Water*, I 1.116:

953. Endangered Species

<http://endangered.fws.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: This Fish and Wildlife Service site provides a broad collection of news and information on endangered species and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Endangered Species lists for animals and plants, as well as proposals for changes to the list, can be found in the Species Information section of the site. The Threatened and Endangered Species System (TESS) can be searched by state, region, and other criteria. Additional sections include Laws, Policies, and *Federal Register* Notices; ESA and What We Do; For the Media; The *Endangered Species Bulletin*; Kid's Corner; and Partners in Conservation. The ESA and What We Do section includes an overview of the project, publications, information for landowners, Habitat Conservation Plans, grants help, and information on tribal rights and international agreements.

Subject(s): Endangered Species; Native Plants

Publication(s): *Endangered Species Bulletin*, I 49.77:

Recovery Plans, I 49.2:

954. Fish and Wildlife Service

<http://www.fws.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Description: The Fish and Wildlife Service aims to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats. The Web site features current news on its varied programs, such as endangered species, the Federal Duck Stamp Program, and

the National Wildlife Refuge System. Quick links lead to information on FWS coastal programs, environmental contaminants, fisheries and habitat conservation, grants, hunting, law enforcement, Native American issues, permits, policy and directives, wetlands, the Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee, and more.

Subject(s): Birds; Conservation (Natural Resources)—Laws; Fisheries; Natural Resources Management; Wildlife

Publication(s): *Digest of Federal Resource Laws of Interest to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*, I 49.2:

Eddies: Reflections on Fisheries Conservation, I 49.118:

Fish and Wildlife News, I 49.88:

National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, I 49.98

955. Fort Collins Science Center Online

<http://www.fort.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: Scientists at this USGS biological science center study the ecosystems of the mountain, desert, and semi-arid western United States in support of land managers and natural resource decision makers. Programs described on the Web site include Invasive Species Science, Ecosystem Dynamics, Information Science, and Policy Analysis and Science Assistance. The Product Library section has publications, software, and data.

Subject(s): Environmental Science—Policy; Wildlife—Research; West (United States)

956. Minerals Management Service

<http://www.mms.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Description: MMS is charged with managing the nation's natural gas, oil, and other mineral resources of the outer continental shelf. They also collect, verify, and distribute mineral revenues from federal offshore mineral leases and from leases on federal and Indian lands. The MMS site includes information on the two major programs, Offshore Energy and Minerals Management (covering Alaska, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico/Atlantic) and Minerals Revenue Management. The site has mineral commodity and revenue statistics and data on the oil and gas production from the Federal Outer Continental Shelf. Publications are listed under Products and Services. The Library section links to numerous legal, regulatory, and policy documents, as well as environmental information, statistics, and scientific research. A topical index links to Web content under subjects such as Advisory Committees, Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, Pacific Outer Continental Shelf, and Tribal Services.

Subject(s): Minerals; Offshore Drilling; Public Lands

Publication(s): *Mineral Revenues: The Report on Receipts from Federal and American Indian Lands (annual)*, I 72.13:

MMS Ocean Science, I 72.20:

957. National Interagency Fire Center

<http://www.nifc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Forest Service (USFS); Interior Department

Description: The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Idaho is the national support center for wildland firefighting. In addition to the Forest Service and relevant Interior Department agencies, Fire Center participants include the National

Weather Service, U.S. Fire Administration, and the nongovernmental National Association of State Foresters (NASF). The Web site features current wildland fire news, wildland fire statistics, policies, and prevention and education information. It also links to wildland fire training programs.

Subject(s): Firefighting; Forest Fires

958. National Wetlands Research Center

<http://www.nwrc.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: Located in Lafayette, La., the National Wetlands Research Center has expertise in plant, wetland, and animal ecology, as well as remote sensing, geographic information systems, information technologies, and water quality analysis. The site provides a directory of experts on such topics as coastal marsh dieback and coastal prairie restoration. It also links to data, maps, publications, and topical sections, such as one on Louisiana Land Loss.

Subject(s): Wetlands

959. National Wildlife Health Center

<http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) provides information, technical assistance, and research on national and international wildlife health issues. The Web site's home page features links to information on current issues, such as Avian Influenza and Chronic Wasting Disease. The Disease Information section discusses major wildlife health concerns, with links to reports and Web resources for each. NWHC publications online include fact sheets, quarterly wildlife mortality reports, and Wildlife Health Bulletins.

Subject(s): Wildlife—Research

Publication(s): *Field Manual of Wildlife Diseases*, I 19.210:

Quarterly Wildlife Mortality Report, I 19.213/2:

960. Nature & Science

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: This National Park Service site links to information on natural resource conservation and science activities in the parks. Extensive environment and science coverage is provided in sections on air quality, biology, geology, natural sounds, and water. The site also has sections on laws, policies, park safety and hazards, fire management, global conservation, research, and publications.

Subject(s): Conservation (Natural Resources); Parks and Reserves

Publication(s): *Natural Resource Year in Review*, I 29.1/4:

Park Science, I 29.3/4-2:

961. NOAA's Coral Reef Information System

<http://coris.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: This portal to NOAA coral reef information and data products has a variety of data sets, reference resources, and information on coral reef biology and environmental threats. A Professional Exchanges section offers access to NOAA's Coral Health and Monitoring Program (CHAMP) electronic discussion list. Under the Library section, the Publications section in the online library has citations from

papers and reports published as a result of NOAA or NOAA-sponsored coral reef activities, as well as a coral reef photo library.

Subject(s): Coral Reefs

Publication(s): *The State of Coral Reef Ecosystems of the United States and Pacific Freely Associated States*, C 55.13/2:

962. Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

<http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: Part of the USGS Biological Research Division, staff at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center study the species and ecosystems of the Great Plains region. In the Biological Resources section of this site, resources are organized by geography, type (e.g., checklists, identification tools, distribution maps), and taxonomy (e.g., waterfowl, mammals, and fish). The site's Publication Database includes abstracts of articles authored at the center from 1965 to present. Some more recent articles are available online in HTML format.

Subject(s): Conservation (Natural Resources)—Research; Wildlife—Research; Butterflies

963. NWISWeb Water Data for the Nation

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: NWISWeb has current and historic data on the quantity, quality, distribution, and movement of surface and underground waters in the United States. Use the drop-down menu to view information for a particular state.

Subject(s): Water Supply

964. Office of Surface Mining

<http://www.osmre.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Surface Mining Office

Description: OSM has the responsibility of reclaiming abandoned mines and protecting the environment and people during coal mining and reclamation. Major sections link to grants funding, legal, regulatory, and other information related to the missions of regulating coal mines, reclaiming abandoned mine lands, and applying sound science. The References section includes the OSM annual report, coal statistics, the Surface Mining Control & Reclamation Act (SMCRA), and a directory of state and tribe contacts.

Subject(s): Coal; Mining Reclamation

965. Patuxent Wildlife Research Center

<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: PWRC, located in Maryland, is one of 17 research centers of the U.S. Geological Survey. The center focuses on coastal and wetlands ecology and on migratory birds and waterfowl. The center operates national wildlife inventory and monitoring programs and is responsible for the North American Bird Banding Program. The Web site addresses these topics and includes sections on research and education and a photo gallery of birds, animals, and habitats.

This site will be useful for anyone getting involved with an inventory and monitoring program as well as for those interested in some of the species for which monitoring programs are available.

Subject(s): Wildlife

966. USGS Ground Water Information

<http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This USGS Web site consolidates information on the groundwater resources of the United States and groundwater activities of the USGS. It includes sections on groundwater basics, data, publications, and relevant USGS programs. The site also has a section on groundwater techniques, methods, and models. Among the publications is an online version of the *Ground Water Atlas of the United States*.

Subject(s): Groundwater; Water Supply

Publication(s): *Ground Water Atlas of the United States*, I 19.89:

967. USGS Mineral Resources Program

<http://minerals.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This USGS site features statistics and information on the worldwide occurrence, quantity, quality, and availability of mineral resources, primarily in the Mineral Resources Program (MRP) Commodity Information section. It offers online access to numerous publications such as the *Mineral Industry Surveys* and the *Minerals Yearbook*. The site has RSS feeds for news about periodical updates. Under the External Research heading, the site has information on grants and cooperative agreement opportunities. Other sections include MRP Spatial Data, News, Programs, and Projects. The site also links to eastern, central, western, and Alaska regional information.

This is a very useful site for tracking down statistical information on minerals as commodities.

Subject(s): Minerals

Publication(s): *Fact Sheets*, I 19.127:

Metal Industry Indicators, I 19.129:

Mineral Commodity Summaries (annual), I 19.166:

Mineral Industry Surveys (annual), I 19.161:

Mineral Industry Surveys (quarterly), I 19.160:

Mineral Industry Surveys, Mineral Industry of (Country) Minerals (annual), I 19.163:

Mineral Industry Surveys, Mineral Industry of (State) Minerals (annual), I 19.162:

Minerals Yearbook, I 19.165:

968. Water Resources of the United States

<http://water.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: As one of the major subject-oriented USGS Web sites, Water Resources of the United States covers USGS materials related to water use, surface water, groundwater, and water quality. It links to the Web sites for USGS water resources programs. The primary divisions of this site include Data, Maps, Software, Publications, and Glossaries. A WaterWatch feature links to current U.S. maps illustrating conditions for floods; drought; daily streamflow; monthly streamflow; and groundwater. Information is organized by locale in the site's Water Information by State and Science In Your Watershed features.

Subject(s): Water

969. Wildlife Disease Information Node

<http://wildlifedisease.nbi.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Wildlife Disease Information Node is a collaborative project to provide wildlife disease data to state and federal resource managers, animal disease specialists, veterinary diagnostic laboratories, physicians, public health workers, and others. The Web site includes surveillance data, maps, journal articles, research resources, a disease index by type and by affected species, and educational materials.

Subject(s): Wildlife

Pollutants and Waste

970. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: ATSDR's public health mission is to prevent harmful exposures and disease related to toxic substances. The Web site features a Toxic Substances Portal providing characteristics, exposure risks, associated health effects, and studies for substances such as asbestos, formaldehyde, and mercury. The site also has Tox-FAQs™, fact sheets with answers to frequently asked questions about individual contaminants and their health effects. The site has ATSDR's Public Health Assessments and Health Consultations, reports on EPA National Priorities sites, and other sites in question. A special section lists assessments and consultations currently open for public comment, and assessment reports are announced in the press releases section.

The Data Resources section of the site links to the National Exposure Registry, Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) information, and a list of ATSDR's current state cooperative agreement partners. The ATSDR Web site also provides information on the hazardous materials and emergency response training it provides. The site is also available in Spanish.

This is an excellent site for finding toxicological data and information on hazardous substances.

Subject(s): Public Health; Toxic Substances

Publication(s): *Toxicological Profiles (Drafts, Updates and Finals)*, HE 20.518:

971. AirCompare

<http://www.epa.gov/aircompare/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: AirCompare enables U.S. county and state comparisons of air quality. It also provides seasonal air quality information for groups such as asthma sufferers and for the general population. Information is not available from all counties. An interagency group provides the data.

Subject(s): Air Quality

972. AIRData

<http://www.epa.gov/air/data/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Air and Radiation Office

Description: AIRData has annual summaries of U.S. air pollution data, taken from EPA's air pollution databases. The data identify emissions and pollutant levels, and include all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Users of AIRData can create their own reports and maps based on the air pollution data.

Subject(s): Air Pollution

973. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

<http://www.chemsafety.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

Description: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) is an independent, scientific investigatory board that works to determine the causes of chemical accidents. CSB also investigates chemical hazards. The CSB Web site features current news and reports of current investigations, available via RSS. It also has reports of completed investigations and recommendations.

Subject(s): Chemical Industry; Industrial Accidents

Publication(s): *Investigations and News*, Y 3.C 42/2:16

974. Department of Energy Hanford Site

<http://www.hanford.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—River Protection Office

Description: Hanford, formerly a plutonium production complex, is now one of the world's largest environmental cleanup projects. The project is being managed by the DOE as it explores ways of handling Hanford's tank waste retrieval, treatment, and disposal, as well as restoring the Columbia River Corridor where the plant is located. The Web site includes the plant history, resources for reporters, a list of contractors, a calendar of public meetings, a directory of Hanford Public Information Repositories, and advisory committee information.

Subject(s): Environmental Cleanup; Nuclear Waste

975. DOE Environmental Management

<http://www.em.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: The Energy Department's Office of Environmental Management manages the cleanup of radioactive, chemical, and other hazardous waste left after years of nuclear weapons production. The Web site has a list of current projects. The Resources section of the site has publications and the Central Internet Database, which includes nationwide Energy Department data for radioactive waste, contaminated media, spent nuclear fuel, and facilities. The site also describes tribal programs and links to intergovernmental and international information.

Subject(s): Environmental Cleanup; Nuclear Waste

976. Envirofacts Data Warehouse

<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: Envirofacts provides a central location for access to major environmental databases from the EPA. Databases include Toxics Release Inventory (TRI), Safe Drinking Water Information System, Permit Compliance System, Brownfields Management System, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS), and

many others. Researchers can choose individual databases or choose the integrated Envirofacts Multisystem Query.

A Quick Start feature allows users to search by ZIP code or city and state. The resulting profile identifies local data on air, toxics, waste, and water. An interactive map marks such features as Superfund sites, hazardous waste handling facilities, toxic releases, and discharges to water. The Topics option provides the same search capability but for a particular type of data, such as toxics or radiation. More advanced capabilities can be found in the Queries, Maps, and Reports sections. Envirofacts also has a Geospatial Data Access Project page with links to downloadable EPA data.

Subject(s): Pollutants; Databases

977. EPA Air and Radiation

<http://www.epa.gov/oar/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Air and Radiation Office

Description: The Office of Air and Radiation maintains a large site with sections on Air Pollutants, Global Atmospheric Protection, Health and Ecosystem Protection, Indoor Air, Radiation, and Transportation. A Quick Finder links to sections of the site that cover the Clean Air Act, data and maps, particle pollution, asthma, visibility, and related topics. The Resources section links to air pollution data sources, grants and funding information, policies, and regulations. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Air Pollution; Air Quality; Radiation

Publication(s): *Air Quality Trends Report*, EP 4.64:

978. EPA Emergency Management

<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for coordinating environmental emergency prevention and response. The Web site compiles the relevant laws, regulations, policy, and guidance for handling emergencies such as oil spills and hazardous material accidents. The Information Sources section has guidance on topics such as small business compliance, family readiness, and keeping a community informed in an emergency. The site also links to the federal agencies and state, local, and tribal governments that serve as institutional partners in emergency management. The site has a publications section; however, many of these have not been updated in at least 10 years. The Newsroom section provides current press releases, e-mail, and RSS news alerts on hazardous waste and emergency response topics, and updates from the EPA's Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, and RMP & Oil Information Center.

Subject(s): Disaster Preparedness; Oil Spills; Environmental Health

979. Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable

<http://www.frtr.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable

Description: The Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable is an interagency working group supporting collaboration among the federal agencies involved in hazardous waste site remediation. The Web site features a section on Remediation System Optimization and a variety of tools, information, and case studies to help with selecting the best technology for remediation tasks. FRTR meeting information and publications are also online.

Subject(s): Environmental Cleanup

Publication(s): *Abstracts of Remediation Case Studies*, EP 1.2:AB 8

980. Green Vehicle Guide

<http://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Air and Radiation Office

Description: This online guide rates the environmental performance of recent car models. Users can look up the score for a specific model and make of automobile or browse by type of vehicle, such as pickup or minivan. The site includes explanations of the rankings and information on auto emissions. A related links section points to EPA and other agency sites with more information on automobile performance and air quality. The Web site notes that “EPA’s fuel economy estimates for 2008 models are calculated differently than for 2007 and earlier years,” and that scores for past years will not be recalculated.

Subject(s): Motor Vehicles

981. Hazardous Information Program

<http://www.dscr.dla.mil/ExternalWeb/UserWeb/aviationengineering/HazInfo/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

Description: The Hazardous Information Program provides guidance to Defense Department personnel on safely handling and transporting hazardous materials. The Hazardous Technical Information Service (HTIS) on the site serves the defense community, but its *HTIS Bulletin*, news items, and Web links are available to the public. The Hazardous Materials Program page describes policy and guidance. The Hazardous Materials Information Resource System (HMIRS), the central repository for information on hazardous materials used by the Defense Department, is described on the site but can only be accessed by authorized personnel.

Subject(s): Hazardous Waste

Publication(s): *HTIS (Hazardous Technical Information Services) Bulletin*, D 7.2/3: *Storage and Handling of Hazardous Materials*, D 7.6/4:

982. Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Information (CLU-IN)

<http://clu-in.org/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Information Web site provides information about innovative treatment technologies to the hazardous waste remediation community. The site has databases on Remediation and Characterization and Monitoring, as well as technology descriptions and selection tools in these areas. Users with a professional interest in environmental technology can subscribe to e-mail delivery of several newsletters including *Technology News and Trends* or receive an RSS feed of CLU-IN news. Major sections of the site include Contaminants, Issues (e.g., brownfields, mining sites), Strategies & Initiatives, Vendors & Developers, and Training & Events (including online seminars).

Subject(s): Environmental Cleanup

Publication(s): *Technology News and Trends*, EP 1.10/3:

983. Mercury

<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: This is an EPA portal Web site for information about mercury and its effects on people and the environment. Topics include power plant emissions, mercury in fish and shellfish, mercury in consumer products, handling mercury spills, proper disposal of mercury, relevant laws and regulations, and international actions for reducing mercury emissions and use. The site has a version available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Pollutants

984. National Center for Environmental Health

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)

Description: NCEH promotes research, surveillance, guidance, and communication to improve public environmental health. Most of the Web site's content is organized by environmental health topic, such as lead poisoning prevention, healthy buildings, cruise vessel sanitation, air pollution, asthma, and climate change and public health. The Laboratory Sciences section includes information on research in biomonitoring, diabetes, cholesterol, and other areas. The Related Pages section has institutional information about NCEH, emergency response information, downloadable data files, and a publications catalog. Use the Web site's A-Z subject index to find specific information.

Subject(s): Environmental Health

Publication(s): *Brochures (National Center for Environmental Health)*, HE 20.7513;
National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals, HE 20.7515:

985. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board

<http://www.nwtrb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB)

Description: The NWTRB is an independent agency of the U.S. government that provides scientific and technical oversight of the U.S. program for management and disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel from civilian nuclear power plants. Its site features Board Mission, Board Members, Reports, Correspondence, Testimony, Plans, Press Releases, and Calendar sections.

Subject(s): Nuclear Waste

986. Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

<http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Office

Description: The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management is charged with building a system for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste disposal. The Web site has sections on Yucca Mountain Project, Transporting Nuclear Waste, Receiving Nuclear Waste, and Advanced Science Studies. Each section includes news and documents. The Information Library has technical documents, fact sheets, videos, photos, maps, press releases, and event calendars.

Subject(s): Nuclear Waste; Yucca Mountain Project

987. Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, EPA

<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Office

Description: The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) has primary responsibility for administering the Toxic Substances Control Act. The Partnerships and Programs section of the site links to information on OPPT's work in asbestos control, environmental labeling, nanoscale materials, assessment of new chemicals in the marketplace, regulation of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), High Production Volume (HPV) chemicals, and many other areas. The Concerned Citizens section presents consumer information on such topics as lead-based paint and consumer product labeling. The Information Sources section links to resources such as hot-

lines and clearinghouses. The Databases and Software page links to numerous electronic resources.

Subject(s): Toxic Substances

988. Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, EPA

<http://www.epa.gov/opptsmnt/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Office

Description: The EPA Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) is involved in protecting public health and the environment from potential risk from toxic chemicals. The office promotes pollution prevention and the public's right to know about chemical risks and evaluates pesticides and chemicals to safeguard children and other vulnerable members of the population, as well as threatened species and ecosystems. Sections on Pollution Prevention, Pesticides, and Chemicals have substantial information for individuals as well as for research centers and regulated entities. The Quick Finder guide links to coverage of asbestos, lead, mercury, tribal programs, worker protection, and other topics.

Subject(s): Pesticides; Toxic Substances

989. Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA

<http://www.epa.gov/swerrims/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Solid Waste and Emergency Response Office

Description: OSWER provides policy, guidance, and direction for the EPA solid waste and emergency response programs. The site covers such topics as Superfund and federal facility cleanups, brownfields, landfills, oil and hazardous substance spills, underground storage tanks, safe waste management, grants and funding, and environmental emergencies. The Quick Finder link to the Waste topic area leads to a significant amount of information for consumers, industry, and governments. The Laws and Regulations section has the text of documents organized by topic. Other topics and programs, linked on the bottom half of the home page, include environmental justice, tribal program, and international activities. Publications are available throughout the site.

Subject(s): Environmental Cleanup; Hazardous Waste

Publication(s): *Tribal Waste Journal*, EP 1.17:530-N/
WasteWise Annual Report, EP 1.1/10:

990. RadTown USA

<http://www.epa.gov/radtown/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: RadTown USA provides educational information about radiation. It uses an interactive graphic of a town to show everyday sources of radiation. Sections of Radtown discuss personal exposure, use of radioactive materials, radiation-treated materials, radioactive waste, natural radiation, and security applications of radiation.

Subject(s): Radiation

991. Savannah River Site

<http://www.srs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: A former production site for weapons-grade nuclear materials, the Savannah River Site (SRS) is now focused on management of the nuclear stockpile and nuclear materials and on related environmental issues. The Web site features

information under the sections About SRS, Business Opportunities, Outreach, Publications, and Programs.

Subject(s): Nuclear Weapons

Publication(s): *Savannah River Site Environmental Report*, E 1.2:SA 9/3/

992. Superfund Program

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Solid Waste and Emergency Response Office

Description: This EPA portal for the Superfund environmental cleanup program covers information about the program, the individual Superfund sites, law and policy documents, liability and enforcement, community involvement, conferences, regional contacts, databases, and even a Superfund for Kids page. It also links to EnviroMapper for Superfund, a tool that combines interactive maps and aerial photography. The Web site has a version available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Environmental Cleanup

Publication(s): *National Priorities List (Superfund)*, EP 1.107/3:
Records of Decision (Superfund)

993. Tox Town

<http://toxstown.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: Tox Town is an educational site about toxic chemicals, designed for a general audience. The site uses a graphical image of a town and a city to serve as an interface to toxics information from such agencies as the National Institutes of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency. It has similar modules for a farm, shipping port, and the U.S.-Mexico border. Modified versions of the content are provided in Spanish and in a text-only version. Tox Town also has teaching resources and an alphabetical index of information on the site.

Subject(s): Toxic Substances

994. ToxFAQs

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Agency

Description: ToxFAQs offers fact sheets on hazardous substances and the effects of exposure on human health. There are also links to resources from ATSDR, such as minimal risk levels for hazardous substances and Medical Management Guidelines for Acute Chemical Exposures. Much of the core material at the ToxFAQs site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Hazardous Waste; Toxic Substances

995. Toxics Release Inventory

<http://www.epa.gov/tri/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) is a source of information regarding toxic chemicals that are being used, manufactured, treated, transported, or released into the environment. It contains information concerning waste management activities and the release of toxic chemicals by facilities that manufacture, process, or otherwise use such substances. The home page has a quick ZIP code search option for TRI data and a link to the TRI Explorer for additional search options. The site

also provides information on state and international TRI programs and on compliance with TRI reporting requirements. In 2009, EPA launched TRI.NET, a downloadable application enabling expert users to map and analyze TRI data. TRI.NET is linked from the TRI home page.

Subject(s): Toxic Substances

Publication(s): *Toxic Release Inventory*, EP 5.22

996. ToxSeek

<http://toxseek.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: ToxSeek is a search engine from the National Library of Medicine (NLM). It enables simultaneous searching of environment health information from NLM, the National Institutes of Health, government agencies, and international organizations. Individual and multiple databases can be selected for a search.

ToxSeek is a powerful, fast, and flexible search engine.

Subject(s): Toxic Substances; Environmental Health

997. TribalAIR

<http://www.epa.gov/oar/tribal/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Air and Radiation Office

Description: This site from the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation provides information about air quality programs in Indian Country. It includes regional contacts, training schedules, regulations, and success stories from tribal environmental professionals in the Tribe-to-Tribe section. *Tribal Air News* is also available in full text.

EPA also maintains a Web site for its American Indian Environmental Office at <http://www.epa.gov/indian/> and an American Indian Tribal Portal at <http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>.

Subject(s): Air Quality; American Indians

Publication(s): *Tribal Air News*, EP 4.67:

998. TTNWeb Technology Transfer Network

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Air and Radiation Office

Description: TTNWeb provides centralized access to the technical information available on the Web from the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards. The linked Web sites concern air pollution science, technology, regulation, measurement, and prevention. Sites include Emissions Test Methods, National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and Support Center for Regulatory Atmospheric Modeling.

Subject(s): Air Quality; Technology Transfer

Weather

999. AIRNow

<http://airnow.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: AIRNow offers daily Air Quality Index (AQI) forecasts and real-time AQI conditions for over 300 cities across the United States. AIRNow is an inter-agency Web site sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Park Service (NPS), along with Canada and U.S. partner agencies in tribal, state, and

local governments. Detailed local observations and forecasts on the site come from the partner agencies. The EnviroFlash feature provides e-mail or pager notification of current air quality conditions in many cities and towns in the United States. AirCompare allows users to compare air quality in selected cities and to find seasonal air quality trends.

Subject(s): Air Quality

1000. Aviation Weather Center

<http://aviationweather.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: The Aviation Weather Center has forecasts, advisories, and observations for pilots. Observations include Pilot Reports (PIREPs), Meteorological Aviation Reports (METARs), and radar and satellite imagery. An Aviation Links section includes other aviation weather sites and Volcanic Ash Advisory Centers.

Subject(s): Aviation; Weather Forecasts

1001. Climate Analysis Branch

<http://www.cdc.noaa.gov/psd1/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The Climate Analysis Branch (CAB), within NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory, studies the causes of observed climate variations in order to improve climate models and forecasts. Major sections of the Climate Analysis Branch site include Climate and Weather, Research, and Data Access and Plotting. The Climate and Weather section has a Map Room and U.S. forecasts. The Research section includes citations and some full-text links to journal articles by the scientists. Data sets, online data analysis and visualization, and climate research data access are available under Data Access and Plotting. The site also covers selected topics such as El Niño, Western Water Assessment, and U.S. precipitation anomalies.

Subject(s): Climate Research

1002. Climate Prediction Center

<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: The Climate Prediction Center maintains a continuous watch on short-term climate fluctuations and attempts to diagnose and predict them. This Web site provides climatological information, with highlights on long-term temperature and climate outlooks, U.S. Hazards Assessment, and Drought Assessment. Main sections of the site include an Index of Expert Assessments, an Index of Outlooks (Forecasts), an Index of Monitoring and Data, Crosscutting Themes, and information about the center. The site includes a climate glossary.

Subject(s): Climatology; El Niño; Weather Forecasts

Publication(s): *Climate Diagnostics Bulletin* (monthly), C 55.194:

Proceedings of the Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop, C 55.2:C 61/3/

1003. Global Systems Division

<http://www.fsl.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: Global Systems Division, previously the Forecast Systems Laboratory, conducts research to develop global environmental information and forecast technology products. Clients for the technologies include the National Weather Service, other government agencies, and the commercial and general aviation communities. The Web site describes the Global Systems Division's projects and products.

Subject(s): Meteorology—Research

1004. Heat Island Effect

<http://www.epa.gov/heatislands/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The term “heat island” describes the phenomenon of urban and suburban temperatures that are two to ten degrees Fahrenheit hotter than nearby rural areas. This Web site provides information on the effect, research results, and energy use and health impacts. It also features a section on ameliorative measures, such as installing green roofs and planting trees.

Subject(s): Climate Research

1005. National Climatic Data Center

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/ncdc.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

Description: As the world's largest active archive of weather data, NCDC produces numerous climate publications and data sets and makes a wide variety of information available on this site. Users may search for weather station data for a particular location or use a clickable map interface. Information is also grouped in the categories of Land Based Data, Upper Air Data, Satellite Data, Marine Data, Paleoclimatology, and Weather/Climate Events.

NCDC presents various different catalogs and subsets of its products via links or online purchase. Some of the online data and publications require a paid subscription, with exemptions for education, military, and government use.

NCDC provides an enormous amount of information and data. The Web site manages to make it accessible by offering multiple well-designed approaches to the content.

Subject(s): Climatology; Data Products; Weather

Publication(s): *Climatological Data (various states)*, C 55.214/51:

Hourly Precipitation Data: Various States and Countries, C 55.216/45:

Local Climatological Data: Various States, C 55.286/6-54:

Monthly Climatic Data for the World, C 55.211:

Monthly State, Regional, and National Cooling Degree Days, Weighted by Population, C 55.287/60-3:

Monthly State, Regional, and National Heating Degree Days, Weighted by Population, C 55.287/60-2:

Storm Data (monthly), C 55.212:

1006. National Data Buoy Center

<http://seaboard.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: The National Data Buoy Center site provides buoy-measured environmental data and an overview of the NDBC. Current (Real-Time) Meteorological and Oceanographic Data are available for locations along the coasts of North America, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Brazil, Chile, Congo, France, Great Britain, and the Western Pacific. Historical data are also available, grouped by station ID. Other sections of the site include Station Status and Ship Observations, and information on the Dial-a-Buoy program that provides station information over the telephone. The site also provides RSS feeds of observation data.

Subject(s): Oceans; Weather Forecasts

1007. National Hurricane Center—Tropical Prediction Center

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: The Tropical Prediction Center Web site features data, graphs, and other information on tropical cyclones and hurricanes. Menu items on the home page include Get Storm Info, Marine Forecasts, Hurricane Awareness (preparedness information and extensive educational background), and Hurricane History. The latest forecasts are featured prominently. The site offers advisories that can be delivered via e-mail, RSS feed, or to mobile devices. This site covers conditions in the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific regions; it also links to tropical cyclone centers elsewhere in the world.

This is the key government Web site to consult during hurricane season.

Subject(s): Hurricanes

1008. National Severe Storms Laboratory

<http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Description: The National Severe Storms Laboratory site describes research and development work concerning forecasting, radar, and warnings. The weather research section describes technical research and advances. The field observations section describes fixed and mobile observation systems. The site also has an education section with a “Severe Weather Primer” and other content for children.

Subject(s): Tornadoes; Weather—Research

Publication(s): *NSSL Briefings*

1009. National Weather Service

<http://www.weather.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: The National Weather Service (NWS) collects weather data and provides forecasts for the United States and surrounding waters. The NWS home page features a color-coded map of current weather warnings and advisories in the United States. A city name search box gives quick access to local short- and long-term weather forecasts, current conditions, and radar and satellite images. The Forecasts section links to the forecasts available on NOAA Web sites, including drought, fire, marine, aviation, and river flows. The Weather Safety section takes a similar

approach, linking to information on NOAA Weather Radio and to safety information related to storms, heat, lightning, hurricanes, tornadoes, rip currents, and floods. Publications designed for the general public are available online in HTML and PDF formats. The Information Center links to NOAA Web pages on popular weather topics, such as damage/fatality/injury statistics, commercial weather companies, and proper siting for weather instruments.

The Organization section on the top menu bar has links to the Web sites for the many NWS regional offices and centers, each of which provides a wealth of local U.S. data.

While the NWS data repository is vast, this Web site makes the most popular data easily accessible.

Subject(s): Meteorology; Weather Forecasts

1010. National Weather Service Marine Forecasts

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/home.htm>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: This gateway site links to marine weather forecast information. Shortcuts are provided to marine forecasts in text or graphic formats. Other links are grouped by dissemination method, such as Internet, radio, and phone recordings. For each dissemination type, the site provides a description of the service and links to related sites. The Publications section includes Marine Service Charts (MSC) and links to other NOAA publications of interest to the mariner. Preparedness information on such topics as rip currents and thunderstorms is also provided.

Subject(s): Maritime Transportation; Weather Forecasts

Publication(s): *Mariner's Weather Log Magazine*, C 55.135:

1011. NOAA Tides and Currents

<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: Tides and Currents is the Web site for the Center for Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS). The center collects, analyzes, and distributes historical and real-time observations and predictions of water levels, coastal currents, and other meteorological and oceanographic data. The Web site features a zoomable data retrieval map and station list for finding all CO-OPS information by locale. CO-OPS programs include the Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS®) that integrates observed and predicted data for mariners. CO-OPS also manages the National Water Level Program (NWLP) and National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON); tide data and predictions are available on the site. The education section includes lesson plans about tides.

Subject(s): Oceanography

1012. NOAA Weather Radio

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information that can be picked up by special radio receivers. This site has station listings, coverage maps, and consumer information on radio receivers. Other sections explain NWR's role as an "all-hazards" radio

network—broadcasting non-weather emergency information when requested by state or local state officials.

Subject(s): Disasters and Emergencies; Weather

1013. NOAAWatch

<http://www.noaaWATCH.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: NOAAWatch, subtitled “NOAA’s All-Hazard Monitor,” features current national weather news, charts, and imagery, and links to weather forecasts and warnings. Specific sections cover air quality, droughts, earthquakes, excessive heat, fire weather, flooding, hurricanes, oil spills, tsunamis, volcanoes, and more.

Subject(s): Weather Forecasts

1014. nowCOAST

<http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: The NOAA nowCOAST application provides mapping of real-time coastal observation and forecast data for the continental United States. To map data, users choose from coastal locations, data (current observations, such as water quality, or forecasts of conditions), and variables related to the selected data.

Subject(s): Geographic Information Systems (GIS); Meteorology

1015. Storm Prediction Center

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Weather Service

Description: Storm Prediction Center provides forecasts for severe thunderstorms and tornadoes over the contiguous United States. The SPC also monitors heavy rain, heavy snow, and fire weather events across the United States. Their Web site reports on and maps current storm, tornado, fire, and convective watches. The Education and Outreach section features extensive information about tornadoes. SPC research publications on the site include conference papers and journal articles. The Organization section on the top menu bar links to regional centers with more detailed local information. SPC also provides RSS feeds for tornado and severe thunderstorm watches, fire weather outlooks, and other topics.

Subject(s): Tornadoes; Weather Forecasts

1016. Tides Online

<http://tidesonline.nos.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Ocean Service

Description: The Tides Online page provides users with near real-time information from water-level stations located along the projected path of severe storms (such as hurricanes). The State Maps and Regional List data options provide this information from any active station, not just those in the path of a storm.

Subject(s): Hurricanes; Tides

1017. Tsunami

<http://www.tsunami.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: The NOAA Tsunami Web site is largely concerned with the agency's responsibility for the nation's Tsunami Warning System. The site provides detailed background information about how tsunamis occur and about NOAA's role in forecasting tsunamis. It includes sections on current tsunami observations and data, tsunami preparedness and response, and public education. The Web site also has photos and animations of tsunamis.

Subject(s): Oceans

CHAPTER 12

Government and Politics

This chapter covers some of the federal government's most familiar roles, such as tax collector, mail carrier, employer, purchaser, and provider of emergency relief.

Subsections in this chapter are Democracy, Government Administration, Government Business, Government Employees, Government Finance, Government Information, Government Services, Intergovernmental Relations, and Public Policy.

Democracy

1018. Campaign Finance Reports and Data

<http://www.fec.gov/disclosure.shtml>

Sponsor(s): Federal Election Commission (FEC)

Description: The FEC's campaign finance retrieval system includes financial data for candidates, campaign committees, and political action committees (PACs). Data can be viewed online or downloaded. Images of the actual campaign finance disclosure filings are also online. The site provides data on "electioneering communications," a category of political broadcast advertisements that became regulated under the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) of 2002 (Public Law 107-155, also known as McCain-Feingold).

While the FEC site is easy to use, researchers may also want to try nongovernment Web services that download the FEC data and add value to them, with an emphasis on current data and newsworthy reports. Two sites to try are Open Secrets at <http://www.opensecrets.org> and the American University Campaign Finance Web site at <http://www1.soc.american.edu/campfin/index.cfm>.

Subject(s): Campaign Funds; Elections

1019. Civics and Citizenship Toolkit

<http://www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)

Description: The Civics and Citizenship Toolkit publication is the product of an interagency project to assist U.S. immigrants. The kit is distributed through public libraries, which can request a single, free copy using the Web site. The site also links to downloadable copies of study materials for the naturalization test available from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Subject(s): Citizenship; Civics Education

1020. Core Documents of U.S. Democracy

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/coredocs.html>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: With input from government documents librarians, GPO has developed a selective list of important current and historical government publications to feature as having "free, permanent, public access" on the GPO Access Web site. Although GPO aims to provide the same access to many other documents, these have been selected as being essential to an informed democratic process. The selection includes the Constitution of the United States of America, the Bill of Rights, the

Declaration of Independence, Supreme Court decisions, congressional bills and the *Congressional Record*, the *United States Code*, the *Budget of the United States Government*, the *Federal Register*, and the *Code of Federal Regulations*. GPO will offer these documents on its new FDsys.gov system in late 2009.

Subject(s): Government Publications

1021. Democratic National Committee

<http://www.democrats.org/>

Sponsor(s): Democratic National Committee

Description: The national Democratic Party Web site features news on politics and policy. Interactive features on the site include online contributions, online voter registration, a blog, and a database of state party information. The site also has a version available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Political Parties

1022. Election Assistance Commission

<http://www.eac.gov/>

Sponsor(s): United States Election Assistance Commission

Description: The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to provide guidance and funding to improve the administration of federal elections. Its Web site features information about HAVA and the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines adopted by EAC. Under Program Areas, the site provides information on the Voting Systems Certification Program, a Voting System Reports Clearinghouse and more elections research reports, a glossary of election terms in English and six other languages, and the National Mail Voter Registration form. The site's Election Official Center has information on HAVA compliance. The site also has a Voter Information Center.

Subject(s): Elections—Regulations

1023. Electioneering Communications Database

<http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/ecd/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Communications Commission (FCC)—Media Bureau

Description: This Web site is intended to help political campaigns comply with a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act that requires candidates who spend more than \$10,000 on an “electioneering communication” during any calendar year to file a statement with the Federal Election Commission. The database helps users determine if their broadcasts qualify as electioneering communications.

Subject(s): Elections—Regulations

1024. Electoral College

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Electoral College

Description: The National Archives oversees the Electoral College and provides this Web site to inform the public about how it works. The site features statistics and summaries of the votes in the Electoral College for every presidential election since the election of George Washington. Other features include the Electoral College Calculator, Frequently Asked Questions, and Teaching Resources. You can also view the states' certificates for their electors and for the electors' votes.

Subject(s): Electoral College

1025. Federal Election Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Election Commission (FEC)

Description: The FEC is an independent regulatory agency whose mission is to disclose campaign finance information, enforce provisions of the law such as the limits and prohibitions on contributions, and oversee the public funding of presidential elections. The Campaign Finance Reports section of the site provides finance data for candidates, campaign committees, and political action committees. The Enforcement Matters section has audit reports and a database of documents related to completed enforcement cases. The Laws and Regulations section has FEC advisory opinions, information on FEC litigation, and information on major campaign laws. Other sections include Commission Meetings and Help with Reporting and Compliance. A section called Quick Answers to Common Questions answers over 50 frequently asked questions that typically come from candidates, state party committees, researchers, and the general public.

Subject(s): Campaign Funds—Laws; Voting—Statistics

Publication(s): *Campaign Finance Law*, Y 3.EL 2/3:

Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees, Y 3.EL 2/3:

Campaign Guide for Corporations and Labor Organizations, Y 3.El 2/3:

Campaign Guide for Nonconnected Committees, Y 3.EL 2/3:

Campaign Guide for Political Party Committees, Y 3.El 2/3:

Combined Federal/State Disclosure and Election Directory, Y 3.El 2/3:

Record Newsletter, Y 3.EL 2/3:

Selected Court Case Abstracts, Y 3.EL 2/3:

1026. Federal Voting Assistance Program

<http://www.fvap.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

Description: FVAP provides U.S. citizens worldwide with a broad range of nonpartisan information and assistance to facilitate their participation in the voting process, regardless of where they work or live. Located within the Department of Defense, FVAP is responsible for serving military personnel, their families, and other U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. The main page of the site is designed for U.S. voters who are overseas, but the site also has sections for local elected officials and military recruiters. There are also state-by-state voting instructions and an online version of the federal postcard application for voter registration and absentee ballots. The site has an RSS feed for U.S. elections announcements.

Subject(s): Voting

Publication(s): *Voting Assistance Guide*, D 2.14:VAG

Voting Information News, D 1.96:

1027. Improving U.S. Voting Systems

<http://vote.nist.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: NIST was charged with advising the Election Assistance Commission on the development of technical guidelines for voting systems. This Web site provides news, background, and documents related to the development of the technical guidelines.

Subject(s): Voting

1028. Republican National Committee

<http://www.gop.com/>

Sponsor(s): Republican National Committee (RNC)

Description: The RNC Web site has sections on how to become active in supporting the party, how to register to vote online, and how to make contributions online. The site also has a directory of the Republican Party's state offices, a blog, and issue statements. A Spanish-language version of the site is available.

Subject(s): Political Parties

1029. Tax Information for Political Organizations

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/political/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: This IRS Web page focuses on reporting and disclosure requirements for political parties, campaign committees, and political action committees, which fall under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. The page links to a searchable database of the filings of Form 8871 (Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status) and Form 8872 (Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures).

Subject(s): Campaign Funds

1030. Voting and Registration

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: On this Web page, the Census Bureau compiles links to its online information about voting. Much of the data comes from the bureau's Current Population Survey, whose estimates regarding voting and registration are based on responses from a sample of the population. The page also links to historical data and estimates of the voting age population.

Subject(s): Voting—Statistics

1031. Voting Section

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/voting/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Rights Division

Description: The Voting Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division is concerned with enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and other federal election laws. The Web site includes a guide to these laws and summaries of court cases concerned with the Voting Rights Act. The site features an extensive list of frequently asked questions on voting rights.

Subject(s): Elections—Laws

Government Administration**1032. Chief Information Officers Council**

<http://www.cio.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Chief Information Officers Council

Description: The Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council is the principal inter-agency forum focused on federal agency management of information technology. The site provides information on council membership, meetings, and projects.

Subject(s): Information Technology

1033. ExpectMore.gov

<http://expectmore.gov>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/expectmore/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Description: OMB rates the performance of federal programs using a Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). This Web site explains the assessment process and provides lists of programs that are and are not performing. The programs can also be searched by keyword or browsed by broad topic, such as housing or disaster relief. Each program listing includes a summary of which aspects of the program are working well and what areas need improvement.

Subject(s): Government Administration; Government Services

1034. Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Database

<http://fido.gov/facadatabase/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The FACA database tracks information for roughly 1,000 federal advisory committees. Its records contain information about meetings, costs, members, reports, and other aspects of the committees, their statuses, and their work. The agencies and committee managers input the data, which is centrally hosted by GSA. The FACA database site links to related information at the Federal Advisory Committee Management Web site, <http://www.gsa.gov/committeemanagement>.

Subject(s): Government Administration

1035. Federal Executive Boards

<http://www.feb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: Federal Executive Boards (FEBs) coordinate many of the activities carried out by federal agency regional offices, which are located outside the national capital area. Based in over 25 cities with a large federal presence, FEBs operate under the direction of OPM and are concerned with coordination in such areas as management strategies, personnel programs, and community relations. This Web site provides background information about the boards and links to each of the local FEB Web sites.

Subject(s): Government Administration

1036. General Services Administration

<http://www.gsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: GSA procures and manages federal office space, vehicles, technology, and supplies. The agency also sells off surplus government property. GSA's activities are described in this Web site's Buildings & Real Estate and Products & Services sections. The Policy & Regulations section covers GSA's role in setting rules for management of federal acquisitions, real property, travel, and more. The Doing Business section provides details on opportunities for selling services and supplies to the federal government. While GSA mostly works with federal agencies or government contractors, the site includes a section for citizens with information about such programs as the Federal Citizen Information Center and government surplus property sales. Other popularly requested information includes federal per diem rates, the Federal Acquisition Regulations, forms, and information for vendors about getting on the GSA schedule.

Because GSA is involved in a wide range of activities, first-time users may wish

to browse the site map to become familiar with the variety of information available on the site.

Subject(s): Government Administration; Government Procurement; Public Buildings

Publication(s): *Federal Acquisition Regulation*, GS 1.6/10:

Federal Fleet Report, GS 2.18:

Federal Supply Schedule (by Group), GS 2.7/4:

Federal Travel Regulation, GS 1.6/8-2:

Forms (GSA), GS 1.13:

Index of Federal Specifications and Standards, GS 2.8/2:

Summary Report on Real Property Owned by United States Throughout the World, GS 1.15:

Worldwide Geographic Location Codes, GS 1.34:

1037. IDManagement.gov

<http://www.idmanagement.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: IDmanagement.gov provides background information on the security technology and procedures the federal government is applying to its operations. The Web site features sections on the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors, Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), and E-Authentication.

Subject(s): Computer Security; Homeland Security

1038. IGnet—Federal Inspectors General

<http://www.ignet.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Government Ethics (OGE)

Description: IGnet is a gateway site that serves the IG community, which consists of the offices of the inspectors general that conduct audits, investigations, and inspections in more than 60 federal agencies. The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) section of the Web site includes annual reports to the president, strategic documents, and background information on the IGs. The “portal” link on the home page connects to an online directory of presidentially appointed inspectors general and designated federal entity inspectors general.

IGnet provides a broad range of materials for both IG employees and for whistleblowers interested in contacting one of the IG offices.

Subject(s): Inspectors General

Publication(s): *The Journal of Public Inquiry*, PREX 2.36/3:

1039. Office of Governmentwide Policy

<http://www.gsa.gov/ogp>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)—Office of Governmentwide Policy (OGP)

Description: OGP was created to consolidate all of GSA’s government-wide policy-making activities within one central office. These activities include acquisitions, government travel, and internal management systems. The site links to OGP’s component offices, such as the Office of Real Property, the Office of Technology Strategy, the Regulatory Information Service Center, and the Office of Travel, Transportation, and Asset Management.

Subject(s): Government Administration—Policy; Government Procurement—Policy

1040. Office of Management and Budget

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Description: OMB assists the president in overseeing the preparation of the federal budget and supervises budget administration in executive branch agencies. In addition, OMB oversees the administration's procurement, financial management, information, and regulatory policies. OMB's Web site covers each of these areas of responsibility.

Primary sections of the site include President's Budget, Management, Information and Regulatory Affairs, Legislative Information, and Agency Information. This last section includes *OMB Circulars*, the *OMB Bulletin*, OMB memoranda, and privacy guidance for executive agencies. Documents in the President's Budget section include budget supplementals and amendments. The Information and Regulatory Affairs section includes information about federal statistical programs and standards, regulatory policy, information policy, and e-government.

OMB news releases, circulars, and Statements of Administration Policy are available as RSS feeds.

In addition to the collection of federal budget documents, this site is useful for the availability of the *OMB Circulars*, such as *OMB Circular A-130*, which establishes administration policy for the management of federal information resources, and *OMB Circular A-76*, which concerns federal policy for the competition of commercial activities. OMB's *Statements of Administration Policy*, found in the Legislative Information section, will be helpful to those tracking bills in which the administration has a strong interest.

Subject(s): Budget of the U.S. Government; Government Administration

Publication(s): *Budget of the United States Government*, PREX 2.8/8:

Mid-Session Review of the . . . Budget, PREX 2.31:

OMB Bulletin, PREX 2.3:

OMB Circulars, PREX 2.4:

Statements of Administration Policy on Non-Appropriations and Appropriations Bills, PREX 2.2:

The Statistical Program of the United States Government, PREX 2.10/3:

1041. OMB Blog

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/blog/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Description: The OMB Blog is written by OMB Director Peter Orszag. He discusses government budget policy, regulatory policy, and other topics within OMB's purview. It is not open for comments.

Subject(s): Budget of the U.S. Government—Policy; Blogs

1042. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

<http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA)

Description: TIGTA was established in 1999 to provide independent oversight of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) activities, serving in effect as an inspector general for the IRS. The TIGTA Web site explains the office's role and posts copies of its audit reports and congressional testimony. The site also has information about the TIGTA hotline and an online form for reporting any knowledge of IRS waste, fraud, or abuse.

Subject(s): Inspectors General; Taxation

Publication(s): *Semiannual Report to Congress (TIGTA)*, T 1.1/6:

1043. United States Government Manual

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The GPO Access system has current and previous editions of the *United States Government Manual*, a descriptive directory of the executive, legislative, and judicial agencies and organizations of the federal government. Editions from 1995 to the present can be searched by keyword. Editions from 1997 to the present can be browsed and read by chapter. Text and PDF versions of each chapter are available through the browse interface, but only the PDF version contains the agency organization charts and other graphics. As with other GPO Access resources, the *United States Government Manual* will be transferred to GPO's new FDsys system in late 2009.

The strength of the *United States Government Manual* lies in the descriptions of the agencies, how they were established, what they do, and the nature of their primary divisions, as well as in the publication's helpful appendixes. As with the print edition, users of the online version of this reference classic will want to check more frequently updated sources—such as agency Web sites—for current personnel and organizational information.

Subject(s): Federal Government; Directories

Publication(s): *United States Government Manual*, AE 2.108/2:

1044. United States Office of Government Ethics

<http://www.usoge.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Government Ethics (OGE)

Description: OGE coordinates activities in the executive branch related to the prevention of conflicts of interest on the part of government employees and the resolution of conflicts of interest that do occur. Its Web site features sections for Laws and Regulations, Ethics Guidance (Advisory Opinions), Ethics Documents, and Common Ethics Issues. The site includes public and confidential financial disclosure forms and scheduled filings deadlines. The Laws and Regulations section provides the complete text of applicable executive orders, *Federal Register* issuances, and statutes and regulations related to the executive branch ethics program.

This site will be useful to government employees concerned with possible conflict of interest situations. It is also an excellent starting point for members of the general public who are interested in exploring topics in government ethics.

Subject(s): Ethics in Government; Government Employees—Regulations

Publication(s): *Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws*, Y 4.G 74/9:

DAEOgram

Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, Y 3.ET 3:

Government Business

1045. Acquisition Central

<http://www.acquisition.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The Acquisition Central Web site is a central collection point for the type of news, reference, and regulatory information needed by individuals and organizations involved in government contracting and procurement. It links to the Fed-

eral Acquisition Regulations and to Web sites relevant to contract awards, bid protests, individual agency procurement, and professional development for government contracting personnel.

While designed for agencies and contractors, researchers will also find this site to be a convenient one-stop shop for federal acquisitions Web sites.

Subject(s): Government Procurement; Military Procurement

Publication(s): *Federal Acquisition Regulation*, GS 1.6/10:

1046. Acquisition One Source

http://acquisition.navy.mil/rda/home/acquisition_one_source

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: Acquisition One Source provides acquisitions news, policy, regulations, and other information of interest to the Navy acquisitions and procurement community.

Subject(s): Military Procurement

1047. Business Partner Network

<http://www.bpn.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The Business Partner Network (BPN) is a central system for information about vendors and contractors who do business with the federal government. Information provided by registered vendors must only be provided once for use by all government agencies. It links to the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system and key databases for federal agency contracting officials. These include the Excluded Parties List System and the National Pre-Award Registry of contractors who have been found to be in compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) regulations.

Subject(s): Government Contracts

1048. Central Contractor Registration

<http://www.ccr.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Web site is a single point of access and registration for vendors who want to do business with the federal government. The site includes special informational sections for contractors, grantees, international registrants, and small businesses.

Subject(s): Defense Contracting; Government Procurement

1049. Civilian Board of Contract Appeals

<http://www.cbca.gsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)—Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA)

Description: The CBCA was established effective on January 6, 2007. The board hears and decides contract disputes between government contractors and executive agencies for all agencies except the Department of Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), United States Postal Service, Postal Rate Commission, and Tennessee Valley Authority. The Web site has copies of the board's decisions and rules of procedure. It also carries decisions from the boards it superseded.

Subject(s): Government Contracts

1050. Commission on Wartime Contracting

<http://www.wartimecontracting.gov>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan

Description: The Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, established by Congress, began operations in late 2008 and is to issue its final report in 2010. “The Commission is required to study, assess and make recommendations concerning wartime contracting for the reconstruction, logistical support, and the performance of security functions in Iraq and Afghanistan” (from the Web site). The Web site has commission briefings, hearings, and reports. It also provides a public e-mail comment section on wartime contracting practices.

Subject(s): Military Procurement

1051. Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

<http://www.abilityone.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

Description: Through federal procurement policies, the AbilityOne program (formerly known as Javits-Wagner-O’Day or JWOD) generates jobs and training opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities. AbilityOne is administered by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, an independent federal agency. Its Web site includes information about the committee, relevant laws and notices, a procurement list, program contacts, and information about how to participate.

Subject(s): Disabilities; Government Procurement—Policy

1052. Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, Surplus Property

<http://www.drms.dla.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS)

Description: The DRMS Web site features a publicly accessible database of items available at public auctions and sales. DRMS offers this site to help people obtain original U.S. government surplus property. To search the inventory, browse property catalogs, submit requests, or place a bid, the site provides three separate versions: one for private companies or individual users; one for government, nonprofit, and public service agency users; and one for “generator/installation of government excess personal property for turn-in” users.

Subject(s): Surplus Government Property

1053. Defense Supply Center, Columbus (DSCC)

<http://www.dsccl.dla.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

Description: DSCC, a Department of Defense procurement and supply center, offers information about military procurement and about buying from and selling to the center. The site links to the DSCC Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS) and to the DoD EMALL (Electronic Mall) system.

Subject(s): Military Procurement

1054. DefenseSolutions.gov

<http://defensesolutions.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: This site is designed to be “a portal through which innovative companies, entrepreneurs, and research organizations can offer potential solutions to the Department of Defense” (from the Web site). Submitted ideas are reviewed for their potential to advance the military mission.

Subject(s): Defense Contracting

1055. Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System

<http://www.esrs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, Public Law 109-282, requires subcontract award data as part of the USAspending.gov database. (USAspending.gov is described in a separate entry in this chapter.) The Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System, or eSRS, is a pilot system to test collection of this data from federal government contractors.

Subject(s): Government Contracts

1056. FedBizOpps

<http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.fbo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: FedBizOpps is the central clearinghouse for information about federal government procurement notices in excess of \$25,000. Vendors seeking government business opportunities on FedBizOpps can search the full-text versions of notices and limit searches by agency, set-aside code, date range, and other criteria. The Vendor Notification Service provides subscribers with free e-mail notification of procurement announcements. Online videos demonstrate how to use FedBizOpps.

Subject(s): Government Contracts; Government Procurement

1057. Federal Acquisition Jumpstation

<http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/pub/fedproc/home.html>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The Federal Acquisition Jumpstation provides a simple list of links to federal agency Web pages concerned with procurement, contracts, and grants.

Subject(s): Government Procurement

1058. Federal Acquisition Regulation

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This version of the *Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)* provides access to HTML, zipped HTML, and PDF versions of the regulations. It includes PDF files of *Federal Acquisition Circulars* in both their looseleaf and *Federal Register* printing formats. There are also special sections for proposed rules and for Small Entity Compliance Guidelines. Users can subscribe to the Acquisition News e-mail service to receive news of *Federal Acquisition Circulars*, proposed rules, public meetings, and other information about FAR-related issues.

Subject(s): Government Procurement—Regulations

Publication(s): *Federal Acquisition Regulation*, GS 1.6/10:

1059. Federal Acquisition Service

<http://www.gsa.gov/fas>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The GSA Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) was formed in late 2006 by combining the Federal Technology Service with the Federal Supply Service. FAS offers procurement services for federal government agencies. Its Web site has information about the new organization and links to its component offices.

Subject(s): Government Procurement

1060. Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer

<http://www.federallabs.org/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC)

Description: The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) helps to move the federal laboratories' research and development into the U.S. private sector. On the Web site, the FLC Technology Locator allows users to request technical assistance and be partnered with the appropriate laboratory. The site also has a searchable directory of FLC laboratories.

Subject(s): Technology Transfer

1061. Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation

<https://www.fpds.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation (FPDS-NG) is the central repository of statistical information about federal executive branch contracting. It contains detailed information about contract awards over \$3,000. The Important Links section includes a list of agencies submitting data to the FPDS-NG.

Free registration is required to search the data, which is also available free of charge. Selected reports and “top requests” (such as Hurricane Katrina contract totals) are available from the main page without signing in.

FPDS-NG, launched with fiscal year 2004 data, was designed to meet the need for faster reporting of contract actions. Since then, the federal government has launched the USAspending.gov Web site for both contracts and assistance (grants and loans) reporting. The USAspending.gov contract information is based on FPDS-NG data.

Subject(s): Government Contracts

1062. GovSales.gov

<http://www.govsales.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The tagline for GovSales.gov is “The Official Site to Buy U.S. Government Property.” The site has separate sections for each type of good, including houses, buildings and land, computers, and industrial. See the Frequent Questions section on the top menu bar for important information about registering and bidding.

Subject(s): Government Auctions; Surplus Government Property

1063. GSA Advantage!

<https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This GSA Web site, for use by federal government agencies only, is an online shopping and supply site. Authorized users can use government credit cards to purchase products from the Federal Supply Service. Non-registered users can browse the products catalog.

Subject(s): Government Procurement

1064. Interagency Edison

<http://www.iedison.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: Government grantees and contractors are required to report any government-funded inventions to the federal agency that made the award. Interagency Edison is an online system designed to streamline the administrative tasks involved in complying with this requirement. It can be used to report to a number of agencies, including the Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health.

Subject(s): Intellectual Property

1065. NASA Acquisition Internet Service

<http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The NASA Acquisition Internet Service Web site provides a central online point of contact for businesses interested in NASA acquisitions and procurement opportunities. The site includes the annual NASA acquisition forecasts and the NASA Procurement Data View (NPDV) system. The site also offers an e-mail alert system for news about NASA opportunities.

Subject(s): Government Procurement

1066. Pay.gov

<http://www.pay.gov>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Financial Management Service (FMS)

Description: Pay.gov is a secure, Web-based application for making certain types of federal payments online. Not all federal agencies participate, but many do; the Web site has a list. The Frequently Asked Questions section provides instructions on using the site.

Subject(s): Electronic Commerce

1067. SBIR and STTR Programs and Awards

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sbir/>

Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: The Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs are competitive funding programs that encourage innovative research and development in small businesses and nonprofit research institutions. They are offered by agencies with large research and development budgets and are coordinated by SBA. This site describes the programs, lists past winners, and provides a handbook for preparation of SBIR/STTR proposals.

Subject(s): Small Business—Grants

1068. Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

<http://www.usda.gov/da/smallbus/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office (OSDBU)

Description: The mission of OSDBU is to assist small businesses with the Department of Agriculture's contracting process. Its Web site includes a directory of sub-contracting opportunities, the *USDA Procurement Forecast*, and workshop information.

Subject(s): Government Procurement; Small Business

1069. SUB-Net

<http://web.sba.gov/subnet/>

Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: This Web site was designed primarily as a place for large businesses to post solicitations and notices. Prime contractors can use SUB-Net to post sub-contracting opportunities. These may or may not be reserved for small business and they may include either solicitations or other notices, such as notices of sources sought for teaming partners and subcontractors on future contracts. Small businesses can use this site to identify opportunities in their areas of expertise. Major sections of the Web site are Search for Solicitation, Post Solicitation, and Help (About SUB-Net).

Subject(s): Government Contracts

1070. UNICOR—Federal Prison Industries, Inc.

<http://www.unicor.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Prison Industries, Inc.

Description: The UNICOR Web site allows the federal government and contractors to buy goods and services from Federal Prison Industries (FPI), Inc., whose primary mission is the productive employment of inmates. The site has an online product catalog with browsing and ordering capabilities. It also provides substantial background information on Federal Prison Industries and the Inmate Transition Program.

Subject(s): Government Procurement; Prisoners

1071. USA.gov Government Sales and Auctions

<http://www.usa.gov/shopping/shopping.shtml>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The USA.gov Web site section that deals with government sales and auctions uses this tag line: "Buy new, seized, and surplus merchandise from government." This portal to other government Internet resources is divided into the following sections: Federal Government Surplus and Seized Property Sales; State and Local Surplus Property Sales; Government Stores (Souvenirs, Books, Gifts); and Sales by Federal Agency, which serves as an index to the sales-related pages on agency Web sites.

Subject(s): Government Auctions; Surplus Government Property

1072. USAspending.gov

<http://usaspending.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: USAspending.gov is a database of federal government spending through contracts and grants. The site was mandated by the Federal Funding and Accountability Act (Public Law 109-282). The Contracts section of the site has data on awarded government contracts and federal purchases made through the use of smart

cards. The Assistance section has data on grants, insurance, direct payments, loans, and similar federal assistance. The site is slated to provide data on subcontracts (as opposed to prime) and grants subawards (grants that have passed through the initial recipient). The Contracts and Assistance sections both provide prepared tables such as top 100 contractors, top 100 recipients, or geographic distribution. Be sure to review notes about the data provided on the site.

Subject(s): Government Contracts; Grants

1073. USDA Procurement

<http://www.usda.gov/procurement/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: This procurement site from the Department of Agriculture's Departmental Administration provides guidance on the department's highly decentralized procurement activities. The site provides news, updates, the Acquisition Toolkit, information on policy and regulations, and links to related USDA sites.

Subject(s): Government Procurement

Government Employees

1074. Federal Labor Relations Authority

<http://www.flra.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA)

Description: FLRA is an independent agency responsible for administering the labor-management relations program for federal employees. Its Web site includes information about FLRA, news, decisions, policies, and guidelines. Major sections include Filing a Case, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Federal Service Impasses Panel, Court Opinions, and Statutes, Regulations, and Decisions.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Labor-Management Relations

Publication(s): *Decisions of the Federal Labor Relations Authority*, Y 3.F 31/21-3:10-4/

1075. Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

<http://www.frtib.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

Description: The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board administers the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for federal employees. Its Web site includes an Electronic Reading Room with the board's annual TSP audit report and other frequently requested documents. The site also links to TSP forms and publications.

Subject(s): Government Employees

1076. FedScope

<http://www.fedscope.opm.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: FedScope is a central access point for data about the federal government's civilian workforce. Its Web site provides flexible retrieval of aggregate statistics extracted from OPM's Central Personnel Data File on topics including length of service, gender and age, pay grades, work schedules, and employment location. The Employment Statistics link on the top menu leads to electronic publications on such topics as employment trends and pay structure of the federal civil service. Data products are typically available in PDF and spreadsheet formats.

It may be particularly helpful for users to review the About Our Data and Data Definitions sections before using the FedScope data in analyses.

Subject(s): Government Employees—Statistics

1077. Merit Systems Protection Board

<http://www.mspb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB)

Description: MSPB serves as guardian of the federal government's merit-based system of employment, primarily by hearing and deciding appeals from federal employees concerning removals and other major personnel actions. The board also hears and decides other types of civil service cases, reviews significant actions and regulations of the Office of Personnel Management, and conducts studies of the merit systems. Its Web site includes additional descriptive information about the board, along with links to decisions, studies, and information on how to file an appeal.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Labor-Management Relations

Publication(s): *Decisions of U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board*, MS 1.10:

1078. National Personnel Records Center

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis is a central repository for federal civil service and military personnel records. Its Web site describes the collections and how to request information. The records themselves are not available online. A special site, eVetRecs, allows veterans and the next of kin of deceased veterans to request records online. The eVetRecs site is available at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Veterans

1079. National Security Personnel System (NSPS)

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: NSPS is an alternative federal government employee pay and promotion system currently being developed and implemented by the Department of Defense. The goal of the new system is to substitute current rules regarding pay for time in service with a practice that is based more on pay for performance. The NSPS Web site includes extensive information about the program, along with news and answers to frequently asked questions.

The NSPS is being reviewed by the Defense Department and the Office of Personnel Management in mid-2009. Users interested in government management issues can follow developments on this site.

Subject(s): Civilian Defense Employees; Pay and Benefits

1080. Office of Compliance

<http://www.compliance.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Compliance

Description: The Office of Compliance is an independent agency that was established by the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to protect the safety, health, and workplace rights of covered employees in the legislative branch. Its Web site

includes information about employee rights and the text of decisions of the hearing officer, board of directors, and the courts.

Although the Office of Compliance works only with legislative branch employees, this site can be of general use to others interested in employee rights.

Subject(s): Labor Law; Legislative Branch—Regulations

1081. Office of Personnel Management

<http://www.opm.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: As the federal government personnel office, OPM is a primary source for information about working for the federal government. OPM displays the current operating status of the federal government (for example, for holidays) and features sections for federal job seekers, federal employees, retirees, and human resources practitioners. The OPM Web site's home page links directly to the most requested pages, including the USAJOBS employment Web site, and sections such as Salaries and Wages, Health Insurance, Retirement Benefits, Forms, Publications, and Veterans' Information. The Operating Status link on the home page provides current information about federal government closings due to holidays or emergencies. The site's Reports Portal section includes reports to the president on such topics as locality pay and Hispanic employment, as well as reports to Congress on such topics as annual cost-of-living allowances and the status of telework in the federal government.

The OPM site has a particularly helpful alphabetical subject index.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Personnel Management

Publication(s): *Beneficios de sobreviviente para los hijos*, PM 1.10:RI 25-27 SP/

Court-Ordered Benefits for Former Spouses, PM 1.10:RI 84-1/

CSRS and FERS Handbook for Personnel and Payroll, PM 1.14/3-3:

Demographic Profile of the Federal Workforce, PM 1.10/2-3:

Employment and Trends as of . . . (bimonthly), PM 1.15:

Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program, Report to Congress, PM 1.42:

Guide to Personnel Data Standards, PM 1.14/3:

Guide to Processing Personnel Actions, PM 1.14/3-4:

Handbook for Attorneys, PM 1.10:RI 83-116/

Information for Survivor Annuitants, PM 1.10:RI 25-26/

Occupations of Federal White-Collar and Blue-Collar Workers, PM 1.10/2-2:

Pay Structure of the Federal Civil Service, PM 1.10/2-4:

Position Classification Standards, PM 1.30:

Salary Tables, Executive Branch of the Government, PM 1.9:

Survivor Benefits for Children, PM 1.10:RI 25-27/

The Fact Book, PM 1.10/2-5:

Work Years and Personnel Costs, PM 1.10/4:

Work-Related Injuries and Fatalities, PM 1.10:RI 84-2/

1082. Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee

<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Travel Management Office

Description: For Defense Department employees, the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) Web page provides easy access to per diem rates, cost-of-living allowances (COLA) and housing allowances for travel and living arrangements within the United States or throughout the world. PDTATAC is part of the Defense Travel Management Office.

Subject(s): Civilian Defense Employees

1083. Plum Book

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plumbook/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Senate

Description: The *United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions*, commonly known as the *Plum Book*, contains data on over 8,000 federal civil service leadership and support positions in the legislative and executive branches of the federal government, as well as positions within departments, independent agencies, and government corporations that may be subject to noncompetitive appointment. It includes positions such as chairpersons, secretaries, department and agency heads (and their immediate subordinates), policy executives and advisers, and aides who report to these officials. The directory is published every four years, following each presidential election, for the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. This online version, which is hosted by the Government Printing Office, is presented in PDF format. As with other resources on the GPO Access Web site, the *Plum Book* will be moved to the new GPO FDsys system (<http://fdsys.gpo.gov/>).

Often used as a reference for individuals seeking government appointments, the *Plum Book* is also a source for finding basic directory information, general salary levels for appointed government officials, and expiration dates for some terms of service.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Presidential Appointments

Publication(s): *United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions (Plum Book)*, Y 4.P 84/10:P 75/

1084. Presidential Management Fellows Program

<https://www.pmf.opm.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: The Presidential Management Fellows Program is designed to recruit for public service a variety of outstanding citizens interested in the leadership and management of public policies and programs. This site provides information on the program and how to apply.

Subject(s): Government Employees

1085. Salaries and Wages

<http://www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: This official OPM Web site for government-wide pay programs for federal employees has information about the General Schedule (GS), Law Enforcement Pay Schedules, and the Federal Wage System (FWS) and provides a variety of resources. Most of the schedules are presented in PDF format. The following schedules are available: General Schedule and Locality Pay Tables, Law Enforcement Special Base Rates and Locality Pay Tables, Locality Pay Area Definitions, Executive Schedule, Senior Executive Schedule, Special Salary Rate Tables, Administrative Law Judges, Employees in Senior-Level and Scientific or Professional Positions, and Members of Boards of Contract Appeals. The site also links to the past pay schedules and to information about the Federal Wage System, which includes the Minimum Wage Notice and Wage Schedules section.

Subject(s): Government Employees; Pay and Benefits

1086. Telework.Gov

<http://www.telework.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Description: Telework.Gov provides guidance, policies, procedures, and studies related to telecommuting for federal government employees.

Subject(s): Government Employees—Policy

Publication(s): *Status of Telework in the Federal Government*

1087. Thrift Savings Plan

<http://www.tsp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

Description: The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a retirement savings plan for federal civilian employees and for uniformed services members. This site offers basic information about the TSP. Major sections of the site include Account Access, Rates of Return and Share Prices, and Calculators.

Subject(s): Government Employees

1088. U.S. Office of Special Counsel

<http://www.osc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Special Counsel (OSC)

Description: OSC is an independent federal investigative and prosecutorial agency that is responsible for protecting federal employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices, especially reprisal for whistleblowing. The agency is also concerned with adherence to the Hatch Act, which restricts political activity by federal government employees. Major sections of its Web site explain prohibited personnel practices, whistleblower procedures and protections, and Hatch Act rules. The site also covers the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), which prohibits discrimination against persons because of their service in the Armed Forces Reserve, the National Guard, or other uniformed services. The site provides summaries of a variety of successful Special Counsel cases. Publications about personnel practices can be found in the E-Library section.

Subject(s): Government Employees—Laws; Hatch Act

Publication(s): *Annual Reports to Congress from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel*, MS 2.1:

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1089. Budget of the United States Government

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.gpo.gov/usbudget/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Description: OMB provides the full-text version of the current U.S. budget and supporting documents online. The GPO site, which can be found at the alternate URL listed above, hosts the budget documents for the current year and for previous years. Most of the files are available in PDF format, with some tables available in spreadsheet format. Using the GPO site, users can also search the budget documents by word(s) and display the retrieved sections in PDF or text format. Additionally, the site provides access to the budget documents back to fiscal year 1996. As with other resources on the GPO Access system, the budget documents will move to GPO's new FDsys system (<http://fdsys.gpo.gov/>).

Subject(s): Budget of the U.S. Government; Government Finance

Publication(s): *Analytical Perspectives*, PREX 2.8/5:

Budget of the United States Government, PREX 2.8:

Budget of the United States Government, Appendix, PREX 2.8:

Budget System and Concepts of the United States Government, PREX 2.8/12:

Economic Report of the President, Pr 42.9:

Historical Tables, Budget of the United States Government, PREX 2.8/8:

Mid-Session Review of the Budget, PREX 2.31:

1090. Bureau of the Public Debt

<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Bureau of the Public Debt

Description: The Bureau of the Public Debt borrows the money needed to operate the federal government and account for the resulting debt. The bureau sells Treasury bills, notes, and bonds, as well as U.S. Savings Bonds. This Web site provides basic information about the bureau's operations. For data and information on Treasury securities, see the bureau's TreasuryDirect.gov Web site.

Subject(s): National Debt

1091. Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

<http://www.fasab.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB)

Description: FASAB is a federal advisory committee responsible for establishing generally accepted accounting principles for federal entities. FASAB publishes *Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Concepts and Standards*, interpretations, and technical bulletins. Along with background information, its Web site has a newsletter that reports board meeting highlights and an e-mail news service.

Subject(s): Accounting

Publication(s): *Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Concepts and Standards, Pronouncements as Amended*

1092. Federal Financing Bank

<http://www.ustreas.gov/ffb/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Federal Financing Bank

Description: The Federal Financing Bank (FFB) is a government corporation that works under the general supervision of the secretary of the treasury. FFB coordinates federal and federally assisted borrowing from the public with the overall financial and economic goals of the government. Its Web site includes information about FFB's operations, press releases, and financial statements.

Subject(s): Government Finance

1093. Financial Management Service

<http://www.fms.treas.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Financial Management Service (FMS)

Description: The Financial Management Service manages the daily cash flow into and out of federal accounts. The agency collects debt owed to the federal government and issues the Treasury checks for Social Security, veterans' benefits, income tax refunds, and other purposes. The FMS Web site provides answers to consumer questions (e.g., "How do I replace a lost Treasury check?"), publications and guidance, information about FMS, and information about FMS programs.

FMS issues the *Daily Treasury Statement* and the *Monthly Treasury Statement*, which report the government's receipts, outlays, and deficit or surplus. Current and

archival issues are available at this site. Starting with fiscal year 2001, the former *United States Government Annual Report and Annual Report Appendix* were combined and renamed the *Combined Statement of Receipts, Outlays, and Balances of the United States Government*. The *Combined Statement* is recognized as the official publication of receipts and outlays of the U.S. government. The current report and annual reports back to 1995 are available at this site. The monthly *Treasury Bulletin*, another important reference publication from FMS, contains statements on federal fiscal operations, the federal debt, U.S. savings bonds, federal securities, U.S. claims and liabilities with foreigners, and the status of federal trust funds. Finally, the site provides current and past issues of the annual *Financial Report of the United States*, with a link to the Government Accountability Office guide to understanding the report.

Subject(s): Government Finance

Publication(s): *Combined Statement of Receipts, Outlays, and Balances of the United States Government*, T 63.101/3:

Daily Treasury Statement, T 63.113/2-2:

Financial Connection, T 63.128:

Financial Reports of the United States Government, T 63.113/3:

Monthly Treasury Statement, T 63.113/2:

Status Report of U.S. Treasury-Owned Gold, T 63.131:

Treasury Bulletin (quarterly), T 63.103/2:

Treasury Reporting Rates of Exchange, T 63.121:

1094. Follow the Money: GAO's Oversight of the Recovery Act

<http://www.gao.gov/recovery/>

Sponsor(s): Government Accountability Office (GAO)

Description: As they are required by the Recovery Act, the GAO reports on aspects of management and spending under the act. The site provides GAO's bimonthly reviews of how Recovery Act funds are being spent in a sample of states and whether they are achieving the act's goals.

Subject(s): Government Finance

1095. Internal Revenue Service

<http://www.irs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: The intended audience for the official Web site of the IRS is the average U.S. taxpayer. Special sections also lead to information for businesses, charities and nonprofits, government entities, tax professionals, and users concerned with retirement plans and tax-exempt bonds. A Spanish-language version of the site is available. The section for individuals includes instructions, forms and publications, and resources for electronic filing through the IRS e-file program. The site's Newsroom includes links to tax statistics, state-by-state IRS news, and over a dozen e-mail alert services. Under the heading IRS Guidance, the Newsroom links to the *Internal Revenue Bulletin*, advance notices, rulings, tax regulations, and the tax code. The Newsroom also addresses rumors and misconceptions about the IRS by providing tax scam alerts and the booklet *The Truth About Frivolous Tax Arguments*.

The IRS site, one of the most heavily used federal Web sites, is well organized and provides multiple points of access to major sections and resources. The site map can help users find specific information.

Subject(s): Income Tax; Tax Forms; Taxation

Publication(s): *Armed Forces' Tax Guide*, T 22.44/2:3/

Federal Employment Tax Forms, T 22.44/2:

Federal Tax Forms, T 22.51:

Internal Revenue Bulletin, T 22.23:

Internal Revenue Manual, T 22.2/15-3:

Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations, T 22.2/11:

Statistics of Income Bulletin, T 22.35/4:

Taxpayer Information Publications, T 22.44/2:

Your Rights as a Taxpayer, T 22.44/2:1/

1096. Tax Statistics

<http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: The Tax Statistics Web page serves as a central access point for a variety of statistics about IRS operations and aggregated from filings with the IRS. Major sections include Business Tax Statistics, Individual Tax Statistics, Charitable and Tax-Exempt Organization Statistics, Statistics of Income, and Statistics by Form. A special Topics section includes statistics on estate and gift tax returns and research on taxpayer compliance.

Subject(s): Taxation—Statistics

Publication(s): *IRS Annual Data Book*, T 22.1:

Statistics of Income, T 22.35/4:

1097. Taxpayer Advocate Service

<http://www.irs.gov/advocate/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: The Taxpayer Advocate Service was created to ensure that taxpayer complaints not resolved through the normal channels could be resolved fairly and efficiently, and to recommend system changes based on the experiences that occur while reviewing these complaints. This Web site provides information about the service and how to use it. The site also has the taxpayer advocate's annual report to Congress, which details the most frequent taxpayer complaints and makes recommendations for improvement.

Subject(s): Income Tax

Publication(s): *National Taxpayer Advocate's Annual Report to Congress*, T 22.44/2:2104/

National Taxpayer Advocate's Objectives Report to Congress, T 22.71:

1098. Treasury Department

<http://www.treasury.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ustreas.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: The Treasury Department's Web site provides current news and links to the department's component bureaus and offices. The site also provides a subject approach to its activities in the following subsections: Currency and Coins, Economy, Fighting Illicit Finance, International, and Taxes. The Press Room section offers access to news releases and other publications arranged by topic, by date, and by type (news, testimony, speeches, statements, reports, photographs, and U.S. International Reserve Position statements). Press releases are available as an RSS feed. The Online Services A-Z section links to services offered by Treasury bureaus and offices, such as buying Treasury bills or tracking your tax refund online. The

Direct Links section links to other in-demand information such as auctions of seized property and guidance on Health Savings Accounts.

Subject(s): Government Finance

1099. TreasuryDirect

<http://www.treasurydirect.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Bureau of the Public Debt

Description: TreasuryDirect has three separate sections: Individuals, Institutions (institutional investors), and Government. The section for individuals allows customers to set up an account with the Department of the Treasury; purchase Treasury bills, bonds, and notes; participate in Treasury security auctions; convert paper savings bonds to electronic; and otherwise manage their accounts.

The section for institutional investing focuses on Treasury auctions, but also provides access to online account services and relevant information. The government section describes programs specifically for government entities, such as the Federal Investments Program and the State and Local Government Series (SLGS) securities program.

Subject(s): Treasury Bills; Treasury Bonds; Treasury Notes

1100. U.S. Chief Financial Officers Council

<http://www.cfoc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): U.S. Chief Financial Officers Council

Description: Members of the U.S. Chief Financial Officers Council (CFOC) are the chief financial officers of the largest federal agencies and senior officials of the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of the Treasury. The CFOC Web site includes a membership list, council charter, news, documents, and meetings information. The Links section links to the annual financial reports of the cabinet departments and major agencies.

Subject(s): Government Finance

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1101. CENDI

<http://cendi.dtic.mil/>

Sponsor(s): CENDI

Description: CENDI is a working group of federal scientific and technical information (STI) managers. (It is named for the initial four entities that formed the group: the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy, NASA, and the Defense Information Managers Group.) This Web site has CENDI publications, materials from CENDI workshops, and information from CENDI working groups. Topics covered include digital libraries, copyright, digital content management, knowledge organization, and current federal STI projects.

Despite CENDI's specialized mission and membership, the content available on this site may also be useful to digital library managers outside the realms of federal and scientific/technical information.

Subject(s): Digital Libraries; Government Information

1102. Data.gov

<http://data.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Chief Information Officers Council

Description: Launched in May 2009, Data.gov is a growing portal to free federal government data sets. Current data sets include “Active Mines and Mineral Plants in the US” from the U.S. Geological Survey, “Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET): Ozone” from the Environmental Protection Agency, and over 40 others from a variety of federal agencies. The site also links to Web tools for data extraction, for porting data and information to your Web site through a widget, and for other data tasks. The Data.gov catalog of data sets and tools can be searched by category, agency, keyword, and data format.

Subject(s): Databases

1103. Federal Digital System (FDsys)

<http://www.fdsys.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: The Federal Digital System, or FDsys, provides online access to federal documents and information produced by the Government Printing Office. FDsys was launched in early 2009 as a replacement for the GPO Access Web site. Content and features are being added to FDsys throughout 2009. GPO expects to have all content transferred to FDsys by the end of 2009 and will terminate the GPO Access site at that time.

In its initial phase, FDsys carried the databases for the Budget of the United States Government; congressional bills, documents, hearings, and reports; the Congressional Record; Public and Private Laws; the Compilation of Presidential Documents; and the Federal Register. More databases, such as the Code of Federal Regulations and the United States Government Manual, are being added throughout 2009. As the official source for electronic formats of core U.S. government documents, FDsys is an essential resource.

Subject(s): Congressional Documents; Government Publications; Presidential Documents

1104. Gov Gab: Your U.S. Government Blog

<http://blog.usa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)—Citizen Services and Communications Office

Description: Gov Gab highlights useful government information and services for Americans’ everyday lives. Typical topics include health information, nutrition, guarding against Internet fraud, and tracking current events. Bloggers are employees of the General Services Administration (GSA). Comments are allowed.

Subject(s): Government Services; Blogs

1105. Government Printing Office

<http://www.gpo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: As stated on its Web site, GPO “is the federal government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published information in all its forms.” The site has information about GPO, its print and electronic information services for agencies, its network of federal depository library partners, new government publications, and contract opportunities for printing. It also links to the online Catalog of U.S. Government

Publications and GPO's site for students, called Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids.

GPO is migrating the databases on its major online system, GPO Access, to a new system called the Federal Digital System (FDsys) at <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/> during 2009. The GPO Web site will carry information on the transition to the new system.

Subject(s): Government Publications

1106. Information Security Oversight Office

<http://www.archives.gov/isoo/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) is responsible for policy and operations related to classifying, declassifying, and safeguarding national security information. Its Web site describes the scope of the office's authority and responsibilities. It also provides information on the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP), which reviews classification decisions. Site sections are tailored for members of the public, government officials, and industry (including information on the National Industrial Security Program). The site carries the *ISOO Annual Report* and declassification reports.

Subject(s): Information Policy; National Security—Regulations

Publication(s): *ISOO (Information Security Oversight Office) Annual Reports*, AE 1.101/3:

Marking Classified National Security Information, AE 1.102:

1107. National Archives and Records Administration

<http://www.archives.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: NARA oversees the archival records of the executive, congressional, and judicial branches of the federal government. Its Web site describes these holdings and provides online access to selected digitized collections. The Research and Order section of the site offers an introduction to the archives' contents and explains how to search for materials. The Federal Records section has research guides and collections information organized by branch of government. The site also has a section for Genealogist with tips on researching census records, military records, immigration records (ship passenger lists), naturalization records, and land records. The site's alphabetical subject index provides quick links to specific collections. At the top of the home page, a link leads to the basic information the site provides in Spanish.

NARA's Web site explains the agency's varied responsibilities and includes equally varied content. For example, NARA houses the Office of the Federal Register, which is responsible for publishing public laws and the *Federal Register*, and also for coordinating the Electoral College. NARA's Information Security Oversight Office works with security classification policies for government and industry. NARA also oversees the Presidential Libraries.

For archivists, the Records Managers section offers news and information pertaining to federal records management policy. For educators and students, the site provides lesson plans, an introductory research activity, and more. Technologists, archivists, librarians, and others may want to use the site to follow the progress of NARA's Electronic Records Archives initiative to develop methods for preserving and accessing electronic records—independent of any specific hardware or software—into the future.

This site is unusual in the scope of materials available. While very little actual archival material is online, NARA has put selected high-interest items on the site.

Subject(s): Archives

Publication(s): *Citing Records in the National Archives of the United States*, AE 1.113:17/

Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States, AE 1.108:G 94/

ISOO (Information Security Oversight Office) Annual Reports, AE 1.101/3:

NARA Bulletin, AE 1.103:

National Archives, Calendar of Events, AE 1.129:

Prologue, GS 4.23:

Quarterly Compilation of Periodical Literature Reflecting the Use of Records in the National Archives, AE 1.128:

1108. National Technical Information Service

<http://www.ntis.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ntis.gov/search/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

Description: NTIS is one of the major government publishing agencies and features hundreds of thousands of publications related to scientific, technical, engineering, and business information that have been produced by or for the U.S. government. However, since NTIS is run on a cost recovery basis, many of its services require payment. A major section of its Web site is the Products and Subscriptions site.

NTIS provides a search engine to find items in its large collection of reports for sale. Direct access to the search engine is at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Government Publications; Scientific and Technical Information; Publication Catalogs

1109. Office of Information and Privacy

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/oip.html>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The Office of Information and Privacy (OIP) manages the Department of Justice's responsibilities related to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act. These responsibilities include coordinating and implementing policy development and government-wide compliance for FOIA, compliance by the Justice Department for the Privacy Act, and the decisions on all appeals from denials of access to information under those acts by any component of the Justice Department. Its Web site includes online access to reference documents, including the *DOJ Annual FOIA Report*.

Subject(s): Freedom of Information Act

Publication(s): *DOJ Annual FOIA Report*, J 1.1/11:

FOIA Post, J 1.58/1:

Justice Department Guide to the Freedom of Information Act, J 1.8/2:

Privacy Act Overview, J 1.8/2:F 87/

1110. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Description: In addition to its important responsibilities in the area of regulatory policy, OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) is concerned with government information collection and management. The Paperwork Requirements section of its Web site includes information about the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act, the Inventory of Approved Information Collections, and the federal budget for information collection. The site also has a section that provides federal government statistical programs and standards, including the schedule of release dates for principal federal economic indicators. The Information Policy, IT & E-Gov section covers e-government initiatives, federal information technology spending, information security, privacy guidance, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

OIRA reviews draft federal regulations from federal agencies and articulates the administration's regulatory policy. Documents related to these activities can be found in the Regulatory Matters section of the OIRA site.

Subject(s): Government Information—Policy; Regulatory Policy

1111. Public Interest Declassification Board

<http://www.archives.gov/declassification/pidb/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB) advises the president and executive branch officials on issues related to the review and declassification of national security documents to serve the public interest and contribute to an accurate archival record. Its Web site includes the minutes of PIDB meetings.

Subject(s): Government Information—Policy; National Security

1112. U.S. Government Bookstore

<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: GPO's sales catalog can be searched by keyword or browsed by topic on this Web site. Documents can be ordered online. The site also features a list of government best sellers.

Subject(s): Government Publications; Publication Catalogs

Publication(s): *Sales Product Catalog*, GP 3.22/7:

1113. Webcontent.gov

<http://www.webcontent.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.usa.gov/webcontent/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This site is the product of the Federal Web Managers Council, an inter-agency group of government Web managers. Webcontent.gov outlines the legal requirements for federal Web sites and recommends best practices. Other topics covered include Web site metrics and Web site governance and policies.

Although some material on this site relates only to federal Web management, nongovernment Web site managers may find the recommendations and the site's library of online links to be useful. The Topics A-Z section is particularly helpful in locating useful information.

Subject(s): World Wide Web

1114. XML.Gov

<http://www.xml.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Chief Information Officers Council

Description: This Web site is maintained by a federal government staff group in order to facilitate implementation of XML technology in government information systems. (XML is a standard for structured documents and data on the Internet.) In addition to information about government activities in this area, the site also has sections on XML standards, guidelines, and tutorials.

Subject(s): World Wide Web

Government Services

1115. Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee

<http://www.usps.com/communications/organization/csac.htm>

Sponsor(s): Postal Service (USPS)

Description: The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) is the mechanism by which subjects are selected to be featured on U.S. postage stamps. CSAC receives recommendations, evaluates them, and makes recommendations to the postmaster general. This U.S. Postal Service Web site has information about CSAC, a list of current committee members, and the formal criteria for stamp subject selection.

Subject(s): Postage Stamps

1116. eStrategy—eGov Strategies

<http://www.estrategy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The GSA Office of Electronic Government and Technology operates the eStrategy Web site as its home page. The site carries major laws, regulations, policy statements, and other documents related to electronic government initiatives. Other sections include Delivery of Government Services and Securely Doing Business with the Government (which covers encryption and authentication).

Subject(s): Government Information—Policy

1117. Federal Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.fema.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Description: The FEMA Web site features news and victim assistance information for any current disasters in the United States. In the Disaster Information section, the site has lists of declared emergencies and disasters going back to 1953. The site also provides information about how to prepare for emergencies ranging from floods to terrorist threats, how to apply for disaster assistance, and how to keep safe and recover after a disaster. Audience-specific sections provide information and resources for businesses, emergency personnel, individuals, government, kids, and Spanish speakers. The About Us section has a leadership directory and directories of grants and training. The site map is an alphabetical index providing quick access to resources, including FEMA programs such as the National Fire Academy, the National Fire Incident Reporting System, the National Flood Insurance Program, and urban search-and-rescue programs. The FEMA Web site is also available in Spanish.

FEMA attempts to provide clear, factual information for people preparing for risks or recovering from a disaster. While the home page focuses on current events,

the alphabetical site index may help users locate information that otherwise might be missed.

Subject(s): Disaster Assistance

Publication(s): *Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness*, FEM 1.8/3:34/

FEMA News Releases, FEM 1.28:

Flood Insurance Manual, FEM 1.8:

National Flood Insurance Program Community Status Book, FEM 1.210

1118. FloodSmart.gov

<http://www.floodsmart.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Description: FloodSmart.gov has consumer information on flood risk, preparing for flooding, and flood insurance. The Web site is sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The main NFIP Web page is located at the alternate URL above.

Subject(s): Flood Insurance

1119. GovLoans.gov

<http://govloans.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: GovLoans.gov is a central location for information about federal loan programs. Major sections cover topics such as agriculture, business, disaster relief, education, housing, and veterans' loans. The site is a cooperative effort between the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs, as well as the Small Business Administration. It is hosted by the Department of Labor's GovBenefits.gov Web site. GovLoans.gov also has a version in Spanish.

Subject(s): Government Loans

1120. LEP.gov

<http://www.lep.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Interagency Working Group on Limited English Proficiency

Description: The Let Everyone Participate, or LEP.gov, Web site was created by the Federal Interagency Working Group on Limited English Proficiency. The site offers information and guidance for language access to federal and federally assisted programs, with three major target audiences: federal agencies, recipients of federal funds, and community organizations. Linked resources include federal regulations, directories of translator and interpreter organizations, and demographic data on English speaking ability.

Subject(s): Civil Rights—Regulations; Language Groups

1121. National Contact Center

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call/ncc.htm>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: The National Contact Center of the Federal Citizen Information Center links to the centralized citizen information services administered by the GSA. The site provides information on the toll-free phone service at 1-800-FED-INFO, an e-mail-based federal government information service, and links to consumer resources.

Subject(s): Government Information

1122. Postal Regulatory Commission

<http://www.prc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Postal Rate Commission (PRC)

Description: PRC is an independent regulatory agency that reviews Postal Service requests for changes in postal rates. Under the heading About PRC, the Web site lists the current commissioners and links to offices within PRC, such as the Inspector General and the Office of Public Affairs and Government Relations. The Public Affairs Office section links to current and historical postal rates. The Library section of the site has the public documents of the PRC, including legal records for cases that are pending before the commission or that have been decided. The site has an archives module for documents going back to 1971. The Library section also has statistical reports made by the Postal Service to PRC on topics such as personnel, payroll, and productivity.

Subject(s): Postal Service—Regulations

Publication(s): *Opinion and Recommended Decision*, Y 3.P 84/4:

1123. United States Postal Service

<http://www.usps.com/>

Sponsor(s): Postal Service (USPS)

Description: The USPS Web site provides information, such as a directory of post offices, and online services for the general public and businesses. Online services include stamp sales, a postage rate calculator, and package tracking. The site's ZIP code finder includes a ZIP + 4 Code Lookup form and the option to find all ZIP codes in a city or all cities in a ZIP code. The site's Forms section, which is accessed through a link at the bottom of the page, has over 100 U.S. postal forms in PDF format. Another link at the bottom of the page leads to the business site for USPS national and premier account holders.

USPS publications and institutional information are available in the About USPS and News section. This section includes USPS financial data, contracting information, manuals and notices, news releases, a directory of postmasters, and information on the security of the U.S. mail system.

Subject(s): Postal Service

Publication(s): *Comprehensive Statement on Postal Operations*, P 1.2:P 84/

Domestic Mail Manual, P 1.12/11:

International Mail Manual, P 1.10/5:

Postal Bulletin, P 1.3:

ZIP + 4 State Directory, P 1.10/9:

Intergovernmental Relations

1124. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

<http://www.library.unt.edu/gpo/acir/acir.htm>

Sponsor(s): Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR)—University of North Texas Libraries

Description: The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) was established by Congress in 1959 to study the relationships between local, state, and federal government. The commission was closed in 1996. The University of North Texas Libraries maintains this Web site to provide permanent public access to the electronic publications that were available on the ACIR Web site. It includes editions of *Significant Features of Fiscal Federalism*, a reference tool for data on state and

federal revenues and expenditures and federal spending in the states. All volumes from 1976 through 1994 and Volume I from 1995 are available online.

The ACIR materials are accessible thanks to a partnership between the University of North Texas Libraries and the U.S. Government Printing Office to provide permanent public access to the electronic Web sites and publications of defunct U.S. government agencies and commissions.

Subject(s): Intergovernmental Relations

Publication(s): *Intergovernmental Perspective*, Y 3.AD 9/8:11/
Significant Features of Fiscal Federalism, Y 3.AD 9/8:18/

1125. Code Talk

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)

Description: Code Talk is an interagency Web site that was established to deliver electronic information from government agencies and other organizations to Native American communities. The name is based on the Native American Code Talkers, who were heroes of the two World Wars. The site is hosted on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Web site and includes detailed information about American Indian housing programs and federal program news.

Subject(s): American Indians

Publication(s): *National Directory of the Tribally Designated Housing Entities and Tribes*

1126. Federal, State, and Local Governments (Census)

<http://www.census.gov/govs/www/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)—Census Bureau

Description: This Web site brings together information from Census Bureau programs that cover local, state, and federal governments and their finances. Featured data sources include the *Census of Governments*, *State Government Tax Collections Survey*, *Federal Assistance Award Data System*, and *Consolidated Federal Funds Reports*. The site has survey forms, publications, summary reports, and press releases. Statistics are available under topical headings such as Public Employment and Payroll, Finance, Public Employment Retirement Systems, Tax Collections, and Federal Expenditures. Many of the data series are available back to 1992. There are options to view national or individual state data, and reports can be downloaded in spreadsheet format or as a flat ASCII file. The site also has the Governments Integrated Directory database, the master list of all governments in the United States used for the Census Bureau's government statistical programs.

Subject(s): Government Employees—Statistics; Government Finance—Statistics; State Government—Statistics

Publication(s): *Census of Governments*, GP 3.22/2:

Consolidated Federal Funds Report, C 3.266/3:

Federal Assistance Award Data System

Government Finance and Employment Classification Manual

Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finances, C 3.191/2-10:

State Government Tax Collection Data by State, C 3.191/2-8:

1127. Indian Affairs

<http://www.doi.gov/bia/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Description: The Indian Affairs Web site provides information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). BIA manages land held in trust by the United States for American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. BIE provides education services to American Indian students. The Web site includes BIA press releases, reports, and links to related government agencies. Documents of general interest include American Indian population and labor force reports, a list of federal recognized Indian tribes, the *Tribal Leaders Directory*, and regulations for gaming activities on tribal lands.

The BIA was not permitted to operate its Web site for over six years due to litigation against the agency on behalf of Indian plaintiffs over mismanagement of the Trust for Individual Indians. The courts allowed the BIA back on the Internet in May 2008. The BIA Web site should develop more over time. At present, it lacks a clear organizational structure.

Subject(s): American Indians

Publication(s): *Tribal Leaders Directory*, I 20.38/2-2:

1128. Insular Affairs

<http://www.doi.gov/oia/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: The Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) has administrative responsibility for coordinating federal policy in the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as oversight of federal programs and funds in the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. OIA's Web site serves as a central point for information about these islands, including island statistics and economic reports. The site has a directory of the islands' representatives, delegates, and liaison offices in the United States and a list of U.S. embassies in the freely associated states.

Subject(s): Intergovernmental Relations

1129. Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

<http://www.ost.doi.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST)

Description: The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) was created by law in 1994 to improve the accountability and management of Indian funds held in trust by the federal government. The Web site provides current news, information for Indian Trust beneficiaries, and Trust documents. It has a special section on the *Cobell v. Salazar* (was *Cobell v. Kempthorne*) litigation concerned with trust fund management.

Subject(s): American Indians

Publication(s): *Comprehensive Trust Management Plan*, I 1.2:

1130. Office of Tribal Justice

<http://www.usdoj.gov/otj/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Tribal Justice Office

Description: The Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ) was established in 1995 with the purpose of increasing the responsiveness of the Department of Justice to the concerns of the American Indian Nations, individual Indians, and others interested in Indian affairs. The Web site's About OTJ section has the Department of Justice Sovereignty Policy and related documents. The site's Resources section links to information on American Indian law enforcement, corrections, courts, and other issues.

Subject(s): American Indians

1131. Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments

<http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: This Web site is designed for use by tribes and is maintained by the IRS Indian Tribal Governments office. The site addresses topics such as employment taxes, casino issues, and fraud and abusive schemes. The site also includes news and compliance guidance.

Subject(s): American Indians

Public Policy**1132. John C. Stennis Center for Public Service**

<http://www.stennis.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Stennis Center for Public Service

Description: The John C. Stennis Center for Public Service was created by Congress in 1988 to promote public service in the United States at all levels of government. The center is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the Democratic and Republican leaders in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The Web site has information about the center's programs and its namesake. Programs described include the Civil Military Leadership Program, the Emerging Congressional Staff Leadership Program, Congressional Staff Fellows, and the Stennis Student Congress.

Subject(s): Fellowships; Civics Education

1133. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/>

Sponsor(s): Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Description: The Wilson Center supports scholarship linked to public policy. The center offers fellowships and special opportunities for research and writing with a focus on history, political science, and international relations. As a public-private partnership, the center receives roughly one-third of its operating funds from a U.S. government appropriation. The Web site has information about current Wilson Center projects and publications, and audio files of its weekly radio program, "Dialogue." The site also carries essays and other items from the center's journal, *The Wilson Quarterly*. In the About section, the site offers information on applying for a fellowship or internship with the center and a media guide with a directory of the center's subject experts.

Subject(s): Fellowships; Public Policy—Research; Social Science Research

Publication(s): *The Wilson Quarterly*

CHAPTER 13

Health and Safety

Government health sciences Web sites serve everyone from research scientists to clinicians and the general public. Health science professionals have used government Web sites to expand a tradition of disseminating research information. Government information on the Web has also been a boon to the average citizen seeking authoritative medical information written in layman's terms. This chapter includes the full range, as well as information on nutrition, safety, and health care finance.

Subsections in this chapter are Conditions and Treatment, Health Care Finance, Health Occupations, Health Policy and Promotion, Health Research, Medical Information, Medicine and Medical Devices, Nutrition, and Safety.

Conditions and Treatment

1134. AIDS.gov

<http://www.aids.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: AIDS.gov is a portal to federal, domestic HIV/AIDS information and resources. Major sections include News, Basic HIV/AIDS Information, Prevention, Treatment, Testing, Populations, Funding Opportunities, and Research. The site also links to federal program Web sites, organized by categories such as Minority Initiatives, Prevention Programs, and Global Programs.

AIDS.gov makes extensive use of what is called “new media,” providing a blog, RSS feed, podcast, Facebook page, and other outlets for AIDS information.

Subject(s): AIDS

1135. AIDS.gov Blog

<http://blog.aids.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: The AIDS.gov blog is intended to assist individuals, organizations, and government officers concerned with public health promotion and particularly with AIDS awareness. The blog has two sections, one focused on AIDS prevention and treatment policy and one discussing the use of the Internet to promote AIDS awareness. Comments are allowed.

Subject(s): AIDS—Policy; Blogs

1136. AIDSinfo

<http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: AIDSinfo is a user-friendly Web site with well-designed sections on drugs, clinical trials, vaccines, and guidelines for prevention and treatment. The Health Topics section is a portal to information from government and a variety of other sources on all of these aspects of AIDS treatment. The Health Topics and More AIDSinfo sections also provide information on 800 numbers and other non-Internet sources of information. Some publications are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): AIDS

1137. Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Description: The ADEAR Center is operated as a service of the National Institute on Aging. It is an information clearinghouse for health professionals, people with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and the public. The Web site provides information on the disease and news of current research and clinical trials, with links to Alzheimer's research centers. The site also offers a Live Chat instant messaging service for questions about Alzheimer's and an e-mail service for news updates.

Subject(s): Alzheimer's Disease

Publication(s): *Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report*, HE 20.3869:

Alzheimer's Disease: Unraveling the Mystery

1138. Cancer Control PLANET

<http://cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: Cancer Control PLANET is designed specifically for professional cancer control planners, program staff, and researchers. Its Web site is a portal to information needed in developing cancer control programs; it links primarily to information compiled by the federal government. The site is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and by Department of Health and Human Services agencies, including the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Subject(s): Cancer; Public Health

1139. Cancer Information Service (CIS)

<http://cis.nci.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: CIS is a free, public service set up to answer individual questions about cancer. This central site links to the Web sites of CIS regional offices throughout the United States. In addition to providing information about CIS, the site links to cancer news, resources, and publications. CIS also operates a toll-free number, 1-800-4-CANCER.

Subject(s): Cancer

1140. CDC Cancer Prevention and Control

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—Cancer Prevention and Control Division

Description: The CDC Cancer Prevention and Control Web site provides state and national statistics, fact sheets, and publications related to cancer. The Health Topics section covers common types of cancer, as well as sections on Cancer Survivorship and Health Disparities in Cancer. The site also has a Spanish-language version available.

Subject(s): Cancer—Statistics

Publication(s): *United States Cancer Statistics*, HE 20.7045:

1141. CDC National Prevention Information Network

<http://www.cdcnpin.org/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)

Description: The CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) focuses on

control and prevention of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), and Tuberculosis (TB). NPIN has databases of relevant organizations, conferences, and private and government funding opportunities for community-based and HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB service organizations. The site offers RSS feeds for daily news, conference announcements, and funding opportunity announcements.

Subject(s): AIDS; HIV Infections; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Tuberculosis

Publication(s): *CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update*, HE 20.7318:

1142. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: The CDC is concerned with public health, disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education. Its main Web site has information about the agency with links to all of CDC's component centers, institutes, and offices (under About CDC, CDC's Organization). The site features current public health topics of interest. The Health and Safety Topics section is a gateway to extensive CDC information under categories such as Diseases and Conditions, Environmental Health, and Injury, Violence, and Safety. The Data and Statistics section brings together news and links for CDC's many statistical compilation, including pediatric growth charts. The Publications section includes the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* and the journals *Emerging Infectious Diseases* and *Preventing Chronic Disease*. The CDC Web site has a Spanish-language version and content that has been translated into many other languages.

CDC-TV, on the Web site, provides public health videos that can be embedded into any Web site. CDC also offers a version of its site for mobile Internet devices. In addition, the site offers podcasts and numerous RSS feeds.

This main CDC page serves as a starting point for finding extensive information on various diseases, disease statistics, and disease prevention. The site offers an A to Z index, search engine, dynamic links to the most-visited pages, and entry point by audience type such as individuals, researchers, and businesses. The information is well organized and the pages are easy to navigate.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions; Epidemiology; Public Health

Publication(s): *Advance Data from the Vital and Health Statistics*, HE 20.6209/3:

Chronic Disease Notes and Reports, HE 20.7009/6:

Emerging Infectious Diseases, HE 20.7817:

Fact Sheets (NCHSTP-HIV/AIDS Prevention Division), HE 20.7320/3:

Health Information for International Travelers, HE 20.7315:

MMWR Recommendation and Reports, HE 20.7009/2-2:

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, HE 20.7009:

National Vital Statistics Report (monthly), HE 20.6217:

Preventing Chronic Disease, HE 20.7620:

Summary of Sanitation Inspection of International Cruise Ships, HE 20.7511:

1143. Diabetes Public Health Resource

<http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

Description: This site communicates practical information on diabetes prevention and control. It includes a diabetes fact sheet, frequently asked questions, diabetes statis-

tics, and information on state-based diabetes prevention and control programs. The Newsroom section has CDC statements, press releases, and congressional testimony related to diabetes. The site also has a Spanish-language version. For children, the site has educational information about diabetes based on the children's book series *Eagle Books*.

Subject(s): Diabetes

1144. DoD Global Emerging Infections System (DoD-GEIS)

<http://www.geis.fhp.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: This site, also known as DoD-GEISWeb, is concerned with infectious diseases that threaten military personnel readiness or national security. The Web site has information about the program and infectious disease news from around the world. Programs featured on the site concern antimicrobial resistance, influenza, malaria, and other topics.

Subject(s): Military Medicine

1145. GulfLINK

<http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses

Description: GulfLINK has news and information on illnesses reported by veterans of the Persian Gulf War of 1991. The Library section of the site includes case narratives, DoD information papers, Environmental Exposure Reports, and RAND research reports. The site also has information on services for veterans, medical evaluation programs, and a summary of medical issues relating to symptoms among Gulf War veterans.

Subject(s): Gulf War Disease

1146. H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: The CDC designed this site to be the central point for information on the 2009 H1N1 (swine) flu virus threat. The site provides news, surveillance data, and guidance for individuals, businesses, emergency personnel, and health care providers. The CDC also uses the site to provide a channel for standard content on the flu threat that anyone can add to their own Web site.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions

1147. HIV/AIDS Surveillance Reports

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/stats/hasrlink.htm>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)

Description: These annual reports contain detailed statistics on the incidence of HIV and AIDS in the United States, including data by state, metropolitan statistical area, mode of exposure to HIV, sex, race/ethnicity, age group, vital status, and case definition category.

Subject(s): AIDS—Statistics; HIV Infections—Statistics

Publication(s): *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, HE 20.7320:

1148. Influenza (Flu)

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: Seasonal flu is the single topic of this Web site. It provides information on the flu vaccine, antiviral drugs, and flu symptoms and treatment in general. The site has sections for health care professionals, parents, employers, and other special groups. It links to several additional CDC sites, including those about avian flu, swine flu, and pandemic flu. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions

1149. National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP)

Description: The NCHHSTP Web site features current research news and data. Topics covered on the site include: Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, the Global AIDS program, and the Botswana-USA program. The State Profiles section of the site has statistics and program information about HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and Tuberculosis for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This site is worth a visit for information about any of the areas covered by NCHHSTP. It offers resources for researchers, patients, public health professionals, and the public.

Subject(s): AIDS; HIV Infections; Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Publication(s): *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, HE 20.7320:

Reported Tuberculosis in the United States, HE 20.7310:

Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance, HE 20.7309/2:

TB Notes, HE 20.7310/2:

1150. National Center for PTSD

<http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ptsd/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: The VA's National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) provides this Web site as an educational resource concerning PTSD and other consequences of traumatic stress. The primary audiences are veterans and their families, and mental health care providers. Topics covered by the site include combat stress but also cover trauma caused by natural disasters, violence, abuse, and other factors. The site offers free online access to PILOTS, a database indexing the literature on PTSD and other mental health consequences of exposure to traumatic events.

The PTSD site is in transition from the main URL to the alternate URL provided above.

Subject(s): Mental Health; Veterans

Publication(s): *PTSD Research Quarterly*, VA 1.94:

1151. National Diabetes Education Program

<http://www.ndep.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) is a partnership of NIH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and over 200 public and private organizations to promote awareness of diabetes prevention and control. The site has a wealth of background information on diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. It includes resources for health, education, and business professionals. Publications in English and Spanish can be ordered online for free. The Awareness Campaign section has public service announcements, fact sheets, brochures, and flyers.

Subject(s): Diabetes

1152. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

Description: The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute organizes resources into sections for the public, patients, health professionals, and researchers. The section for the public and patients links to fact sheets and publications on heart and vascular diseases, lung diseases, and blood diseases. The site also links to educational material on cholesterol, high blood pressure, weight control, and heart attack warning signs. Sections for professionals cover information including clinical practice guidelines, scientific reports, and continuing education. Information for researchers includes technology transfer opportunities and clinical trial news.

Subject(s): Heart Disease—Research

Publication(s): *Morbidity and Mortality: Chartbook on Cardiovascular, Lung, and Blood Diseases*, HE 20.3226:

1153. National HIV Testing Resources

<http://www.hivtest.org/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: The site features a nationwide database of HIV testing locations. It provides information in both English and Spanish.

Subject(s): HIV Infections

1154. National Kidney Disease Education Program (NKDEP)

<http://www.nkdep.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK)

Description: The NKDEP site has sections for patients and the public, health professionals, and laboratory professionals. Each section provides detailed information on different aspects of kidney disease diagnosis and care. The site also has a Spanish-language version.

Subject(s): Kidney Disease

1155. NIH Senior Health

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Description: The NIH Senior Health Web site is a joint project of the National Institute on Aging and the National Library of Medicine to produce Web content for

seniors that is designed in an age-appropriate style. The site uses large print and breaks content into short segments. Topics include Arthritis, Exercise for Older Adults, Osteoporosis, Taking Medicines, and more. Some sections include short video clips with the option of reading the video transcript.

Subject(s): Alzheimer's Disease; Senior Citizens

1156. Office of Cancer Survivorship

<http://deeps.nci.nih.gov/ocs/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/ocs/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: This Web site is designed for researchers, health professionals, advocates, and cancer survivors and their families. Topics include cancer survivorship research, possible late effects of treatment, and clinical practice follow-up guidelines. The site provides reports, fact sheets, information on research funding, news, and conference information.

Subject(s): Cancer

1157. Office of Rare Diseases

<http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—Office of Rare Diseases

Description: The Office of Rare Diseases is concerned with research on rare, or orphan, diseases, defined as diseases or conditions affecting fewer than 200,000 persons in the United States. The Web site provides resources on research, clinical trials, conferences, patient support groups, and relevant genetics information for rare diseases.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions—Research

1158. Organ Donation

<http://www.organdonor.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: This Department of Health and Human Services Web site provides general information on the process of organ and tissue donation and information on how to sign up. It features a downloadable donor card and brochure. The site also covers transplantation basics and how to avoid the risk of needing a transplant. The section entitled Research, Best Practices, and Legislation has information on research grants, the National Organ Transplant Act, and organ transplant policy.

Subject(s): Medical Information

1159. PandemicFlu.gov

<http://pandemicflu.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: Pandemic flu is defined on this site as “virulent human flu that causes a global outbreak, or pandemic, of serious illness,” a disease that spreads easily from person to person. The Web site is a central portal to information on pandemic flu, including news, research, guidance on planning and preparing, economic and travel issues, and a glossary of relevant medical terms. In 2009, PandemicFlu.gov also provided information on the H1N1 (swine) flu virus.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions; Public Health

1160. President's Malaria Initiative

<http://www.fightingmalaria.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agency for International Development (USAID)

Description: The President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) is an interagency effort to fund malaria treatment and prevention in 15 African countries. It is led by USAID and includes the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of State, the White House, and other agencies. Its Web site includes program information and statistics, profiles of malaria conditions in the target countries, and information on topics such as mosquito nets and anti-malarial drugs.

Subject(s): Malaria

1161. SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

<http://ncaadi.samhsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Description: The Web site for the SAMHSA National Clearinghouse provides a wealth of information resources on substance abuse, prevention, and treatment. Publications can be located by selecting the intended audience (family, youth, school, workplace, community, and more), drug name, or issue (such as binge drinking). Some publications are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Substance Abuse

Publication(s): *Substance Abuse Treatment Advisory*, HE 20.429/5:

Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator, HE 20.410/3:

Tips for Teens about . . ., HE 20.8002:T 49/

1162. SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Description: SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center serves as a clearinghouse for mental health resources and information for the general public, health professionals, and others. The Web site is divided into sections for mental health topics, program information, news releases and media information, publications, and other resources. Many publications are available online in HTML format; others can be ordered online. The Mental Health Topics section provides links to online publications, related Web sites, and information on organizations for each condition or topic. The site also has a mental health services locator and national hotline phone numbers. Some information is available in Spanish.

Because of the breadth of its coverage, this clearinghouse site can be a good place to start when looking for assistance on mental health topics.

Subject(s): Mental Health

1163. West Nile Virus

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID)

Description: The West Nile Virus Web site has tips on prevention for individuals, communities, and health professionals. A questions-and-answers feature covers topics such as insect repellants, testing and treatment, and statistics on human cases. Fact sheets are available online in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and other languages. More technical sections include Clinical Guidance, Laboratory Guid-

ance, and Ecology/Virology. The site also links to state and local Web sites on West Nile.

Subject(s): Mosquitoes

Publication(s): *Epidemic/Epizootic West Nile Virus in the United States: Revised Guidelines for Surveillance, Prevention, and Control*, HE 20.7808:

Health Care Finance

1164. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Description: CMS runs the Medicare program and oversees the federal portions of Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The CMS Web site has information on the programs it administers, which also include portions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments. The Regulations and Guidance section includes CMS program manuals, rulings, transmittals, regulatory updates, and extensive background on major laws. The extensive and varied information in the Research, Statistics, Data and Systems section includes the *Health Care Financing Review* journal, Medicare enrollment tables, Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey, national health expenditure data, and program data sets. The site also provides administrative information by provider type, such as hospice or home health agency. The Special Topics section covers legislative and intergovernmental issues, program news, open enrollment, and more.

Much of the information on the CMS site is relevant to health care providers and program administrators. For consumer information on Medicare, see [Medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) at <http://www.medicare.gov>. For consumer information on SCHIP, see Insure Kids Now at <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov>. Each of these sites is listed elsewhere in this book.

Subject(s): Health Care Finance; Medicaid; Medicare

Publication(s): *Active Projects Report*, HE 22.16/2:

CMS Rulings, HE 22.38:

Data Compendium, HE 22.511:

Health Care Financing Review, HE 22.512:

Skilled Nursing Facility Manual, HE 22.8/3:

The CMS Online Manual System, HE 22.8/23:

1165. Competition in the Health Care Marketplace

<http://www.ftc.gov/bc/healthcare/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: This FTC Web site reports on the commission's antitrust actions in the health care and pharmaceuticals services sector and efforts to promote competition in the health care marketplace. The site includes news releases on FTC activities, FTC Advisory Opinions, pharmaceutical agreement filings, and public antitrust actions (including case index and opinions). The research section links to papers by the FTC Bureau of Economics staff on health care competition issues.

Subject(s): Antitrust Law; Health Care—Laws

1166. Health Care—Veterans Health Administration

<http://www1.va.gov/health/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)—Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

Description: The VHA Web site is part of the larger Veterans Administration site. It provides consumer-oriented information and services, with sections on applying for care, refilling a prescription, finding a VA health facility, a suicide prevention hotline for veterans, and more. The site links to VHA programs related to health, including the Center for Women Veterans, Gulf War Veterans' Health, and the Blind Rehabilitation Service. Other sections cover administrative and financial programs, forms and publications, health research, and volunteer opportunities.

Subject(s): Veterans

Publication(s): *Annual Report to Congress: Federally Sponsored Research on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses*, VA 1.1/8:

VA Research Currents, VA 1.107:

1167. HealthReform.gov

<http://www.healthreform.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: HealthReform.gov provides news and information about the Administration's policy for health care reform.

Subject(s): Health Care Finance—Policy; Health Policy

Publication(s): *White House Forum on Health Reform Report*

1168. Insure Kids Now

<http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: This site links to information on children's health insurance programs in each state and offers answers to a variety of questions about insurance for children. Sections include Your State's Program, About Insure Kids Now, and Help Us Spread the Word. A Spanish-language version of the site is available.

Subject(s): Health Insurance; Child Health and Safety

1169. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

<http://www.medpac.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC)

Description: MedPAC is a nonpartisan congressional advisory body charged with providing policy advice and technical assistance for Medicare payment policies. Major sections of the Web site are About MedPAC, Public Meetings, Documents, and Medicare Background.

Subject(s): Medicare—Policy

Publication(s): *Data Book: Healthcare Spending and the Medicare Program*, Y 3.M 46/3:

Report to Congress: Medicare Payment Policy, Y 3.M 46/3:

1170. Medicare.gov

<http://www.medicare.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Description: This official Medicare site for consumers features Medicare pamphlets and publications, news, and basic explanations of various aspects of Medicare. Sec-

tions cover information about Medicare enrollment, plan choices, the prescription drug plan, long-term care, preventive services, billing, and appeals. Under Search Tools, the site offers Web tools to help consumers find, compare, or evaluate services, such as nursing homes, home health care, prescription drug plans, participating physicians, and useful phone numbers. The site also has a Medicare glossary and the annual consumer guide *Medicare and You*.

Medicare.gov has a Spanish-language version, a screen reader version, and a printable version. The site also links to an access screen for MyMedicare.Gov, a personal Medicare beneficiary portal.

Subject(s): Medicare; Nursing Homes

Publication(s): *Choosing a Medigap Policy: A Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare*, HE 22.8/17:

Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home, HE 22.8:N 93/

Medicare and You, HE 22.8/16:

Medicare Hospice Benefits, HE 22.21/5:

1171. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/schip.asp>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Description: SCHIP is a state-administered federal program intended to help states expand health care coverage to uninsured children. This site has information on the program, the SCHIP State Plan, national SCHIP policy, and a section on how states may cover dental insurance.

This site is intended for program administrators. Consumer information on the program is available from the federal Web site Insure Kids Now at <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov>.

Subject(s): Health Insurance; Child Health and Safety

1172. TRICARE, Military Health System

<http://www.tricare.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—TRICARE Management Activity

Description: TRICARE is the health care benefit for the military. This Web site provides information and documents for TRICARE beneficiaries and providers, including a directory of providers. TRICARE beneficiaries can also log into the TRICARE Online service to conduct transactions such as scheduling appointments.

Subject(s): Health Insurance; Military Medicine

1173. Value-Driven Health Care

<http://www.hhs.gov/valuedriven/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: This is a policy-oriented site proposing a more interconnected health system with quality measures, comparable prices, and effective incentives for consumers, health care providers, and insurers. The site features information on Executive Order 13410 (August 22, 2006), Promoting Quality and Efficient Health Care in Federal Government Administered or Sponsored Health Care Programs.

Subject(s): Health Care Finance—Policy

Health Occupations

1174. Bureau of Health Professions

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Professions Bureau

Description: The mission of the Bureau of Health Professions is to ensure that health care professionals deliver quality services to all geographic areas and to all segments of society. Topics covered on the site include grants, student financial assistance, support for training programs, the National Health Service Corps, the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis, and designated Health Professional Shortage Areas. The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis section features data on the U.S. population of physicians, nurses, and other health workers.

Subject(s): Health Occupations—Grants; Medical Schools—Grants

Publication(s): *State Health Workforce Profiles*, HE 20.9302;

United States Health Personnel Factbook, HE 20.9002:

1175. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Public Health and Science Office—Surgeon General—USA Freedom Corps

Description: MRC consists of local units of volunteer medical and public health professionals organized to assist their communities during emergencies and to promote public health. The MRC Web site has information on volunteering, a directory of MRC units, program news, information on joining or forming a unit, and guidance for existing units. The MRC is a partner program with Citizen Corps, which is part of the USA Freedom Corps. The MRC's program office is headquartered in the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General.

Subject(s): Disaster Preparedness; Public Health

1176. National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

<http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Professions Bureau

Description: NHSC recruits primary care clinicians for medically underserved areas. It offers financial assistance to medical students who will practice in underserved areas, as well as work experiences and residencies. The site has online applications and information about NHSC programs. It provides information for prospects, repayors, communities in need, and volunteers.

Subject(s): Health Care

1177. National Practitioner Data Bank

<http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Professions Bureau

Description: The full title of this Web site is “National Practitioner Data Bank—Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank” (NPDB—HIPDB). NPDB compiles records of malpractice and other adverse reports filed against physicians, dentists, and other health care practitioners. HIPDB compiles reports of fraud and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery. Neither database is fully available to the general public. A modified version of the data bank file, containing selected infor-

mation and no identification data, may be downloaded from the site. Under Statistical Information, the site links to annual reports, the publicly accessible file, and summary statistics from NPDB and HIPDB. Under Publications, the guidebooks and brochures provide information on both programs.

Subject(s): Health Care—Regulations; Health Occupations—Regulations

Publication(s): *National Practitioner Data Bank Guidebook*, HE 20.9308:D 26/

1178. Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

<http://www.usuhs.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)

Description: USUHS is a federal health sciences university providing specialized training in military medicine. This Web site provides basic information about the university, its School of Medicine, Graduate School of Nursing, and Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute.

Subject(s): Medical Schools; Military Medicine

Health Policy and Promotion

1179. Administration on Aging

<http://www.aoa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration on Aging (AoA)

Description: The AoA Web site features resources for the elderly, their families, and professionals working with the elderly. The main page presents news about programs, conferences, and policy initiatives. The online Eldercare Locator is a nationwide directory assistance service designed to help older persons and caregivers locate local support services. A section for Elders and Families covers such topics as Alzheimer's, Caregivers, Elder Rights, and Nutrition. The AoA Grant Programs section describes current funding opportunities. The Press Room has fact sheets, publications, press releases, and other news services related to the aging.

This site includes a great deal of useful information on aging, the elderly, and health care for the elderly, including local referrals to non-AoA organizations and resources.

Subject(s): Senior Citizens

1180. American Indian Health

<http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: This NLM-sponsored Web site calls itself “an information portal to issues affecting the health and well-being of American Indians.” The site links to Web resources from the federal government, academia, and health profession organizations. Information covered includes health care access, traditional healing, environmental health, and research. A Health Topics section points to similar specialized resources, such as a site focusing on health problems in American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Subject(s): Health Promotion; American Indians

1181. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM)

<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

Description: This site presents information about USACHPPM including its mission, products and services, training and conferences, publications, directorates, and subordinate commands. The site covers topics such as deployment health, water purification, suicide prevention, and professional/technical documentation for preventive medicine and risk assessment. The A to Z index points to specific topics, such as environmental conditions, nerve agents, oil fires, operational noise, radiation, and respiratory protection.

The site has a substantial amount of information on health promotion. Though targeted at a military audience, it also provides useful information for the general public.

Subject(s): Preventive Health Care

1182. Asian American Health

<http://asianamericanhealth.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: This is a portal to health information on the Internet for the diverse Asian American population. Major sections cover common diseases and conditions, complementary or alternative medicine, and behavioral and mental health issues. The site provides numerous health pamphlets in Asian languages. Links are also organized by population, such as Korean or Filipino.

Subject(s): Asian Americans

1183. Bioethics Resources on the Web

<http://bioethics.od.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: This NIH site links to Web sites, documents, regulations, news, conferences, and other information about bioethics issues. Many of the resources are from NIH itself, but sources also include other federal agencies, universities, and organizations. The topics covered include human subjects research, privacy, conflicts of interest, and genetic testing.

Subject(s): Bioethics

1184. Children's Health Protection

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Children's Health Protection Office

Description: Children face special and increased risks from exposure to environmental pollutants. This Web site explains the risks and how to minimize them. A section called What You Can Do to Protect Children from Environmental Risks is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. The site also offers publications, regulatory information, data, international news, and other extensive coverage of the topic. The Scientific Data and Methods section links to the Toxicity and Exposure Assessment for Children's Health (TEACH) database of summarized scientific literature on childhood exposure and to health effects from selected chemicals.

Subject(s): Child Health and Safety; Environmental Health

Publication(s): *America's Children and the Environment*, EP 1.2:

1185. Chronic Disease Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

Description: NCCDPHP works to reduce the incidence of such chronic diseases as diabetes, cancer, and heart disease. Chronic disease programs also address topics such as arthritis, tobacco use, nutrition and physical activity, and maternal health. The agency's Web site describes its various programs, grants, research, and public health surveillance. The site has summary facts and graphs derived from its surveillance programs for behavioral risk factors, youth risk behavior, cancer registries, and pregnancy risks. State profiles include statistics and contact information for state chronic disease prevention programs.

Subject(s): Health Promotion; Preventive Health Care

Publication(s): *Preventing Chronic Disease*, HE 20.7620:

1186. Consumer Health Information

<http://www.fda.gov/consumer/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Description: The FDA compiles a wide variety of consumer health information on this Web site. Major sections include Medicines, Medical Devices, Food and Nutrition, Vaccines, and Animal Health. The site also links to FDA information for specific audiences, such as seniors, women, and teens. It offers an RSS news feed for consumer updates. Some online publications are available in both English and Spanish.

Subject(s): Consumer Information

1187. Coordinating Office for Global Health (OGH)

<http://www.cdc.gov/ogh/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: OGH focuses on collaborating with other nations and international organizations to promote healthy lifestyles and to prevent high rates of disease, disability, and death in the global health arena. Under the heading Presence, the site includes a map showing CDC's staffing outside of the United States. The site also includes information on international partnerships, global disease detection, and CDC jobs overseas.

Subject(s): Health Care—International

1188. Health Resources and Services Administration

<http://www.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: HRSA works to expand health care access for the uninsured, underserved, and special needs populations. HRSA concerns include health care for uninsured people, people living with HIV/AIDS, maternal health, rural health, organ transplants and donations, and emergency preparedness. The site includes information on current and past grants and an online grant application process. Under the Data heading, the HRSA Geospatial Data Warehouse has demographic, health care facility, and HRSA Program data.

Two important pages are linked from the top banner. The Questions link leads to

a knowledgebase of frequently asked questions, and the Order Publications link leads to consumer and federal publications and numerous other information resources.

The HRSA Web site provides extensive information on the many programs they operate, providing information for both administrators and users of health care as well as researchers and policymakers.

Subject(s): Public Health

Publication(s): *HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) Key Staff Directory*, HE 20.9015:

1189. HealthierUS.gov

<http://www.healthierus.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: The HealthierUS Web site promotes public health with basic information on healthy habits. The major sections are Physical Fitness, Nutrition, Prevention, and Making Healthy Choices. Each section provides a brief narrative and links to information from federal health agencies.

Subject(s): Health Promotion

1190. Healthy People 2010

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: Healthy People 2010 is a national health promotion and disease prevention initiative. The site features the following sections: About Healthy People, Be a Healthy Person, Leading Health Indicators, Implementation, Publications, and Data. The Publications page includes *Healthy People 2010: Vols. I and II* and the *Healthy People 2010 Toolkit*. The Data section has information about the data being collected, the sources of the data, and progress reviews; it also provides access to the DATA2010 database.

The site also explains the formal process for developing the Health People 2020 project, incorporating new assessments and emerging issues.

Subject(s): Health and Safety—Statistics; Health Promotion

Publication(s): *Healthy People 2010 Toolkit*, HE 20.2:

Healthy People 2010: Vol. I, HE 20.2:

Healthy People 2010: Vol. II, HE 20.2:

Healthy People in Healthy Communities, HE 20.8:

1191. Healthy Youth

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

Description: This site deals with both school practices to promote student health and health issues relevant to adolescents. It provides school health education resources, school health policies, statistics, and an evaluation and planning tool called School Health Index. Specific health topics include asthma, childhood obesity, injury and violence, and sexual risk behaviors.

Subject(s): Adolescents; Health Promotion; School Safety

1192. HRSA Primary Health Care

<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Primary Health Care Bureau

Description: The site describes the Health Care Centers Program, which is designed to provide primary health care services to medically underserved communities and vulnerable populations. The site has a directory of health care centers, information on how public and private nonprofit health care organizations may apply to receive funding under the program, and related policy and administrative information. The site's Uniform Data System has statistics on program operation, including information on health care for the homeless, migrants, and public housing residents.

Subject(s): Hospitals and Clinics—Grants

1193. HRSA Telehealth

<http://www.hrsa.gov/telehealth/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: This site describes telehealth as “the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health and health administration.” The site features telehealth-related publications and grants information. It also has information on the federal interagency group called Joint Working Group on Telehealth (JWGT). A Links section identifies other federal and private organizations interested in telehealth topics.

Subject(s): Telemedicine

1194. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

<http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

Description: The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics is concerned with the quality of the health data and statistics that inform national health policy, including issues of privacy and confidentiality. Reports, recommendations, and meeting transcripts from the full committee and its working groups are available on the Web site.

Subject(s): Medical Information—Policy

1195. NIDA for Teens: The Science Behind Drug Abuse

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Description: NIDA for Teens is designed to educate adolescents ages 11 through 15 (as well as their parents and teachers) with science-based facts about how drugs affect the brain and body. The site includes fact sheets on specific drugs and classes of drugs, an Ask Dr. NIDA section for frequently asked questions, teens' stories, and interactive online activities.

Subject(s): Adolescents; Drug Abuse

Publication(s): *Mind over Matter: The Brain's Response to . . .*, HE 20.3958:

1196. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

<http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion works to strengthen the disease prevention and health promotion priorities of the Department of Health and Human Services. Its Web site links to relevant online publications and to current announcements of conferences, initiatives, and news in the disease prevention community.

Subject(s): Preventive Health Care

Publication(s): *Prevention Report*, HE 20.29/2:

1197. Office of Minority Health (OMH)

<http://www.omhrc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Public Health and Science Office—Minority Health Office

Description: OMH is concerned with public health issues that affect racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. Its Web site features a broad collection of material on minority health issues, including information about specific diseases and conditions, data, publications, federal clearinghouses, and links to helpful Web sites. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Health Policy; Minority Groups

1198. Office of National AIDS Policy

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/onap/aids.html>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: The Web site for the White House Office of National AIDS Policy provides basic information on the office and links to further information on other government sites.

Subject(s): AIDS—Policy

1199. Office of Population Affairs (OPA)

<http://www.hhs.gov/opa/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Public Health and Science Office—Population Affairs Office

Description: OPA operates programs concerned with reproductive health, family planning, and adolescent pregnancy. Its Web site offers sections including Grants and Funding, Family Planning, Adolescent Family Life, Research and Evaluation, and Embryo Adoption. The Legislation section has the full text of the statutes and regulations under which OPA operates.

Subject(s): Family Planning; Reproductive Health

Publication(s): *Healthy People 2010—Reproductive Health*

1200. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: ASPE advises the secretary of health and human services on policy development, strategic planning, policy research, and economic analyses. The main portion of the home page is set up to perform literature searches on 40 topics of concern to ASPE, such as child welfare, disability, insurance, and substance abuse. The Highlighted Work section covers topics such as Indicators of Welfare Dependence and Estimating the Uninsured. A section called Often Requested links to the HHS Poverty Guidelines.

Subject(s): Health Care—Policy; Social Services—Policy

1201. Office of the Surgeon General

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Public Health and Science Office—Surgeon General

Description: The Surgeon General's Web site has current and historical information on the office, including portraits and biographies of all previous surgeons general. It contains speeches made by the surgeon general, testimony before Congress, and general information on public health priorities. The site has the full texts of reports issued by the surgeon general and also links to the National Library of Medicine's Reports of the Surgeon General Web site (described elsewhere in this chapter) for their collection of reports.

Subject(s): Public Health—Policy

Publication(s): *Bone Health and Osteoporosis: A Report of the Surgeon General*, HE 20.2:

Mental Health: Culture, Race, and Ethnicity, A Supplement to Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General, HE 20.402:

Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General, HE 20.3402:

Reducing Tobacco Use: A Report of the Surgeon General, HE 20.7602:

Surgeon General's Call to Action to Improve the Health and Wellness of Persons with Disabilities

Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity, HE 20.2:

Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent Suicide, HE 20.2:

Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Sexual Health and Responsible Sexual Behavior, HE 1.2:

The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General, HE 20.7002:

The Health Consequences of Smoking: A Report of the Surgeon General, HE 20.7002:

Women and Smoking: A Report of the Surgeon General, HE 20.7615:

Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General, HE 20.2:

1202. Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator

<http://www.state.gov/s/gac/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator

Description: As stated on the Web site, "the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator's mission is to lead implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief." The site provides basic information on the office. For more information on the plan, see <http://www.pepfar.gov/>.

Subject(s): AIDS—International

Publication(s): *The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief*, S 1.2:

1203. Personalized Health Care

<http://www.hhs.gov/myhealthcare/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: This site describes the federal Personalized Health Care Initiative to support research related to the use of genetic information in clinical medicine practice. The site also discusses policy issues, such as protecting individuals from unauthorized use of their genetic information.

Subject(s): Genomics; Medical Research

1204. President's Council on Bioethics

<http://www.bioethics.gov/>

Sponsor(s): President's Council on Bioethics

Description: Established in 2001, the council is charged with advising the president on bioethical issues that may emerge as a consequence of advances in biomedical science and technology. The Web site includes a council meeting schedule, meeting transcripts, and brief biographies of its members. The site also has the reports from previous bioethics commissions.

Subject(s): Bioethics—Policy; Presidential Advisors

1205. President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

<http://www.fitness.gov/>

Sponsor(s): President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

Description: Established by executive order in 1956, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports promotes physical fitness and sports participation for Americans of all ages. The Web site has information on the history, mission, and membership of the council under the About the Council section. The President's Challenge section has information on the council's awards program, including the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. The Publications section has online brochures promoting fitness and health. *PCPFS Research Digest* is a quarterly summary of the latest scientific information on issues relating to physical activity.

Subject(s): Physical Fitness; Sports

Publication(s): *President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports: Research Digests*, HE 20.114:

1206. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

<http://www.pepfar.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) involves strategic funding to combat HIV/AIDS in over 120 countries. The Web site includes information on participating countries, implementing agencies, policy guidance, reports to Congress, and PEPFAR reports.

Subject(s): AIDS—International; Foreign Assistance; HIV Infections—International

1207. President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/mentalhealthcommission/>

Sponsor(s): White House—President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health

Description: The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health was charged with studying the U.S. mental health service delivery system and advising the president on methods to improve it. The Commission presented its final report, *Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America*, in July 2003. The commission's Web site has been archived at the address above thanks to a partnership between the University of North Texas Libraries and the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Subject(s): Mental Health—Policy

Publication(s): *Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America*, PR 43.8:

1208. Refugee Health Information Network

<http://rhin.org>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: As explained on the Web site, the Refugee Health Information Network (RHIN®) is “a national collaborative partnership managed by refugee health professionals whose objective is to provide quality multilingual, health information resources for those providing care to resettled refugees and asylees.” Major sections on the site include: Health Information in Multiple Languages; Refugee Health Information for Providers; and Information about Health Services for Refugees.

Subject(s): Refugees

1209. Reports of the Surgeon General

<http://sgreports.nlm.nih.gov/NN/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: This site carries the full texts of all official surgeon general reports, beginning with 1964’s *Smoking and Health: A Report of the Surgeon General*, the first report given. The National Library of Medicine has digitized these along with conference proceedings, pamphlets, photographs, and brochures from the Office of the Surgeon General. A search engine provides full text or fielded search options. Historical information on the office and on U.S. public health supplements the reports.

Subject(s): Public Health—Policy

1210. Rural Health Policy

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: This Web site for the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) provides information on the federal government grants, policy, and research focused on improving health conditions in rural America. It also reports on the Border Health Initiative. For further information, the site links to rural health publications and related Web sites.

Subject(s): Rural Health—Policy

1211. Smokefree.gov

<http://www.smokefree.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: NCI maintains this Web site to help smokers quit and to disseminate free anti-smoking materials. Under Get Expert Help, the site lists 800 numbers and instant messaging services available for information and advice on quitting.

Subject(s): Smoking

Publication(s): *Clearing the Air*, HE 20.3152:

1212. Specialized Information Services

<http://www.sis.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: The Specialized Information Services (SIS) Division is responsible for information resources and services in toxicology, environmental health, chemistry, HIV/AIDS, and specialized topics in minority health. Its Web site features information products in each of these areas. The Web site also includes information from

the SIS Office of Outreach and Special Populations, which focuses on improving access to quality health information in underserved and special populations.

Subject(s): Health Promotion; Environmental Health

1213. State Cancer Legislative Database Program

<http://www.sclcd-nci.net/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: NCI monitors cancer-related state legislation and maintains the State Cancer Legislative Database (SCLD) of cancer-related bills and resolutions enacted or adopted in the United States at the state level. The site also provides fact sheets, newsletters, and presentations on the topic.

Subject(s): Cancer—Legislation

Publication(s): *SCLD (State Cancer Legislative Database) Update*, HE 20.3182/9-2;
SCLD Fact Sheets, HE 20.3182/9-3:

1214. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

<http://www.samhsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Description: SAMHSA administers grants, programs, training, and public education campaigns to assist those working to combat substance abuse and mental illness. The Web site's Browse Topics section organizes SAMHSA program information into subject areas, such as co-occurring disorders, drug-free workplace, homelessness, older adults, and substance abuse treatment capacity. The site also links to treatment center directories. The Statistics section offers reports and data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) series, the Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS) series, the *Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN)*, and other sources. SAMHSA has RSS feeds for announcements of new publications and awareness campaigns.

Subject(s): Mental Health; Substance Abuse

Publication(s): *Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN)*, HE 20.416/3:
National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, HE 20.417/5:

1215. White House Office of National AIDS Policy

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/onap/>

Sponsor(s): White House—National AIDS Policy Office

Description: The Web site for the White House Office of National AIDS Policy provides basic information on its mission.

Subject(s): AIDS—Policy

1216. Who Cares: Sources of Information About Health Care Products and Services

<http://www.ftc.gov/whocares>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: The Who Cares Web site provides consumer information on such topics as assisted living and nursing homes, health care documents (such as living wills), popular surgeries and therapies, buying prescription drugs online, and where and how to file a consumer complaint. A section on fraud and scams discusses medical ID theft, Medicare fraud, miracle cures, and other topics.

Subject(s): Consumer Information

1217. www.health.gov

<http://www.health.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Public Health and Science Office—Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Office

Description: This health gateway site consists of links to federal health initiatives information, government health agency sites, other popular government health Web sites, and health news.

Subject(s): Health and Safety

1218. Youth Tobacco Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/youth/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

Description: This CDC site links to an extensive list of resources about young people and smoking. The resources include research reports, content aimed directly at kids, and material (such as videos and program guides) for adults organizing anti-smoking campaigns for children.

Subject(s): Smoking; Tobacco; Kids' Pages

Health Research

1219. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Healthcare Research and Quality Agency

Description: AHRQ is charged with supporting research designed to improve the quality of health care, reduce its cost, and broaden access to essential services. Its Web site features a wide range of resources in sections including Clinical Information, Consumer and Patients, Data and Surveys, Funding Opportunities, Research Findings, Quality and Patient Safety, Public Health Preparedness, Health IT, and Specific Populations (children, low income, rural, and others). Some consumer publications are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Health Policy

Publication(s): *AHCPR Research Activities*, HE 20.6512/5:

AHRQ Publications Catalog, HE 20.6509/3:

Evidence Report/Technology Assessment (series), HE 20.6524:

MEPS (Medical Expenditure Panel Survey) Chartbooks, HE 20.6517/7:

MEPS (Medical Expenditure Panel Survey) Highlights, HE 20.6517/6:

MEPS (Medical Expenditure Panel Survey) Methodology Report, HE 20.6517/8:

MEPS (Medical Expenditure Panel Survey) Research Findings, HE 20.6517/9:

1220. Arctic Health

<http://arctichealth.org/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: NLM's Arctic Health Web site is a central point for information on Arctic health and environment. The site has research and publications databases and covers such topics as chronic diseases, traditional medicine, and telemedicine. Arctic Health, which defines the Arctic as encompassing all or portions of Alaska, Canada, Greenland/Denmark/Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and

Russia, is built on the premise that the populations of these countries are subject to a unique set of health and environmental challenges. Along with NLM, the site is cosponsored by University of Alaska Anchorage's Health Sciences Information Service.

Subject(s): Arctic Regions

1221. Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

<http://www.afip.org/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP)

Description: The AFIP Web site has information on the institute's research and consulting in pathology and on its Department of Medical Education. The institute's programs include research in basic science, environmental pathology and toxicology, geographic and infectious disease pathology, oncology, molecular diagnostics, and forensic science.

Subject(s): Pathology—Research; Military Medicine

Publication(s): *Legal Medicine*, D 101.117/7:

1222. caBIG™

<https://cabig.nci.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: Cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid (caBIG™) is a voluntary information network for cancer researchers to share tools, standards, data, applications, and technologies. The Web site provides information on this large project and its progress.

This site will primarily be of interest to cancer researchers and specialists in bioinformatics.

Subject(s): Cancer—Research; Medical Computing

1223. Cancer Control and Population Sciences

<http://dccps.nci.nih.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: This division of NCI funds and coordinates cancer research and disseminates the research findings. The Web site organizes a large amount of research program information into several broad sections, including Applied Research, Behavioral Research, Epidemiology and Genetics Research, Surveillance Research, and Survivorship Research. Other sections of the site include Funding Opportunities and Policy Information. Like the rest of the site, the Information and Resources section uses a simple menu to lead to a large volume of information. It includes Cancer Control research publications, public use data sets, links to public information campaigns, and more.

Subject(s): Cancer—Research

1224. Cancer.gov Clinical Trials

<http://www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: This NCI site provides information on cancer-related clinical trials. A database of trials can be searched by type of cancer, type of trial, and location of trial. The site also has educational materials about clinical trials and information from recent clinical trials.

Subject(s): Cancer; Clinical Trials

1225. ClinicalTrials.gov

<http://clinicaltrials.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: NLM has developed this site to provide patients, family members, and the public with current information about clinical research studies sponsored privately and by the federal government. ClinicalTrials.gov currently contains over 70,000 trials with locations in over 160 countries. Users may search the database by disease or condition, location of the trial, study phase, and other criteria.

Subject(s): Clinical Trials—International

1226. Comprehensive Epidemiologic Data Resource (CEDR)

<http://cedr.lbl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department

Description: CEDR is a repository of data from occupational and environmental health studies of workers at Department of Energy facilities and nearby community residents. The core data comes from the department's epidemiological studies of workers at nuclear weapons facilities, beginning in the 1960s. CEDR continues to be a repository for data about the facilities workforce. This Web site catalogs resources and provides links to the data sets or to information on obtaining them. In some cases, users must register with CEDR to get the data.

Subject(s): Radiation Exposure—Research; Environmental Health—Research

Publication(s): *CEDR, Comprehensive Epidemiologic Data Resource*, E 1.20/3:0339

1227. Environmental Health Perspectives: EHP Online

<http://www.ehponline.org/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Description: The EHP Online site provides free access to the NIEHS peer-reviewed journal *Environmental Health Perspectives* and its Chinese-language edition. Issues of the journal are online from 1972 to the present. EHP offers updates via RSS news feeds and e-mail alerts. Paid subscriptions are required for the print version of the journal. For schools, the EHP Web site also provides science education lessons based on EHP articles.

Subject(s): Environmental Health

Publication(s): *Environmental Health Perspectives*, HE 20.3559/2:

1228. Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS)

<http://www.cdc.gov/eis/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: EIS is a surveillance and response unit for all types of epidemics in the United States and throughout the world. EIS employs physicians and other health specialists seeking a postgraduate program of service and on-the-job training in the practice of epidemiology. The site includes information about EIS's work and has sample case studies intended for epidemiology training.

Subject(s): Epidemiology; Public Health—Research

1229. Fogarty International Center

<http://www.fic.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC)

Description: FIC promotes international cooperation and advanced study in the biomedical sciences. It fosters research partnerships between American scientists and their foreign counterparts through research and training grants, fellowships, exchange awards, and international agreements. The Web site provides information on these activities and on FIC programs, such as the Forum for International Health and the Disease Control Priorities Project.

Subject(s): Biological Medicine—Grants; Medical Research—International

Publication(s): *Global Health Matters*, HE 20.3718:

1230. HMO Cancer Research Network

<http://crn.cancer.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: The HMO Cancer Research Network is a consortium funded by NCI to conduct research on cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, long-term care, and surveillance. The Web site identifies the participating health plans and centers and describes the nature of the research. Research areas include behavioral research, screening research, and health services and outcomes research.

Subject(s): Cancer—Research

1231. National Cancer Institute

<http://www.cancer.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: The NCI Web site includes sections covering research programs, research funding, non-technical explanations of cancer and its treatment, clinical trials information, statistics, news, and free informational booklets to download. Some basic cancer information is available in Spanish. The About NCI section has links to NCI's six main divisions, to its advisory boards, and to information on legislation and funding related to cancer research. The Statistics section has information on the public-use Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) data program, described elsewhere in this chapter. State cancer profiles, maps and graphs of cancer data, and Web-based interfaces to querying cancer data are also provided.

NCI's Web site is an important and relevant resource for any kind of cancer question.

Subject(s): Cancer

Publication(s): *Atlas of Cancer Mortality in the United States: 1950–94*, HE 20.3152:M 84/4

Cancer Progress Report, HE 20.3172/3:

DCEG (Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics) Linkage, HE 20.3196:

Nation's Investment in Cancer Research, A Budget Proposal for FY . . ., HE 20.3190:

NCI Cancer Bulletin, HE 20.3153/4:

NCI Fact Book, HE 20.3174:

NCI Investigational Drugs, Chemical Information, HE 20.3180/2-2:

Report of the President's Cancer Panel, HE 20.3168/5:

1232. National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

<http://nccam.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Description: NCCAM is concerned with health care practices that are outside the realm of conventional medicine as practiced in the United States. Its Web site describes research grant opportunities and priorities and the clinical trials it conducts. The Health Information section addresses popular topics, such as acupuncture and homeopathy. It also has information for the consumer on choosing alternative medicines or treatments, along with alerts and advisories. Some consumer information is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Alternative Medicine

Publication(s): *CAM at NIH Newsletter*

1233. National Center for Research Resources

<http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Center for Research Resources (NCRR)

Description: The NCRR Web site features a variety of resources for biomedical researchers. NCRR research funding information is provided for the areas of biomedical technology, clinical research, comparative medicine, research infrastructure, and other areas. The Scientific Resources section links to information on NCRR-supported research resources, such as the National Gene Vector Laboratories, cell cultures, and DNA materials. The Publications section has resource directories, reports, fact sheets on their grant programs, the *NCRR Reporter*, and other documents.

Subject(s): Biological Medicine—Research; Medical Research—Grants

Publication(s): *NCRR Reporter*, HE 20.3013/6:

1234. National Center for Toxicological Research

<http://www.fda.gov/nctr/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR)

Description: NCTR conducts peer-reviewed scientific research in support and anticipation of the FDA's regulatory needs. Initiatives include programs in food safety, bioterrorism, biotechnology, antimicrobial resistance, and HIV/AIDS. NCTR research divisions include biochemical toxicology, microbiology, neurotoxicology, and personalized nutrition and medicine.

Subject(s): Biotechnology—Research; Toxicology (Medicine)—Research

Publication(s): *Regulatory Research Perspectives*, HE 20.4051:

1235. National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

<http://ncmhd.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Description: The National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) supports programs involving basic and clinical research, training, and the dissemination of health information to reduce disparities in health for minority population groups. This site has information about the office, its programs, and funding opportunities.

Subject(s): Medical Research—Policy; Minority Groups

1236. National Eye Institute

<http://www.nei.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Eye Institute (NEI)

Description: NEI supports research to prevent and treat eye diseases and other vision disorders. The Health Information section includes fact sheets and guides written at the consumer level. These cover glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, eye anatomy, and other topics. Many of the guides are also available in Spanish. The Education section of the site has information on public and professional education campaigns, including Healthy Vision 2010. The site also has a clinical studies database and statistics on the most common eye diseases.

Subject(s): Vision Disorders—Research

1237. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

Description: NIAID supports and conducts basic research in immunology, microbiology, and infectious disease. On its Web site, users can explore research on AIDS, allergic and immunologic diseases, asthma, biodefense, global health issues, hepatitis, influenza, malaria, tuberculosis, and more. Agency information on this site includes press releases, grants, publications, and NIAID laboratory profiles. On the research side, the site describes each research activity and related clinical trials, news, and resources. The Web site has a detailed A-Z index.

Subject(s): AIDS—Research; Allergies—Research; Diseases and Conditions—Research; Medical Research—Grants

1238. National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

<http://www.niams.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)

Description: The NIAMS Web site provides health information, information about basic research, clinical and epidemiologic research, research databases, and grant opportunities in the fields of rheumatology, orthopedics, dermatology, metabolic bone diseases, heritable disorders of bone and cartilage, inherited and inflammatory muscle diseases, and sports medicine. The Health Information section includes pamphlets on such conditions as acne, arthritis, lupus, fibromyalgia, osteoporosis, vitiligo, knee problems, and sport injuries. The site has a Spanish-language version available.

Subject(s): Arthritis—Research; Diseases and Conditions—Research; Medical Research—Grants

1239. National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

<http://www.nibib.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)

Description: NIBIB supports research to develop innovative technologies that improve health care. The Web site includes information on funding opportunities, training, and internships. It also has a directory of NIBIB Biomedical Technology Resource Centers throughout the United States. The Health and Education section includes materials for teachers and for a general audience. NIBIB overview information is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Biotechnology; Medical Computing

1240. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Description: NICHD conducts research, clinical trials, and epidemiological studies related to the health of the human growth, development, and reproductive processes. The Web site has information about NICHD, its divisions, grants and contracts, intramural research, and fellowships. The Health Information section has consumer-level information on numerous child health and human development topics.

Subject(s): Reproductive Health—Research; Child Health and Safety—Research

1241. National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)

Description: The NIDCR Web site offers a substantial collection of documents and information on dental research. Major sections include Oral Health, Clinical Trials, Research, Grants & Funding, and Careers & Training. Under Research, the Tools for Researchers subsection links to specialized databases and research centers related to microbiology and immunology and to craniofacial development. The Oral Health section links to publications and resources on topics such as fluoride, smokeless tobacco, temporomandibular disorders, and oral complications of systemic diseases. The site also has sections for finding dental care, oral health statistics, and material for kids and teachers. Some consumer-level publications are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Dental Health—Research

1242. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK)

Description: The NIDDK Web site features information on disorders studied by the agency, including diabetes, digestive diseases, endocrine diseases, hematologic diseases, kidney diseases, nutrition and obesity, and urologic diseases. Sections include Health Education, Funding, Research, and Laboratories at NIDDK. The Web site's home page has a section called Health Information for the Public, with lists of the diseases that the institute covers and links to online pamphlets and other publications. Spanish-language pamphlets are also available.

Subject(s): Diabetes—Research; Medical Research—Grants; Kidney Disease—Research

Publication(s): *Kidney Disease Research Updates*, HE 20.3324/2-2:

NIDDK Information Clearinghouses Publications Catalog, HE 20.3316:

Prevent Diabetes Problems, HE 20.3326:

1243. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Description: NIEHS, an institute for research on environment-related diseases, links to a wide variety of information for health researchers, the general public, and teachers. The site identifies diseases and conditions, such as asthma and lung disease, that may be strongly related to environmental exposures. Major sections include Environmental Health Topics, Public Health Impacts, Resources for Scientists,

National Toxicology Program, and HazMat Safety and Training. For teachers and students, the site has an Environmental Health Science Education section. The site also provides some material in Spanish.

Subject(s): Toxicology (Medicine)—Research; Environmental Health—Research

Publication(s): *Environmental Factor Newsletter*

1244. National Institute of Mental Health

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Description: NIMH conducts and funds research on mental and behavioral disorders, and works to educate the public on mental health topics. The site has information on NIMH grants and on its intramural research. The Health and Outreach section describes specific areas of NIMH research, such as schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD); it also reports on clinical trials and mental health statistics. The NIMH site also has information on medications, coping with traumatic events, getting help, and suicide prevention.

Subject(s): Brain—Research; Mental Health—Research

1245. National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

Description: NINDS supports biomedical research on disorders of the brain and nervous system. For researchers, the site has information on research funding, research plans, and the text of conference proceedings. The Disorders section of the site is an extensive guide to numerous neurological disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, autism, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and stroke. The site also has a Spanish-language version.

Subject(s): Brain—Research; Neurology—Research

1246. National Institute of Nursing Research

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

Description: The NINR site features information on the broad range of nursing research. The site includes sections for About NINR, News & Information, Research & Funding, and Training. News and Information has citations to NINR-supported investigator publications and summaries of NINR-supported research, as well as articles and meeting reports. The Research & Funding has grant information, information on NINR supported projects, and information about NINR intramural and extramural research. The Training section is concerned with training researchers.

Subject(s): Nursing—Research

1247. National Institute on Aging

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Description: NIA provides leadership in aging research (including Alzheimer's disease research), training, health information dissemination, and other programs related to aging. The site has information on research funding opportunities and research training support. The Research Information section offers further details

on NIA research areas and has information from NIA conferences and workshops. The Health Information section has publications and a database of organizations that provide help to older people. Under About NIA, the site also has information on the National Advisory Council on Aging, which reviews applications for funding and training and makes recommendations to NIA regarding research plans. Some information is available in Spanish.

The Health Information section will be of the most interest to the general public.

Subject(s): Medical Research—Grants; Senior Citizens

Publication(s): *Resource Directory for Older People*, HE 1.1002:

Spotlight on Aging Research Newsletter

1248. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

Description: NIAAA conducts and supports research and education to reduce alcohol-related problems in the population. The NIAAA site features the sections About NIAAA, Publications, Research Information, Resources, News, and FAQs. Publications include the full text of the bulletin *Alcohol Alert*, along with pamphlets and research monographs. The Data/Statistics section provides statistics on alcohol consumption, alcohol-related hospital discharges, alcohol-related fatal traffic crashes, and more. The site also has a Frequently Asked Questions section for the general public.

Subject(s): Alcohol Abuse

Publication(s): *Alcohol Alert*, HE 20.8322:

Alcohol Research & Health, HE 20.8309:

1249. National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

Description: NIDCD conducts and supports research about the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. The Web site has information on the institute and its research grants programs. The section on NIDCD research describes its work in such areas as the biophysics of sensory cells and gene structure and function. The Research section also lists current clinical trials and studies seeking patients. The Health Information section has resources for the general public on topics such as ear infections, hearing aids, balance disorders, aphagia, and stuttering. Some resources are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Hearing Disorders—Research

Publication(s): *Directory of Organizations, National Institute on Deafness*, HE 20.3660/2:

1250. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/index.html>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Office—National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)

Description: NIDRR sponsors disability research and works with other federal agencies that conduct disability research through the Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR). The Research and Statistics section of the site provides links to publications and databases, including the Traumatic Brain Injury Database and

the Spinal Cord Injury Database. The Programs and Projects section lists projects currently funded by NIDRR.

Subject(s): Disabilities—Research

Publication(s): *Program Directory, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research*, ED 1.215:

1251. National Institute on Drug Abuse

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Description: NIDA supports research and education to reduce drug abuse and addiction. The Drugs of Abuse section on the NIDA Web site provides fact sheets, statistics, and information on drug testing and treatment research. The site has a section for researchers with information on grants, funding, ongoing research, and clinical trials, as well as sections for medical and health professionals, parents and teachers, and students and young adults. It also provides extensive information in Spanish.

The NIDA Web site is easy to use and a recommended first stop for non-technical information on the science of drug abuse and addiction.

Subject(s): Drug Abuse

Publication(s): *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice*, HE 20.3972:

Mind over Matter, HE 20.3965/3:

NIDA Notes, HE 20.3967:

NIDA Research Report Series, HE 20.3965/2:

1252. National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The NIH Web site is a key starting point for finding government-related health sciences information. Sections include Health Information; Grants and Funding Opportunities; News and Events; Research, Training, and Scientific Resources; Institutes, Centers, and Offices; and About NIH. The About NIH section covers its mission, organization, leadership, staff, and budget. The Institutes, Centers, and Offices section links to the many component NIH organizations. The Health Information section has resources for the general public on health topics, clinical studies, and drug information, with links to health databases and health hotlines.

The Grants and Funding Opportunities section features NIH funding opportunities and application kits, grants policy, and award data. New funding announcements can be viewed online or sent automatically via e-mail or RSS feed. The Research Training and Scientific Resources category covers NIH intramural research news, postdoctoral and clinical training opportunities, and laboratory research resources. The News section has press releases available for e-mail delivery or RSS feed, videocasts, podcasts, NIH Radio (MP3 files), and the NIH Calendar of Events. The site also has a Spanish-language version.

The NIH is a significant health sciences and medical research institution. This central NIH site contains excellent information about the NIH and its component organizations. More importantly, the site links to an important body of NIH resources in the health sciences for the general public, health science researchers, and health science professionals.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions—Research; Medical Research—Grants

Publication(s): *NIH Almanac*, HE 20.3016:

NIH Extramural Data and Trends, HE 20.3055/2:

NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts, HE 20.3008/2:
NIH Handbook for Postdoctoral Fellows, HE 20.3008:
NIH News in Health, HE 20.3038/2:
NIH Record, HE 20.3007/3:
NIH Telephone and Service Directory, HE 20.3037:

1253. National Institutes of Health Public Access

<http://publicaccess.nih.gov>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: Peer-reviewed journal manuscripts based on NIH-funded research are required to be submitted to the NIH PubMed Central online repository. This site provides an explanation of the policy and instructions for compliance.

Subject(s): Publishing—Policy; Health Research—Policy

1254. National Toxicology Program (NTP)

<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Description: NTP is an interagency program conducting toxicity/carcinogenicity studies on agents suspected of posing hazards to human health. Hundreds of chemical studies are on file, and much of this information is available on the NTP Web site. The NTP Study Database is searchable and includes toxicology and carcinogenesis studies.

This site contains a significant amount of toxicological data for researchers and those interested in the scientific basis for the regulation of toxic chemicals.

Subject(s): Toxicology (Medicine)—Research

Publication(s): *Report on Carcinogens*, HE 20.3562:

1255. NCI-Frederick (National Cancer Institute at Frederick)

<http://web.ncifcrf.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: NCI-Frederick is one of the main NCI cancer research centers. It focuses on direct research to help identify the causes of cancer, AIDS, and related diseases. Under the Research heading, the NCI-Frederick Web site has an index to the staff researchers and detailed information on the research being conducted. The site also has information on its technical services, training, fellowships, and employment.

Subject(s): Cancer—Research

1256. NIAID Biodefense Research

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/biodefense/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/topics/BiodefenseRelated/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

Description: NIAID, in cooperation with other agencies, academic and industry, is studying medical countermeasures against radiological and nuclear threats. The site has information on its work in the areas of biodefense, radiation countermeasures, and chemical countermeasures.

Subject(s): Biological Warfare—Research

1257. NIH Center for Scientific Review

<http://www.csr.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The Center for Scientific Review receives all grant applications sent to NIH and organizes the peer review groups for a majority of the research grants. The Web site has a section with resources for grant applicants and a section for those serving in peer review study sections.

Subject(s): Grants Management; Health Research—Grants

Publication(s): *Peer Review Notes*, HE 20.3045:

1258. NIH Clinical Center

<http://www.cc.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The NIH Clinical Center is a specialized research hospital at the National Institutes of Health. It is involved in a variety of clinical studies, and the Web site features a section about participating in these. For researchers and physicians, the site has information about research opportunities, information for referring physicians, summary information on research activities, and other resources.

Subject(s): Clinical Medicine

1259. NIH Roadmap

<http://nihroadmap.nih.gov>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The NIH Roadmap is an effort by NIH to identify and pursue areas that the agency must address as a whole, rather than leaving them to be addressed by the individual institutes within NIH. The Web site provides background on the target areas and has information on funding opportunities, workshops, and news within the targeted Roadmap areas.

Subject(s): Health Research—Policy

1260. Office of Animal Care and Use

<http://oacu.od.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: This office provides oversight of animal care and use at NIH. The site is designed as an informational resource for NIH scientists and others at NIH involved in biomedical research. It includes information on NIH policy, guidelines, regulations, and standards, as well as information on health and safety issues.

Subject(s): Animals; Biological Medicine—Research

1261. Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

<http://obssr.od.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

Description: The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) promotes research into how behavioral and social factors, such as family environment or cognitive issues, influence health. The Web site explains this field of research and lists opportunities for education and funding in the field.

Subject(s): Mental Health—Research; Social Science Research

1262. Office of Disease Prevention (ODP)

<http://odp.od.nih.gov>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: ODP coordinates preventive medical research across NIH centers and with agencies and organizations outside NIH. The Web site has information about prevention research at NIH and links to its component offices: the Office of Dietary Supplements, the Office of Medical Applications of Research, and the Office of Rare Diseases. The Health Topics section serves as a portal to prevention information on NIH's Web sites; topics include dental health, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, lung cancer, obesity, and more.

Subject(s): Preventive Health Care—Research

1263. Profiles in Science

<http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: NLM's Profiles in Science Web site presents information on twentieth-century leaders in biomedical research and public health. For each profiled person, the site includes biographical information and a collection of digitized materials, such as manuscripts, journal articles, photographs, and video clips.

Subject(s): Biographies; Health Research—History

1264. Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool

<http://report.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool (RePORT) provides reports and data on the research activities of NIH. The site has a searchable database of NIH reports and most frequently requested statistical reports, such as average research grant size. The site's Categorical Spending section reports total spending by topic, such as heart disease or genetics. NIH is also making its CRISP database available through RePORT. CRISP is a database of federally funded biomedical research projects conducted at universities, hospitals, and other research institutions covering the time period of 1972 to the most recent full year.

Subject(s): Health Research

Publication(s): *NIH Data Book*

1265. Stem Cell Information

<http://stemcells.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: This NIH site includes information on research, federal policy, and frequently asked questions about stem cell research. The Research section provides an overview of research at NIH and internationally. The Information Center section offers substantial background information on stem cells and stem cell research, including a glossary and links to external Web sites that cover ethical issues of stem cell research. Another section covers related federal policy, statements, and legislation.

Subject(s): Biology—Research

Medical Information

1266. CDC Wonder on the Web

<http://wonder.cdc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: CDC Wonder on the Web provides a single point of access to a variety of CDC reports, guidelines, and numeric public health data. The numeric databases can provide the numbers and rates for many diseases and health occurrences, including sexually transmitted diseases, cancer cases, and types of mortality and births in the United States. Users can request data for any disease and demographic group by submitting special queries against available data sets. CDC Wonder also provides free text search facilities and document retrieval for several important text databases, including the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* from 1982 to the present, the *Fatal Accident Reporting System*, and the *CDC Recommends: The Prevention Guidelines System*.

Although CDC Wonder includes numerous resources, they are conveniently organized into broad sections such as Chronic Diseases, Communicable Diseases, and Injury Prevention. An alphabetical index of data sets is also available.

Subject(s): Public Health—Statistics

1267. DIRLINE: Directory of Health Organizations

<http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: DIRLINE (Directory of Information Resources Online) is the NLM's online database containing location and description information about health and biomedical resources, including organizations, projects, and databases. DIRLINE can be searched or browsed by topic.

Subject(s): Medical Information

1268. Evaluating Internet Health Information

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/webeval/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: This site provides a tutorial on evaluating the health information that can be found on the Web. The tutorial can be viewed online or downloaded for use without an Internet connection.

Subject(s): Internet

1269. Genetics Home Reference

<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: Genetics Home Reference is the National Library of Medicine's Web site for the general public to learn about genes and genetic conditions. The site has information on numerous genetic disorders. It also has basic explanations of genes and chromosomes, a genetics glossary, and links to other helpful Web sites. Wording on the site notes that it is not a substitute for professional medical advice, and a section on finding a genetics professional in your community is provided.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions; Genomics

1270. Health Information Technology

<http://healthit.hhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: This umbrella site covers federal government, state, and private partnerships to implement electronic management of medical information. Federal health IT programs described on the site include those of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Agency for Health Research and Quality, and National Institute of Standards and Technology. Public-private partnership initiatives include the National eHealth Collaborative. State initiatives include the State-level Health Information Exchange Consensus Project. Sections of the site include Health IT Tools, Federal Health Architecture, National Health Information Network, and Standards and Certification.

Subject(s): Medical Records

1271. Health Services/Technology Assessment Text (HSTAT)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: HSTAT is a searchable collection of clinical practice guideline documents, technology assessment reports, and other health information. Sample contents include *Reports of the Surgeon General*, the *Guide to Clinical Preventive Services*, and evidence reports and technology assessments from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

The site identifies the HSTAT audience as consisting of “health care providers, health service researchers, policy makers, payers, consumers and the information professionals who serve these groups.” The site is well designed with clear explanations regarding its content and search functions.

Subject(s): Clinical Medicine

1272. healthfinder®

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: The healthfinder® Web site is designed to assist consumers in finding government health information on the Internet. It links to selected publications, databases, Web sites, support and self-help groups, and government health agencies. The site has consumer health news available by e-mail or as an RSS newsfeed, in English and Spanish. A version of the site is also available in Spanish.

This site is an excellent starting point for finding health information and information about health services at the consumer’s level, rather than the more technical information available elsewhere for medical practitioners and researchers.

Subject(s): Health Care; Medical Information; Finding Aids

1273. Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications

<http://lhncbc.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: Lister Hill specializes in health care communication, computing, and information sciences. The Web site features their work in medical imagery, multi-media visualization, and natural language processing, and other areas. The site carries related journal articles and technical publications.

Subject(s): Information Technology—Research; Medical Computing—Research

1274. MedlinePlus

<http://medlineplus.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: MedlinePlus, an NLM consumer health information Web site, presents information on more than 700 diseases and conditions and a guide to prescription and over-the-counter medications. The core of the site is the Health Topics section, which provides portal pages to a wide range of health issues. MedlinePlus also features more than 160 interactive health tutorials, with pictures and sound, on common conditions, treatment, and wellness strategies, and prerecorded webcasts of surgical procedures. Other sections include Drug and Supplements Information, Dictionaries (medical terms), Directories (doctors, dentists, and hospitals), and Go Local (for finding local resources for health-related issues). MedlinePlus also links to consumer health information in 40 languages beyond English.

MedlinePlus is an outstanding resource for current, non-technical information on diseases, health conditions, and other medical topics. The site's design and content are both exemplary.

Subject(s): Medical Information; Pharmaceuticals; Databases

Publication(s): *MEDLINEplus*, HE 20.3629:

NIH MedlinePlus Magazine, HE 20.3629/2:

NIH MedlinePlus Salud Magazine

1275. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: The *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, along with its associated reports, is a standard and authoritative resource for detailed health statistics. The online version presents the full text of each issue of the *MMWR* from February 1982 (volume 31, issue 5) onward. Individual components and issues of the *MMWR* series can be browsed in the *MMWR* Publications section. The weekly publication is also available as an RSS feed.

The CDC has done a commendable job of converting this essential publication to an online format and organizing the Web site so that it is relatively easy to find current articles and back issues.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions—Statistics; Vital Statistics

Publication(s): *MMWR CDC Surveillance Summaries*, HE 20.7009/2:

MMWR Recommendation and Reports, HE 20.7009/2-2:

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, HE 20.7009:

1276. National Center for Health Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

Description: NCHS is the lead agency for U.S. health statistics. Major sections of the site cover NCHS surveys and data collection, publications derived from the data, and downloadable data sets and data analysis tools. Major surveys conducted by NCHS include the National Health Care Survey (NHCS), National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), and the National Immunization Survey (NIS). NCHS also maintains the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS). The NCHS home page features FASTATS for easy access to statistics by topic or geography.

NCHS Web site menus provide a layered access to data and reports—from raw data to prepared fact sheets. The home page makes it easy to find the most frequently used information.

Subject(s): Health and Safety—Statistics; Health Care—Statistics; Vital Statistics

Publication(s): *Health, United States*, HE 20.7042/6:

ICD.9.CM International Classification of Diseases, HE 22.41/2:

Life Tables, HE 20.6215:

National Hospital Discharge Survey, HE 20.6209/7:

National Vital Statistics Report, HE 20.6217:

NCHS Catalog of University Presentations, HE 20.6225:

Vital and Health Statistics, HE 20.6209:

Where to Write for Vital Records, HE 20.6210/2:

1277. National Health Information Center (NHIC)

<http://www.health.gov/nhic/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Public Health and Science Office—Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Office

Description: NHIC, a health information referral service, produces this Web site featuring health information for health professionals and consumers. The Health Information Resource Database includes about 1,400 organizations and government offices that provide health information upon request. The Publications area has information on Healthy People 2010, the annual National Health Observances, and a list of toll-free numbers for health information.

NHIC also supports the healthfinder® Web site; health care consumers will want to check that site for additional information.

Subject(s): Health Promotion

Publication(s): *Federal Health Information Centers and Clearinghouses*, HE 20.34/2:IN 3/2/

National Health Observances, HE 20.2:H 34/

1278. National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)

<http://www.naric.com/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department—Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Office—National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)

Description: Funded by NIDRR, the National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) collects and disseminates the results of federally funded research projects in the area of disability and rehabilitation. The site tailors this information for three audiences: the general public, researchers, and NIDRR grantees. The Researchers section includes REHABDATA, an extensive database of literature abstracts covering physical, mental, and psychiatric disabilities; independent living; vocational rehabilitation; special education; assistive technology; and other issues related to people with disabilities. REHABDATA also has the full-text access of original research documents that are the direct result of government-funded research.

Subject(s): Disabilities—Research

Publication(s): *NIDRR Program Directory*, ED 1.215:

1279. National Women's Health Information Center (NWHIC)

<http://www.4woman.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Public Health and Science Office—Women's Health Office

Description: NWHIC is designed as a gateway to health information particularly relevant to women. The Web site promotes the NWHIC's Call Center, at 1-800-994-

WOMAN (1-800-994-9662), or 1-888-220-5446 for the hearing impaired. The site covers topics such as pregnancy, breast cancer, menopause, and women's health as it relates to concerns such as heart disease and quitting smoking. Other sections discuss funding opportunities in women's health, women's health statistics, and information for health professionals. Some information is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Health Promotion; Women

Publication(s): *Healthy Women Today*

1280. NLM Gateway

<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Cmd>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: The NLM Gateway provides “one-stop searching” for many of NLM's information resources and databases. Using this site, visitors can simultaneously search multiple retrieval systems. Major databases searched by the NLM Gateway include Medline/PubMed, NLM Book Catalog, ClinicalTrials.gov, DIRLINE (directory of health organizations), MedlinePlus (consumer health information), Hazardous Substances Data Bank, and Health Services Research Projects.

Subject(s): Medical Information; Databases

1281. PubMed

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: PubMed is part of the Entrez Retrieval System operated by NLM's National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). It searches more than 16 million citations to biomedical literature from the 1950s onward. The citations are from Medline and additional life science sources. PubMed also includes links to sites providing full-text articles and other related resources. Other PubMed services include Journal Browser, MeSH (Medical Subject Heading Browser), Citation Matcher, Clinical Queries (for physicians), and LinkOut, which links to a wide variety of relevant Web-accessible online resources.

PubMed is a central resource for searching life sciences literature.

Subject(s): Medical Information; Medline

1282. PubMed Central

<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: PubMed Central (PMC) is a free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature. Participating journals deposit their content with PMC, but copyright is retained by the journal or authors (as appropriate). Articles can be searched by keyword, author, or journal title. The About PMC and For Publishers sections of the site explain the site's content development policies and procedures. An RSS feed provides news on new journals added to PMC.

Subject(s): Biological Medicine—Research; Life Sciences—Research

1283. Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program

<http://seer.cancer.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: The SEER program collects and publishes cancer incidence and survival data from a number of population-based cancer registries. Its data and publications

are available on this Web site. The Cancer Statistics section provides an introduction to cancer statistics and access to simplified quick reference tools, such as Fast Stats and State Cancer Profiles. The Datasets and Tools section links to the SEER Public Use Data, statistical software resources, and supporting materials.

Subject(s): Cancer—Statistics

Publication(s): *SEER Cancer Statistics Review*, HE 20.3186:

United States Cancer Statistics, HE 20.7045:

1284. TOXNET

<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: TOXNET is a group of databases on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, and related areas. The site allows users to search the databases separately or together. Hosted databases include the Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB), Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information Service (CCRIS), Drugs and Lactation Database (LactMed), TOXLINE's Toxicology Bibliographic Information, and the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology Database (DART). The site also links to TOXMAP, an NLM service that maps the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data.

Subject(s): Chemical Information; Toxic Substances

1285. United States Renal Data System (USRDS)

<http://www.usrds.org/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK)

Description: USRDS is a national data system that collects, analyzes, and distributes information about end-stage renal disease (ESRD) in the United States. The organization's work is funded by Department of Health and Human Services agencies—the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The site includes an annual data report on end-stage renal disease in the United States and the Renal Data Extraction and Referencing (RenDER) System database.

Subject(s): Kidney Disease—Statistics

Publication(s): *United States Renal Data System, Annual Data Report*, HE 20.3325:

1286. Visible Human Project®

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/visible/visible_human.html

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: NLM's Visible Human Project® has created digital image data sets of the normal male and female human body. The site includes detailed information on the project and on other projects based on the visible human data set. It provides information on how to obtain the data, including the license agreement.

Subject(s): Human Anatomy and Physiology; Medical Computing

1287. VitalStats

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/VitalStats.htm>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

Description: VitalStats is a central location for data on births and perinatal mortality.

A section on death data was under development at the time of this volume's publication.

Subject(s): Health Care—Statistics; Vital Statistics

Medicine and Medical Devices

1288. Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research

<http://www.fda.gov/cber/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)

Description: CBER regulates biological and related products, including blood and devices used in the collection, storage, and testing of blood and blood components. The Web site covers such topics as vaccines, gene therapy, allergenics, tissue, and medical devices. The Products section of the site includes information on product approvals, recalls and withdrawals, and safety issues. The Consumer and Industry sections provide information relevant to those two groups.

Subject(s): Medicine and Medical Devices—Regulations

Publication(s): *Center for Biologics Evaluation & Research Annual Report*, HE 20.4801:

1289. Center for Devices and Radiological Health

<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH)

Description: CDRH is concerned with the safety and regulation of medical devices and electronic products that produce radiation. Major sections of the Web site include Health Topics, with consumer information, recalls, and product alerts; Industry Assistance, with guidance documents and standards; Device Program Areas, with current initiatives and statutory information; and Radiological Health, including facts about mammographies and CT scans. A section on Information Resources includes databases, laws, and regulations. The databases include a listing of medical devices in commercial distribution, a directory of FDA-certified mammography facilities, and the searchable text of Title 21 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, which covers food and drugs.

Subject(s): Medical Devices—Regulations; Radiation—Regulations

1290. Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

Description: CDER is charged with ensuring that safe and effective drugs are available to the American people. The CDER Web site features a number of resources on pharmaceuticals, including the “Orange Book” of approved drugs, a list of current drug shortages, and the *National Drug Code Directory*. CDER's Drug Information Pathfinder page links to Web resources on such topics as drug approvals, drug development, and buying drugs on the Internet. The Regulatory Guidance section of the site includes relevant laws, regulations, forms, and policies. A Specific Audiences section includes material for consumers and some Spanish-language content.

Subject(s): Pharmaceuticals

Publication(s): *Electronic Orange Book: Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, HE 20.4715:

National Drug Code Directory, HE 20.4012:

1291. DailyMed

<http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: DailyMed provides FDA-approved labels (package insert information) for over 3,400 marketed drugs. Label information can be e-mailed from the site or all drug labels can be downloaded at once. DailyMed also has an RSS feed for notification of updates to the database.

Subject(s): Pharmaceuticals

1292. Drug Information Portal

<http://druginfo.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: The Drug Information Portal serves as a starting point for finding information about prescription and over-the-counter drugs. It includes drugs from the time they are entered into clinical trials through their entry in the U.S. marketplace. The portal can be searched by brand or generic drug name or by category, such as antibiotics. Search results provide links to information on the drug provided on government Web sites and databases from the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies.

Subject(s): Pharmaceuticals

1293. Drugs@FDA

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

Description: Drugs@FDA has information on U.S. approved and tentatively approved prescription and over-the-counter drugs intended for human use. It also has information on drugs removed from the U.S. market for reasons besides safety or effectiveness. Drugs@FDA can be used to find labels for approved drugs, generic drug products for a brand name drug, therapeutically equivalent drug products for a brand name or generic drug product, consumer information for drugs approved from 1998 onward, drugs with a specific active ingredient, and the approval history of a drug. The Web site also offers a downloadable file of the Drugs@FDA database.

Subject(s): Over-the-Counter Drugs; Pharmaceuticals

1294. Electronic Orange Book

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/ob/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

Description: This online version of *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, known as the FDA *Orange Book*, includes information on prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and discontinued drugs. Users can search by the following categories: Active Ingredient, Applicant Holder, Proprietary Name, Patent Number, or Application Number. The result categories include Active Ingredient, Dosage Form and Route, Applicant Holder, Proprietary Name, Strength, Application Number, Therapeutic Equivalents, and Reference Listed Drug. The Patent Search page can also display recently added patents and patent delistings.

This is a useful database for verifying FDA approval of a drug and for determining the length of time for which it has been approved. Read the Frequently Asked

Questions section for important information about how often the database is updated.

Subject(s): Pharmaceuticals

Publication(s): *Approved Drug Product with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (Orange Book)*, HE 20.4715:

1295. FDA Notices of Judgment Collection

<http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/fdanj/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: As described on the site, “The FDA Notices of Judgment Collection is a digital archive of the published notices of judgment for products seized under authority of the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act.” The collection spans 1906 to 1963. At this time, the collection covers the legal document related to drugs and drug devices; NLM plans to expand the collection to cover other products covered under the Act.

Subject(s): Health Products—Laws; Medicine and Medical Devices—Regulations

1296. Food and Drug Administration

<http://www.fda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Description: The FDA regulates the quality and safety of food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, biologics (such as vaccines), animal feed, veterinary drugs, and radiation-emitting products (such as tanning lamps). The FDA Web site features news, safety alerts, product recalls, statutes and regulations, and a variety of paths to information on its regulated product areas. Press release, recall notices, and alerts are available as RSS feeds. The site links to the specialized offices that make up the FDA, the FDA field offices, and the FDA advisory committees. Specific sections of the Web site are tailored to consumers, industry, health professionals, and state and local officials. Some consumer health publications are available in Spanish.

The FDA site is well designed, with multiple paths to find all of the information the agency provides on the Web. Use the A-Z index to find specific information quickly.

Subject(s): Food—Regulations; Pharmaceuticals—Regulations

Publication(s): *FDA Compliance Program Guidance Manual*, HE 20.4008:
FDA Enforcement Reports, HE 20.4039:

1297. MedWatch: FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Description: MedWatch provides information and alerts about the safety of medical products to both health care professionals and the public. MedWatch also allows both of these groups to report problems related to medical products to the FDA. The site includes the sections About MedWatch, Safety Information, Submit a Report, How To Report, and Download Forms. Users can also subscribe to receive MedWatch alerts by e-mail or RSS feed.

Subject(s): Medicine and Medical Devices—Regulations

1298. Office of Nonprescription Products

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/offices/otc/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

Description: The FDA's Office of Nonprescription Products Web site has information for consumers, health professionals, and industry about nonprescription drugs. For consumers, it has educational information about over-the-counter (OTC) medicine, a section called Frequently Asked Questions on the Regulatory Process of OTC Drugs, and important news releases. For industry, it offers regulatory information and the latest OTC Drug Review Ingredient Status Report. The health professionals' section has information on pharmacy compounding and online reporting of problems with medical products.

The upper and side navigation aids on this site are for the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, making the Web browser's back button the best way to navigate within the Office of Nonprescription Products content.

Subject(s): Over-the-Counter Drugs

1299. Vaccines and Immunizations

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)

Description: This CDC Web site provides information on immunization and vaccine safety for the general public, parents, travelers, health care professionals, local governments, immunization program managers, and others. It includes immunization schedules and information on vaccine safety and vaccination records. The site also has information on requirements and laws, and recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The Statistics and Surveillance section has data from the National Immunization Survey and other sources. Publications include *Vaccine Information Statements* and the *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases*, known as the *Pink Book*. The site is also available in Spanish.

The National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), which maintains this site, was established in 2007, replacing the National Immunization Program (NIP).

This CDC site provides organized access to a tremendous amount of information on vaccines and immunizations. It should be a first stop for general research in this area.

Subject(s): Immunization

Publication(s): *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (Pink Book)*, HE 20.7970:

Vaccine Information Statements, HE 20.7962:

Nutrition

1300. Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)

Description: CFSAN is responsible for the safety and proper labeling of food and cosmetics. The site has information on national food safety programs, food facility

registration, consumer advice, information for industry, and updates on food and cosmetics laws and regulations. The Program Areas section of the site covers such topics as biotechnology, cosmetics, dietary supplements, food labeling and nutrition, foodborne illness, import and exports, pesticides and chemical contaminants, and seafood (including a Regulatory Fish Encyclopedia). The site links to information on inspections, compliance, enforcements, and recalls. The site also covers the food safety provisions of the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-188) and other food safety programs.

The CFSAN site provides relevant and practical content for consumers, industry, health professionals, legal experts, and others.

Subject(s): Food Safety; Cosmetics—Regulations

Publication(s): *Food Code*, HE 20.4002:

Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List, HE 20.4014:

Regulatory Fish Encyclopedia, HE 20.4002:

The Bad Bug Book: Foodborne Pathogenic Microorganisms and Natural Toxins Handbook, HE 20.4508:

1301. Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

<http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)

Description: CNPP is the focal point within USDA for scientific research linked with the nutritional needs of the public. Project links include *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, the Health Eating Index, MyPyramid Food Guidance (also available in Spanish), and *Nutrient Content of the U.S. Food Supply*.

Subject(s): Dietary Guidelines; Nutrition

Publication(s): *Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Levels*, A 98.19/2:

Dietary Guidelines for Americans, A 1.77:232/

Expenditures on Children by Families: Annual Report, A 1.38:

Nutrient Content of the U.S. Food Supply, A 1.87:55

1302. Dietary Supplements Labels Database

<http://dietarysupplements.nlm.nih.gov/dietary/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: This database provides ingredient and health claim information from the product labels of over 3,000 selected brands of dietary supplements. The information can be searched or browsed by brand name, active ingredient, and manufacturer. The database also links to ingredient fact sheets (when available). The site links to warnings and recalls from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and provides helpful background information on dietary supplements.

Subject(s): Dietary Supplements

1303. Food and Nutrition Information Center

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: The Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC) Web site provides consumer information on food, food safety, nutrition, and food labels. Categories include Dietary Guidance, Diet and Disease, Food Composition, and Weight and Obesity. The site highlights FNIC resources such as the Healthy Meals Resource

System for Child Nutrition Professionals and the Food Stamp Nutrition Connection for nutrition educators.

Subject(s): Nutrition

1304. Fruits and Veggies Matter

<http://www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Description: This health promotion Web site touts the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables. It includes tips, recipes, promotional publications, and information for health professionals.

Subject(s): Fruit; Nutrition; Vegetables

1305. MyPyramid.gov

<http://www.mypyramid.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)

Description: MyPyramid.gov is the central promotional Web site for the USDA's food guidance system. A colorful pyramid symbol represents the recommended proportion of foods from each food group. The MyPyramid Plan is an interactive tool that provides quick dietary recommendations. MyPyramid Tracker is a more in-depth dietary and physical activity assessment tool. In a section for nutrition education professionals, the site has further information and downloadable charts and brochures in PDF format. The News and Media section has background information and downloadable graphics. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Nutrition

Publication(s): *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, A 1.77:232/

1306. Nutrition.gov

<http://www.nutrition.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: Nutrition.gov is a portal Web site for government information on nutrition. It organizes links to nutrition information from many federal agencies into sections such as Smart Nutrition 101, Weight Management, Dietary Supplements, and Food Assistance Programs. The In The News section carries announcements of new publications, Web sites, and events. The site serves consumers, nutrition educators, health providers, and researchers.

This resource is an example of the federal initiative to organize information across agencies. Users can locate nutrition information on the Web without first knowing the agency responsible for posting the information.

Subject(s): Nutrition

1307. Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS)

<http://ods.od.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—Office of Dietary Supplements

Description: ODS promotes scientific research in the area of dietary supplements. The Web site describes ODS programs, research, and funding. ODS does not have granting authority but cosponsors research with other institutes. In the Research section, the ODS Web site provides resources such as the Computer Access to Research on Dietary Supplements Database (CARDS) and International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements (IBIDS). The Health Information section has information for the consumer, including information on health claims and

labeling. The site also offers helpful fact sheets on dietary supplements, including botanical supplements, vitamins, and minerals.

This site provides extensive information for health professionals and consumers. The ODS booklet “How to Evaluate Health Information on the Internet: Questions and Answers” should be of assistance to many consumers—even beyond those with an interest in dietary supplements.

Subject(s): Dietary Supplements; Nutrition—Research

1308. SNAP-Ed Connection

<http://snap.nal.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: The SNAP-Ed Connection Web site is designed for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) nutrition education providers, but it includes excellent resources for users looking for nutrition information. The Resource Library section has a Resource Finder database of educational and training materials on topics such as dietary guidelines, meal planning, safe food storage, and weight control. The site also has a recipe database of recipes submitted by nutrition and health professionals. Other materials on the site, such as state program links and professional development materials, will primarily be of interest to the site’s intended audience of Food Stamp Program nutrition educators.

Subject(s): Nutrition; Recipes

1309. WIC Works Resource System

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: This site offers resources for state-based professionals facilitating the USDA’s Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (known as WIC). WIC Works is a clearinghouse for educational and promotional materials about nutrition for WIC program clients.

Subject(s): Nutrition

Safety

1310. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC)

<http://www.1af.acc.af.mil/units/afrec/>

Sponsor(s): Air Force—Air Combat Command (ACC)

Description: The AFRCC is the single federal agency responsible for coordinating search and rescue (SAR) activities in the continental United States. AFRCC also coordinates search and rescue agreements, plans, and policy. This Web site describes their structure and operations. The SAR Links section includes Web links to other federal and private search and rescue organizations. AFRCC annual reports provide detailed reporting and statistics on the previous year’s missions.

Subject(s): Search and Rescue

1311. ATVSafety.gov

<http://www.atvsafety.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

Description: This site provides safety tips for using all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). It also has national and state injury statistics and information on state laws regarding ATVs.

Subject(s): Vehicle Safety

1312. CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: This CDC portal site links to a broad range of practical information about health and safety emergencies. Major categories are Bioterrorism, Chemical Emergencies, Radiation Emergencies, Mass Casualties, Natural Disasters and Severe Weather, and Recent Outbreaks and Incidents. The site also links to resources such as the CDC Laboratory Response Network, Disaster Mental Health, Surveillance, and Training and Education for Emergency Preparedness. Versions of the site in Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, and other languages focus on information for a general audience.

Subject(s): Disaster Preparedness

1313. Disaster Information Management Research Center

<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc.html>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: Disaster Information Management Research Center provides disaster health information resources and research to assist public health officials, healthcare providers, special populations, and the public. The Web site has information on the program and links to resources on topics such as public health preparedness for mass gatherings and disaster recovery and environmental health.

Subject(s): Disaster Assistance; Public Health

1314. DisasterAssistance.gov

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Description: DisasterAssistance.gov is the federal government's portal to information about disaster assistance and services from state and federal government and from nongovernment sources. It is meant to help both the general public and first responders (such as local police, fire, and rescue squads). The site also has advice and referrals for Americans affected by disaster when in a foreign country.

Subject(s): Disaster Assistance

1315. FireSafety.gov

<http://www.firesafety.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)—Homeland Security Department—Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—U.S. Fire Administration

Description: FireSafety.gov is the product of an interagency collaboration to increase awareness of fire dangers and fire prevention. The site has information for citizens (home safety and statistics), fire services (data and technology), the media (information resources), and kids (safety tips). The site also provides news of products recalled due to their fire risk.

Subject(s): Fire Prevention

1316. Food Safety

http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/food_safety.htm

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Description: This site compiles information on food safety and security related to the assistance programs administered by FNS. Linked resources include the USDA/FNS Commodity Alert System, Guidance for School Food Authorities, and the latest food product recall information.

Subject(s): Food Safety

1317. Food Safety and Inspection Service

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

Description: FSIS is the public health regulatory agency in the USDA responsible for ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled. Major topics covered by the FSIS Web site include food safety education, food safety science, regulations and policies, FSIS recalls, and food defense and emergency response. The Regulations section has information on federal and state inspection programs, compliance assistance, news on food safety issues in the United States, and background on the Codex Alimentarius Commission (the international mechanism for guarding safety in food trade). The FSIS Recalls section lists current food recalls, which are voluntary actions by a manufacturer or distributor. It also has information on how to report a food problem. The site has numerous fact sheets covering such topics as safe food handling, food labeling, and meat, poultry, and egg preparation. Other publications can be found in the FOIA Electronic Reading Room section, which is linked from the bottom of the page. The site is also available in Spanish.

For users concerned with food safety issues, this site offers easy access to relevant information.

Subject(s): Food Safety

Publication(s): *Be FoodSafe: FSIS Magazine*, A 110.19:

Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book, A 110.18:

1318. Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

Description: This HUD office works to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in privately owned and low-income housing. The site focuses on regulations, enforcement, grants information, technical training, and technical studies and guidelines. It also includes information on mold and moisture.

Subject(s): Home Maintenance; Lead Poisoning

1319. Household Products Database

<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: This database of over 6,000 brand-name household products provides information on the chemicals the products contain, any ill effects those chemicals may cause, and what first aid steps should be taken if necessary. It also provides the manufacturer's toll-free number, the products' health and flammability ratings, and tips for handling and disposal. The database can be searched by product or ingredi-

ent. Product sections include Auto Products, Pesticides, Landscape/Yard, Inside the Home (cleansers, paints, etc.), and more.

Subject(s): Chemical Information; Product Safety

Publication(s): *Material Safety Data Sheets*, D 5.302:

1320. Lead in Paint, Dust, and Soil

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Office

Description: This EPA Web site provides information on lead poisoning and where lead is likely to be a hazard. The site also has relevant regulations, guidelines for professionals who deal with lead-based paint, information on the National Lead Information Center hotline, and links to other EPA resources on lead hazards. Basic information about lead poisoning is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Lead Poisoning

1321. National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

<http://www.cdc.gov/injury/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

Description: NCIPC seeks to reduce morbidity, disability, mortality, and costs associated with injuries outside the workplace. Its Web site features data and statistics, fact sheets, research and funding information, and publications. Topical categories include Injury Response, Violence Prevention, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Motor Vehicle Safety. The site's WISQARS (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System) database provides customized reports of injury-related data. The Data and Statistics section also links to a national inventory of injury data systems.

Subject(s): Injuries; Safety

1322. U.S. Fire Administration

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—U.S. Fire Administration

Description: As part of FEMA, the U.S. Fire Administration works to reduce life and economic losses due to fire, arson, and related emergencies. The Web site has current fire news and information on firefighter fatalities, fire statistics, and the National Fire Department Census Database. It also features a searchable database of hotels and motels that meet fire and life federal safety requirements. Major sections are designed for specific audiences: Fire Service (career and volunteer fire services); Students and Instructors (National Fire Academy); Citizens (prevention and safety information); and News Media (press releases). The section for Fire Services includes grants and funding information, the National Fire Incident Reporting System, and professional development resources. A version of the site is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Fire Prevention; Firefighting—Grants

Publication(s): *Fire in the United States*, FEM 1.117:

Firefighter Fatalities, FEM 1.116:

1323. www.FoodSafety.gov

<http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)

Description: FoodSafety.gov is a gateway to selected food safety-related information on government Web sites. Information is organized under sections such as Consumer Advice; News and Safety Alerts; Kids, Teens, and Educators; Industry Assistance; Report Illnesses and Product Complaints; Foodborne Pathogens; National Food Safety Programs; and Federal and State Government Agencies. The Language button leads to a page of links to food safety information available in languages other than English.

Subject(s): Food Safety

CHAPTER 14

International Relations

This chapter includes a number of Web sites from the State Department and other agencies whose work involves international assistance, immigration control, diplomacy, or other topics related to the U.S. role in the world. The field of international relations often intersects with those of defense and commerce. Researchers may want to check the Defense and Intelligence chapter and the International Trade section of the Business and Economics chapter for additional Web sites of interest. Also, the Education chapter has a section on International Education.

Subsections in this chapter are Arms Control, Country Information, Diplomacy, Foreign Policy, International Migration and Travel, and International Relations.

Arms Control

1324. Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation

<http://www.state.gov/t/isn/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—International Security and Nonproliferation Bureau

Description: The Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation (ISN) is responsible for managing a broad range of nonproliferation, counterproliferation, and arms control functions. ISN was formed in 2005, from the merger of the former Bureau of Arms Control and Bureau of Nonproliferation. ISN component offices include the Office of Chemical and Biological Weapons Threat Reduction, the Office of Conventional Arms Threat Reduction, the Office of Missile Threat Reduction, and the Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism; all of these offices are described on the Web site. The site also has information about nonproliferation sanctions, export controls, relevant international treaties and agreements, the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund, and the Secretary of State's International Security Advisory Board.

Subject(s): Arms Control; Nonproliferation

1325. Bureau of Verification, Compliance, and Implementation

<http://www.state.gov/t/vci/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Verification, Compliance, and Implementation Bureau

Description: The Bureau of Verification, Compliance, and Implementation (VCI) works to ensure compliance with international arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament agreements and commitments. Its Web site includes information about the VCI's Nuclear Risk Reduction Center, the communications channel for formal notifications made between the United States and other countries under the terms of arms control treaties. The site also links to the text of relevant treaties and agreements.

Subject(s): Arms Control; Nonproliferation

1326. Chemical Weapons Convention Web Site

<http://www.cwc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)

Description: This Web site brings together background information, regulations, documents, and reports related to U.S. compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention. The treaty affects U.S. private industries that produce, process, consume, import, or export dual-use chemicals that could be used to produce chemical weapons. The Declarations section of the site includes handbooks and forms to assist companies with compliance. More publications are available in the Outreach section.

Subject(s): Chemical Warfare

1327. Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund

<http://www.state.gov/t/isn/ndf/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Nonproliferation Bureau

Description: The Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund (NDF) was established to enable quick responses to stop the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons; weapons of mass destruction; and advanced conventional weapons. The NDF Web site provides basic information on the fund, its legal authority, and projects.

Subject(s): Arms Control; Nonproliferation

Publication(s): *NDF Annual Report*

Country Information

1328. Background Notes

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: This popular publication series of brief country profiles comes from the Department of State. Each country edition of *Background Notes* is consistently formatted and contains facts and narrative on aspects of the geography, people, history, government, political conditions, economy, foreign relations, U.S. relations, and travel/business conditions. The site links to the profiles through an alphabetical list of countries; each profile shows the date of its latest revision. Click on the name of the country at the top of each profile to see a country map, flag, and the additional information (which typically consists of links to major State Department reports and releases about the country).

The *Background Notes* series is useful for bringing together basic historical, political, social, and economic information for each country, and the online version's HTML format makes it easy to link to referenced resources. However, be sure to check the date of the latest revision for each country; there may have been significant changes in a country since the last update.

Subject(s): Foreign Countries

Publication(s): *Background Notes (various countries)*, S 1.123:

1329. Country Studies: Area Handbook Series

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: These books, alternatively known as *Country Studies* or *Army Area Handbooks*, are excellent sources of detailed—if dated—information on other countries. Each publication in the series covers a particular foreign country, describing

and analyzing its political, economic, social, and national security systems and institutions and examining the interrelationships of those systems and the ways they are shaped by cultural factors. Each study was written by a multidisciplinary team of social scientists. Intended as background material for the U.S. Army, the series includes such countries as North Korea and Kazakhstan but does not cover Canada, France, or Italy. This site offers full-text search capabilities across all or any combination of the available books. It recently added the *Country Profiles* series, which consists of summary reports that are typically 20 pages long and much more current than the in-depth *Country Studies*.

Many *Country Studies* have not been updated for at least 10 years because the Army discontinued funding for the project. The Web site's FAQ section notes that funding has been restored and that the series will be updated in the future.

Although these books have not been updated to reflect current events, they remain valuable reference tools for the cultural and historical information they provide. Each study also includes a selective bibliography for further research. Due to the unique publication history of the *Country Studies*, the FAQ section should be consulted as a reference.

Subject(s): Foreign Countries

Publication(s): *Country Studies Series*

1330. Portals to the World

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: This directory of Web sites provides links to information about and from over 200 countries and territories. The links have been selected by regional specialists at the Library of Congress. For each country, links are organized under informational topics such as business, culture, media, libraries, national security, and search engines.

Portals to the World provides a much more efficient path than general search engines for finding country information on the Internet.

Subject(s): Foreign Countries; Finding Aids

1331. World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Sponsor(s): Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

Description: The CIA's *World Factbook* is a standard reference for country information. Information and data on the site is updated throughout the year. For each country, the *World Factbook* provides a map, a color image of the national flag, and a profile that includes reference information about the country's geography, population, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues. The *World Factbook* has prepared tables ranking the countries on certain numerical data, such as total population. Appendixes include an extensive list of international organizations and acronyms and a conversion table for weights and measures.

Given its authority and frequent updates, the *World Factbook* Web site is a recommended online reference tool. Users should consult the Guide to Country Profiles section and the FAQ section to make the best use of the *World Factbook*.

Subject(s): Foreign Countries

Publication(s): *World Factbook*, PREX 3.15:

1332. World News Connection®

<http://wnc.fedworld.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://wnc.dialog.com>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Technical Information Service (NTIS)—Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)—Open Source Center (OSC)

Description: The World News Connection® is a fee- and subscription-based service that features news and information from thousands of non-U.S. media sources. All items in this service have been translated into English. Content includes newspaper articles, conference proceedings, television and radio broadcasts, periodicals, and non-classified technical reports. The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS), a U.S. intelligence service, has been translating open-source foreign news reports for over 60 years. FBIS was absorbed into the newly created CIA Open Source Center in 2005. NTIS now secures copyright permission and pays royalty fees to originating news sources in order to make their full-text translations available online through World News Connection®. Access to World News Connection® is available through Dialog, a subsidiary of the Thomson Corporation (see the alternate URL listed above).

This site is a very useful service for a number of audiences, but the cost of subscriptions keeps most of the general public away. The equivalent Web source maintained by the CIA at <http://www.opensource.gov> is not available to the public.

Subject(s): News Media—International

Diplomacy

1333. America.gov

<http://www.america.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—International Information Programs Office

Description: America.gov is designed to inform citizens of other countries about U.S. foreign policy, current events, and culture. The site has current U.S. news and sections on American life, the economy, global challenges (energy, environment, human rights), and international relations. The publications section of America.gov includes themed online books, such as independent journalism and the U.S. civil rights movement, and the monthly *eJournal USA*. The Multimedia section includes webcasts, online chats, blogs, and video. In addition to English, America.gov is available in Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese, Persian, and Arabic.

Subject(s): United States

1334. Bureau of Diplomatic Security

<http://www.state.gov/m/ds/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Diplomatic Security Bureau

Description: The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) is the security and law enforcement arm of the Department of State. DS manages the security programs that protect U.S. personnel working in U.S. diplomatic missions around the world. DS also assists foreign embassies and consulates in the United States with security and manages immunity issues for foreign diplomats in the United States. They investigate passport and visa fraud and manage the Department of State's personnel security clearance program. The Web site describes each aspect of the DS mission in detail and provides current information about its activities. The News section includes

press releases, publications, congressional testimony, photos, and other background information.

Subject(s): Terrorism

Publication(s): *Antiterrorism Assistance Program: Report to Congress for Fiscal Year . . .*, S 1.138/3:

1335. Department of State

<http://www.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The home page of the Department of State Web site features current news, scrolling headlines, and videos of recent department events. The Web site has a subject index, and a site map appears at the bottom of the home page. Information on the Web site is organized into several major sections: Press; Travel; Careers; Business; Youth and Education; and About State. The Press section links to information by issue area, such as Afghanistan or Iraq. The Press section also links to the department's Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs sites and to speeches, briefings, press releases, publications, and podcasts offered by the State Department. The Travel section covers passports, visas, and international travel warnings. The Business section covers trade issues and State support for businesses. The Youth and Education section includes information on educational and cultural exchange programs, State Department and U.S. diplomatic history, and links to resources for teachers. The About State section includes biographies of State Department officials, organizational information, department publications, and directories such as Key Officers at Foreign Service Posts and U.S. Embassies and Consulates.

This Web site's extensive subject index is helpful for users searching for information on a particular country, service, program, or publication.

Subject(s): Diplomacy; Foreign Policy

Publication(s): *Annual Report on International Religious Freedom*, S 1.151:

Background Notes, S 1.123

Battling International Bribery, S 1.2:B 31/

Country Commercial Guides, S 1.40/7:

Country Reports on Economic Policy and Trade Practices, Y 4.IN 8/16:C 83/

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, Y 4.IN 8/16-15:

Country Reports on Terrorism, S 1.138:

Diplomatic List, S 1.8:

English Teaching Forum, S 21.15:

Foreign Affairs Manual & Foreign Affairs Handbooks, S 1.40/2:

Foreign Consular Offices in the United States, S 1.69/2:

Foreign Relations of the United States, S 1.1:

Foreign Terrorist Organizations, S 1.2:

International Narcotics Control Strategy Reports, S 1.146:

Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts, S 1.40/5:

Maximum Travel Per Diem Allowances for Foreign Areas, S 1.76/3-2:

Patterns of Global Terrorism, S 1.138:

Semiannual Report to Congress, Office of Inspector General, S 1.1/6:

Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas), S 1.76/3:

State Magazine, S 1.118:

Telephone Directory, S 1.21:

Treaties in Force, S 9.14:

Treaty Actions, S 9.14/2:

U.S. Department of State Indexes of Living Costs Abroad, Quarters Allowances and Hardship Differentials, S 1.76/4:

United States Participation in the United Nations, S 1.70/8:

Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act: Trafficking in Persons Report, S 1.152:

1336. DipNote

<http://blogs.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: DipNote is the State Department's official blog. The term "DipNote" refers to a diplomatic note, a form for communication between national governments. Blog entries are regularly written by employees in many different sections of State, including foreign service offers posted abroad, ambassadors, and headquarters staff. Comments are permitted.

Subject(s): Diplomacy; Blogs

1337. DOSFAN Electronic Research Collection

<http://dosfan.lib.uic.edu/ERC/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—University of Illinois at Chicago Library

Description: The University of Illinois at Chicago's library, in partnership with the Federal Depository Library Program and the Department of State, has collected archived electronic documents from the State Department. It has also preserved the Web sites of the former U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the U.S. Information Agency (USIA), and the Iraq Coalition Provisional Authority.

Subject(s): Foreign Policy; Government Publications

Publication(s): *ACDA Annual Report to Congress*, AC 1.1:

Dispatch, S 1.3/5

United States Information Agency: A Commemoration

World Military Expenditures, AC 1.16:

1338. Frontline Diplomacy: Foreign Affairs Oral History Collection

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/diplomacy/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: Part of the Library of Congress American Memory online collection, this set of interview transcripts is entitled "Frontline Diplomacy: The Foreign Affairs Oral History Collection of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training." The interviews with State Department Foreign Service officers and other officials are mostly from the 1940s to the 1990s. The collection can be searched by word or browsed by topic or author.

Subject(s): Diplomacy—History

1339. International Broadcasting Bureau

<http://www.ibb.gov/>

Sponsor(s): International Broadcasting Bureau

Description: The International Broadcasting Bureau provides administrative and engineering support for U.S. government-funded, nonmilitary international broadcast services. IBB is supervised by the Broadcasting Board of Governors, established as an independent federal entity in 1999. The IBB provides support for Voice of America (VOA), Radio Free Europe, Radio Free Asia, Radio Sawa (Arabic language), Alhurra TV (Arabic), and Radio/TV Martí broadcasts. The IBB Web site covers each of these services.

Subject(s): Broadcasting—International

1340. Japan-US Friendship Commission

<http://www.jusfc.gov/index.asp>

Sponsor(s): Japan-United States Friendship Commission

Description: The Japan-United States Friendship Commission (JUSFC) is an independent agency that administers a trust fund for promoting scholarly, cultural, and public affairs activities between the two countries. Its Web site has information on JUSFC grants, fellowships, and the Creative Artists Program.

Subject(s): Culture—Grants; International Education—Grants; Japan

1341. Office of the Chief of Protocol

<http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: This Web site details the varied responsibilities of the Department of State's chief of protocol and features information about major diplomatic events both in the United States and abroad. Reference material on the site includes: a list of visits to the United States by foreign heads of state, from 1874 to present; the Diplomatic List, accredited diplomatic officers of foreign embassies within the United States; a directory of foreign consular offices in the United States; and a Protocol FAQ section that addresses such questions as "What is the order of display for the U.S. flag and a flag of a foreign nation?"

Subject(s): Diplomacy

Publication(s): *Diplomatic List*, S 1.8:

Foreign Consular Offices in the United States, S 1.69/2:

1342. Open World Leadership Center

<http://www.openworld.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Open World Leadership Center

Description: The Open World Leadership Center enables emerging political and civic leaders from Russia and other Eurasian countries to work with their U.S. counterparts. Open World also sponsors a cultural program. The Open World Leadership Center was established in the Library of Congress. This Web site provides information about the program and its exchanges.

Subject(s): Cultural Exchanges; Russia

1343. Peace Corps

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Peace Corps

Description: The Peace Corps sends volunteers to developing areas of the world to help communities in these areas meet their basic needs and to promote mutual understanding. Its Web site focuses on providing information on the Peace Corps experience for potential volunteers, with information about the application process, benefits, and safety. Other targeted audiences include family and friends of volunteers, returned volunteers, teachers and students, and donors. For a wider audience, the Web site's Library section shares the program materials used to train staff in areas such as cultural awareness, teaching English, and community development.

The Peace Corps Web site is well designed and full of accessible information for both applicants and the general public.

Subject(s): Foreign Assistance; Volunteerism

1344. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

<http://www.usaid.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agency for International Development (USAID)

Description: USAID is an independent agency that provides economic development and humanitarian assistance around the world. The USAID Web site has information about the agency, its work and locations, policy documents, press releases, contracting and acquisition opportunities, and agency employment. Its many program areas include HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, democracy and governance training, Food for Peace, American Schools and Hospitals Abroad, literacy, microenterprise development, and the Denton Program for transporting humanitarian donations on U.S. military cargo planes. Information about these and other programs is provided in the Our Work section.

Key USAID documents are listed in the About USAID section and include the *U.S. Overseas Loans and Grants, Obligations and Loan Authorizations* (also known as *The Greenbook*). This publication reports all overseas loans and grants authorized by the U.S. government for each fiscal year from 1945 to the present. The *USAID Yellow Book* provides a detailed listing of contracts and assistance awarded during a given fiscal year.

Subject(s): Foreign Assistance

Publication(s): *FrontLines*, S 18.63

OFDA (Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance) Annual Report, S 18.70:

U.S. Overseas Loans & Grants Online (Greenbook)

1345. U.S. Diplomacy Center

<http://diplomacy.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Public Affairs Bureau

Description: The U.S. Diplomacy Center (USDC) organizes exhibits, educational programs, and events to demonstrate the role of the State Department and both current and historic U.S. diplomacy. USDC draws from its collection of over 2,000 artifacts to create exhibits at its own facilities and at other U.S. and international sites; a selection can be viewed on the Web site. The Education section includes classroom materials, information on the Model UN Program, and conferences organized by USDC. The site also features content designed to inform students about the State Department and diplomatic careers.

Subject(s): Diplomacy—History; Museums

1346. United States Institute of Peace

<http://www.usip.org/>

Sponsor(s): United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

Description: USIP is an independent, nonpartisan federal institution created and funded by Congress to strengthen the nation's capacity to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict. The Our Work section describes each USIP program, including the Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention and education programs at all levels. Other sections of the site include Grants and Fellowships, the Specialists Directory, Newsroom, Events, Publications, and Library. Some publications are available in Arabic.

This site may be useful for research into peace and the U.S. involvement in peace processes. For people who need to consult a speaker or an expert, the site's easy-to-use directory of specialists is accessible by name or topic.

Subject(s): International Relations—Research; Peace

Publication(s): *Peace Watch*, Y 3.P 31:15-2/

Peaceworks, Y 3.P 31:
Special Reports, Y 3.P 31:20/

1347. United States Mission to International Organizations in Vienna

<http://vienna.usmission.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: UNVIE works with the cluster of UN and UN-related agencies headquartered in Vienna. These include the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies. The UNVIE Web site provides a brief description of each organization, links to relevant documents, and UNVIE statements and speeches.

Subject(s): International Organizations

1348. United States Mission to the European Union

<http://useu.usmission.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The United States Mission to the European Union (EU) is based in Brussels and uses its Web site to provide news, policy, and information about the mission for U.S. and international audiences. The site covers a wide array of issue profiles on such topics as biotechnology, data privacy, trade, and U.S. foreign policy.

Subject(s): Foreign Policy; International Economic Relations; Europe—Policy

1349. United States Mission to the OECD

<http://www.usoecd.org>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris works to foster cooperation among advanced market-based democracies. Along with information about the current ambassador to the OECD, this Web site summarizes U.S. goals and work in current issue areas. Current issues include the global financial crisis, food security, and trade.

Subject(s): International Economic Relations; International Organizations

1350. United States Mission to the OSCE

<http://osce.usmission.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) is a regional security organization with 56 participating nations from Europe, Central Asia, and North America. The Web site for the U.S. Mission to the OSCE in Vienna explains the work, history, and structure of the OSCE and the U.S. objectives in the organization. It includes U.S. statements to the OSCE Permanent Council dating back to 2004.

Subject(s): International Relations; Europe—Policy; International Organizations

1351. United States Mission to the United Nations

<http://www.usunnewyork.usmission.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The U.S. Representative to the United Nations, along with several deputies who serve with ambassador rank, represents the United States in meetings with the United Nations. This Web site provides information about the work of the ambassadors and staff in the U.S. mission to the United Nations, which uses the

acronym USUN. The site provides official statements, press releases, and background information on a wide range of foreign policy issues.

Subject(s): Diplomacy; International Organizations

1352. Vietnam Education Foundation

<http://home.vef.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Vietnam Education Foundation

Description: The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) provides opportunities for Vietnamese nationals to pursue graduate and postgraduate studies in science and technology in the United States and for American citizens to teach in the same fields of study in Vietnam. Its Web site provides news and information about the program.

Subject(s): International Education; Vietnam

1353. Voice of America

<http://www.voanews.com/>

Sponsor(s): International Broadcasting Bureau

Description: The Voice of America (VOA) is an international broadcasting service funded by the U.S. government. VOA programs, which cover U.S. news, information, and culture, are produced and broadcasted in English and over 40 other languages via radio, satellite, and the Internet. The VOA Web site highlights daily VOA newswire stories and broadcasts, and provides news in RSS feeds and webcasts. The About VOA section includes an A-Z index of VOA programs and a pronunciation guide for international names and places in the news. The VOA also offers VOA Mobile, an all-text version of top stories for use on Web-enabled handheld devices.

Subject(s): Broadcasting—International; News Services

Publication(s): *VOA History*, B 1.2:

VOA Program Guide, B 2.10:

1354. Volunteers for Prosperity

<http://www.volunteersforprosperity.gov/>

Sponsor(s): USA Freedom Corps

Description: Volunteers for Prosperity is an initiative of the Bush administration to organize skilled American professionals for voluntary service abroad. These professionals join U.S. organizations already working on specific U.S. development initiatives, such as AIDS relief. The Volunteers for Prosperity Web site explains the nature of the program and has information on finding volunteer opportunities.

Subject(s): Volunteerism—International

Foreign Policy

1355. Bureau of African Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/af/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—African Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of African Affairs is concerned with sub-Saharan Africa policy. In the Regional Topics section, the bureau's Web site has press releases and documents on such issues as the African Growth and Opportunity Act and the Malaria Initiative. The site also has biographies of chiefs of mission and other senior State Department principals in Africa.

Subject(s): Africa—Policy

1356. Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/eap/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—East Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs is concerned with policy toward China, Mongolia, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries in the East Asia and Pacific region. The Regional Topics section of the site includes information on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Subject(s): Asia—Policy

1357. Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Economic and Business Affairs Bureau

Description: The Department of State's Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs is responsible for coordinating U.S. foreign economic policy. The bureau's Web site describes its work in supporting U.S. business in foreign markets, negotiating at economic summits and with international organizations, combating bribery in international commerce, coordinating economic sanctions policy, and making recommendations for national energy security. The site also includes reports, fact sheets, speeches, and press releases from the bureau and its component offices.

Subject(s): International Economic Relations—Policy

1358. Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—European and Eurasian Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs is concerned with policy toward the region that extends from Iceland in the northwest to the countries of Cyprus, Turkey, Armenia, and Azerbaijan in the southeast. The Regional Topics section on the bureau's Web site includes information about the G-8 Summits, the Balkans, the European Union, NATO, and other issues. The Releases section of the site has news, fact sheets, and reports, such as the annual report on U.S. government assistance to and cooperative activities with Eurasia.

Subject(s): Eurasia—Policy; Europe—Policy

1359. Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/nea/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Near Eastern Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs is concerned with policy toward Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. The Regional Topics section of its Web site includes information on Iraq, Middle East peace, and the Middle East Partnership Initiative. The section on Middle East peace includes key documents and official statements and fact sheets.

Subject(s): Middle East—Policy

1360. Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/sca/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—South and Central Asian Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs is concerned with policy toward the countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and

Uzbekistan. The site provides news releases and biographies of the U.S. ambassadors in the region.

Subject(s): Asia—Policy

1361. Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Western Hemisphere Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs is concerned with policy toward the region including Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean island nations. The Web site features sections on Hemispheric Security and the U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States. The Regional Topics section links to information on the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and the Summit of the Americas.

Subject(s): North America—Policy; South America—Policy; Caribbean—Policy

1362. Foreign Relations of the United States

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://digioll.library.wisc.edu/FRUS/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The *Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS)* series, published by the Department of State's Office of the Historian, is a compilation of U.S. foreign policy documents beginning with the Lincoln administration in 1861. Documents selected for inclusion come from the State Department and other sources, including the intelligence agencies and private papers. The State Department Web site provides a description of the series, a list of all of its volumes, information about print volumes sold by the Government Printing Office, and the status of their work on the series (now compiled partially through the Nixon-Ford administration). The State Department also provides the full texts of volumes starting with the Truman administration; these are available in HTML format. Online volumes can be searched by keyword.

The alternate URL listed above links to a *FRUS* digitization project at the University of Wisconsin—Madison Libraries. This site has scanned copies of the *FRUS* for 1861 through 1960 (with some gaps). The set can be browsed by volume or searched by keyword.

Subject(s): Foreign Policy—History

Publication(s): *Foreign Relations of the United States*, S 1.1:

1363. Iraq Study Group

<http://www.usip.org/isg/>

Sponsor(s): United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

Description: The Iraq Study Group was formed to make a bipartisan, independent assessment of the current and prospective situation in Iraq. The group was facilitated by the Institute of Peace with the support of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), the Center for the Study of the Presidency (CSP), and the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. The Web site has news, background information, and documents from the group.

Subject(s): Iraq

Publication(s): *Iraq Study Group Report*, Y 3.P 31:

1364. Office of the Historian (State Department)

<http://history.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: “The Office of the Historian is responsible, under law, for the preparation and publication of the official historical documentary record of U.S. foreign policy in the Foreign Relations of the United States series” (from the Web site). The Web site provides historical documents, a history of the State Department, and a list of milestones in U.S. diplomatic history.

Subject(s): Foreign Policy—History

International Migration and Travel

1365. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

<http://www.state.gov/g/prm/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Population, Refugees, and Migration Bureau

Description: The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) has primary responsibility for formulating policies on population, refugees, and migration, and for administering U.S. refugee assistance and admissions programs. The Web site includes background information and news releases. It also has funding information for nongovernmental organizations that carry out relief services overseas.

Subject(s): Refugees—Policy

1366. CDC Travel Information

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: This Web site provides health risk information by travel destination. It contains information about diseases and disease outbreaks, including avian influenza; vaccine recommendations; insect protection; traveling with children; special needs travelers; and cruise ship and air travel. The site also links to CDC’s *Yellow Book (Health Information for International Travel)*. The site has an RSS feed for new travel health information.

Subject(s): Diseases and Conditions—International; Tourism

Publication(s): *Health Information for International Travel (Yellowbook)*, HE 20.7818:

1367. Citizenship and Immigration Services

<http://www.uscis.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)

Description: The responsibilities of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) include asylum and refugee processing, naturalization, special immigration status programs, and issuance of immigration documents. The USCIS Web site’s Services and Benefit section links to information on permanent residency (green card), citizenship, visiting the United States, employment authorization, and adoption. It also has a directory of USCIS field offices and overseas offices. The site provides immigration forms, laws, regulations, and guides. The Education and Resources section includes citizenship study materials, resources for public libraries, and the immigrant guide *Welcome to the United States*, which is available in English and 10 other languages.

Subject(s): Citizenship; Immigration Law

Publication(s): *Guide to Naturalization*, HS 8.8:

Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons, HS 8.2:

USCIS Civics Flash Cards, HS 8.2:

USCIS Monthly, HS 8.18:

Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants, HS 1.8:

1368. Executive Office for Immigration Review

<http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Executive Office for Immigration Review

Description: The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings in individual cases. This Web site contains information about the EOIR, its organization and activities, and its Pro Bono Program. It includes a national directory of immigration courts and statistics on the EOIR caseload. The Virtual Law Library section provides immigration decisions, regulations, and resources for attorneys.

Subject(s): Immigration Law

Publication(s): *Immigration Judge Benchbook*

Statistical Year Book, Executive Office for Immigration Review

1369. Immigration Statistics

<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgtn/statistics/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)

Description: This site compiles links to publications, data tables, and other sources of statistics related to migration to the United States. Statistics cover immigration, naturalization, refugees, asylum seekers, the illegal immigrant population, applications for immigration benefits, and related topics. The format of the data varies from PDF or HTML to spreadsheet tables, depending on the source and statistic. The main page of the site features new releases. See the Immigration Statistics menu in the left column for more data, publications, and documentation.

Subject(s): International Migration—Statistics

Publication(s): *Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States*

Immigration Enforcement Actions

Yearbook of Immigration Statistics, HS 8.15:

1370. Office of Refugee Resettlement

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Description: The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) provides assistance to people fleeing persecution in their homelands. Its Web site describes the programs, policy, and funding of ORR and explains the legal definition of refugee status and who is eligible for benefits. A Data section reports on refugee arrivals by country of origin and by U.S. state.

Subject(s): Refugees

1371. Travel.State.Gov

<http://travel.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Consular Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of Consular Affairs, which maintains this Web site, is concerned with the safety of U.S. citizens in foreign countries. The bureau issues passports for U.S. citizens traveling abroad and visas for foreign citizens traveling to the United States. Travel.State.Gov has practical news, advice, and fact sheets about travel safety, applying for a passport, and U.S. visa programs. In the International Travel section, the site supplies consular information sheets for each country, which summarize entry requirements, local health and safety information, customs regulations, and registering with the local U.S. embassy or consulate. This section also contains official Travel Warnings and Public Announcements for specific countries or regions. The Law and Policy section has clear explanations of legal issues related to Americans abroad (such as those pertaining to death notification, marriage, and divorce), citizenship and nationality, and law enforcement.

The Bureau of Consular Affairs site provides simple, straightforward access to essential travel information. The passport and visa information is particularly thorough and includes links to the necessary forms.

Subject(s): Passports; Visas

Publication(s): *Foreign Entry Requirements*, S 1.2:F 76 E/

Passports: Applying for Them the Easy Way, S 1.2:P 26/

Visa Bulletin, S 1.3/4:

International Relations

1372. Bureau of International Labor Affairs

<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB)

Description: The Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) coordinates programs, policies, research, and technical assistance related to international labor issues. The ILAB Web site features a list of products that are believed to have been made using forced or indentured child labor; this list is maintained in accordance with Executive Order 13126 and Federal Acquisition Regulations.

Subject(s): Child Labor—International; Labor Law—International

Publication(s): *Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor (annual)*, L 29.18:

1373. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

<http://www.csce.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE)

Description: CSCE, better known as the Helsinki Commission, is an independent government agency created by Congress. It monitors and encourages compliance with the Helsinki Final Act and other commitments of the countries participating in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The commission's Web site includes information about the CSCE and OSCE and the full texts of the commission's press releases, hearings, briefings, and statements.

Subject(s): Human Rights

1374. Congressional-Executive Commission on China

<http://www.cecc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC)

Description: CECC was established to monitor the human rights situation and development of the rule of law in China. Its Web site has information about the commission and records of their hearings and roundtables. It includes information on Chinese law, a directory of Chinese government Web sites, and a database of prisoners of conscience in China.

Subject(s): Human Rights; China—Policy

1375. Defense Security Cooperation Agency

<http://www.dscsa.osd.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)

Description: DSCA assists U.S. allies through foreign military sales, training, and technical and humanitarian assistance. The DSCA Web site provides background information on the agency and its organizational components and features announcements of major foreign military arms sales. The Publications section provides links to the key policy and legal documents on foreign military assistance. The Data and Statistics section has the current edition of the *DSCA Facts Book*, also known as the *Foreign Military Sales, Foreign Military Construction Sales and Military Assistance*.

While much of the DSCA Web site is technical in nature and written for a very specific audience, researchers will find this to be a valuable source for U.S. security assistance and arms transfer policy and regulatory information.

Subject(s): International Relations; National Defense—Policy

Publication(s): *DSCA Facts Book: Foreign Military Sales, Foreign Military Construction Sales and Military Assistance Facts*, D 1.66:

1376. Department of Justice Mission in Iraq

<http://www.usdoj.gov/iraq/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: Justice Department employees serve throughout the Republic of Iraq on projects to facilitate the rule of law. This Web site provides information on the projects and working groups, including the Rule of Law Coordinator, the Law and Order Task Force, the Office of Regime Crimes Liaison, and Resident Legal Advisors. The site also lists job openings with the Iraq offices.

Subject(s): Iraq

1377. Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET)

<http://www.fews.net/>

Sponsor(s): Agency for International Development (USAID)

Description: FEWS NET provides information and analysis on food security conditions in African nations, Central America, Haiti, and Afghanistan. FEWS NET is funded by USAID and implemented through a partnership with other federal and international organizations. Its Web site highlights food emergency announcements and warnings, drought and flood hazard assessments, market conditions, and remote-sensing imagery of rainfall and vegetation on the African continent. The site has versions in French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Subject(s): Famine; Africa

Publication(s): *FEWS NET Executive Overview Briefs*, ID 1.19:

FEWS Special Report, S 18.68/2:

Food Security Updates, ID 1.20:

1378. Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA)

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fara/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fara/links/search.html>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—National Security Division (NSD)

Description: The Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) requires that individuals and organizations lobbying on behalf of foreign business or foreign government interests register with the Department of Justice. The Foreign Agents Registration Unit, within the National Security Division's Counterespionage Section, has responsibility for administering the act. This Web site has information for those who need to register as well as for those interested in researching FARA registrations.

In 2007, Justice made FARA registrations available in an online, searchable database at the alternate URL listed above. Searchers should read the document search help and understand the FARA statute to use the database most productively.

Subject(s): Lobbyists—Regulations

Publication(s): *Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act . . . (semiannual)*, J 1.30:

1379. House Democracy Assistance Commission

<http://hdac.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives

Description: As stated on the Web site, the mission of the House Democracy Assistance Commission is “to promote responsive, effective government and strengthen democratic institutions by assisting legislatures in emerging democracies.” The site includes the commission's annual report and a list of “partner legislatures” participating in the program.

Subject(s): Democracy—International; Foreign Assistance

1380. Inter-American Foundation

<http://www.iaf.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Inter-American Foundation (IAF)

Description: IAF is an independent agency that provides assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean by awarding grants directly to local organizations throughout the region. Its Web site features sections entitled About IAF, News and Events, Grants, Fellowships, and Publications. The Grants section has application information and descriptions of awarded grants listed by year and by country. The Publications section provides links to annual reports and to *Grassroots Development*, the IAF journal. The site is available in Spanish, Portuguese, and Creole.

Subject(s): Foreign Assistance; South America

Publication(s): *Grassroots Development*, Y 3.IN 8/25:15

Inter-American Foundation Annual Report, Y 3.IN 8/25:

1381. Middle East Partnership Initiative

<http://www.mepi.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) supports reform in the areas of politics, economics, education, and women's issues in the Middle East. Its Web site provides background information and lists the government and nongovernment partners in the initiative. The site also links to the Web sites for the Abu Dhabi and Tunis regional offices.

Subject(s): Foreign Assistance; Middle East

1382. Millennium Challenge Corporation

<http://www.mcc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Millennium Challenge Corporation

Description: The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a government corporation, works with countries to promote sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty through investments in areas such as agriculture, education, and private sector development. Countries are selected to receive aid based on their performance in governing justly, investing in their citizens, and encouraging economic freedom. The Web site provides information on MCC, its leadership, selection criteria, country activities, and contracts and procurement.

Subject(s): International Economic Development

1383. Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism

<http://www.state.gov/s/ct/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Counterterrorism Office

Description: The Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism develops U.S. counterterrorism policy and coordinates U.S. efforts to improve counterterrorism cooperation with foreign governments. Its Web site includes statements on U.S. policy and describes the office's programs. The site also links to the annual publication *Country Reports on Terrorism* and the Foreign Terrorist Organization list, which is maintained by the office.

Subject(s): Terrorism—Policy

Publication(s): *Country Reports on Terrorism*, S 1.138:

1384. Office of War Crime Issues

<http://www.state.gov/s/wci/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—War Crimes Issues Office

Description: As described on the Web site, the Office of War Crimes “advises the Secretary of State directly and formulates U.S. policy responses to atrocities committed in areas of conflict and elsewhere throughout the world.” The site provides information on current war crimes tribunals, such as the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Subject(s): War Crimes

1385. Overseas Security Advisory Council

<http://www.osac.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Overseas Security Advisory Council

Description: OSAC was established to promote security cooperation and communication between the U.S. government and U.S. private sector companies and organizations that operate abroad. OSAC services are for registered constituent organizations and some Web site content is available only to registered constituents. The OSAC Web site provides unclassified information, such as daily news of foreign events and reports on topics such as crime and security trends in foreign countries. The Country Councils section of the site provides links to the Web pages for each of the over 50 regional OSAC councils. The Resource Library section organizes OSAC reports and external links on topics such as personal security, cargo security, and emergency preparedness.

Subject(s): Terrorism; Crime Prevention—International

1386. U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission

<http://www.uscc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission

Description: The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) was created to review the national security implications of trade and economic ties between the United States and the People's Republic of China. Its Web site has hearings schedules, congressional testimony, and annual reports. The site also has directories of the commissioners and staff and copies of research papers prepared at the request of the commission.

Subject(s): International Economic Relations; China—Policy

1387. United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

<http://www.uscirf.gov/>

Sponsor(s): United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

Description: The Commission on International Religious Freedom is a federal government commission established to monitor the status of religious freedom in other nations and make policy recommendations to the president, secretary of state, and Congress. The commission issues an annual report on religious persecution around the world; current and past reports are available on their Web site. The commission maintains lists of Countries of Particular Concern and a country Watch List, available on this site. The site also has additional information about the commission and its hearings, press releases, congressional testimony, and relevant legislation.

Subject(s): Human Rights

Publication(s): *Annual Report of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom*, Y 3.R 27:1/

1388. United States Mission to NATO

<http://nato.usmission.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—State Department

Description: The Department of State and Department of Defense have a combined United States Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). This Web site has current speeches and statements from the U.S. ambassador to NATO and current news from the U.S. government on security issues.

Subject(s): International Agreements

Publication(s): *Transatlantic Focus Newsletter*

CHAPTER 15

Law and Law Enforcement

Web sites concerning law and law enforcement are primarily sponsored by the Justice Department and the federal courts. The Justice Department in particular has a very broad role in legal matters, covering topics from legal practices to community policing to homeland security. This chapter has a similarly broad scope. However, some subject-specific Web sites, such as sites about environmental law, can be found in the relevant subject chapters in this book.

Subsections in this chapter are Areas of Law, Courts and the Judicial System, Crime and Enforcement, and Laws and Legal Information.

Areas of Law

1389. ADA Home Page

<http://www.ada.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Rights Division

Description: The Department of Justice's central Web site about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compiles a wide range of information for the general public, businesses, state and local governments, and other audiences. The site provides a catalog of publications about ADA regulations, technical assistance, information about ADA enforcement actions, information for state and local governments, and links to other federal agency Web sites with disability information. Some publications are available in Spanish. The site also refers to the Justice Department's toll-free ADA hotline at 800-514-0301 (voice) and 800-514-0383 (TDD).

This site's broad scope will make it of interest to anyone concerned with ADA compliance.

Subject(s): Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Publication(s): *Enforcing the ADA, A Status Report from the Department of Justice*, J 1.106:

Guide to Disability Rights Laws, J 1.8:D 63/2

1390. Administrative Decisions and Other Actions

http://www2.lib.virginia.edu/govtinfo/fed_decisions_agency.html

Sponsor(s): University of Virginia Library

Description: This university Web site is a finding aid for administrative actions that fall outside the usual scope of the *Code of Federal Regulations* and the *Federal Register*. Its lengthy list includes links to items such as the advisory opinions from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Department of Energy directives, Federal Labor Relations Authority decisions, Food and Drug Administration enforcement reports, and Postal Service administrative decisions. It links to Electronic FOIA Reading Rooms for each agency covered, since these reading rooms often contain such administrative decisions and actions.

Maintained at the University of Virginia Library's Government Information Resources site, this page fills an important niche for finding legal information on the Web.

Subject(s): Administrative Law; Finding Aids

1391. Alcohol Policy Information System

<http://alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

Description: The Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) compiles detailed information on state and federal law and policy on alcohol topics. Issues covered include alcoholic beverage control, taxation, pricing, transportation, crime, and public safety. The site also tracks changes in laws and policies, and provides a national summary of state laws and regulations related to underage drinking and access to alcohol.

Subject(s): Alcohol—Laws

1392. Antitrust Division

<http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Antitrust Division

Description: The Antitrust Division promotes competition through enforcement of the antitrust laws. The division's Web site provides full-text antitrust cases and information about the division and its activities. The Public Documents section links to selected appellate briefs (back to 1993), international information, Economic Analysis Group Discussion Papers, policy documents and guidelines, and other publications. The Antitrust Case Filings page includes online cases arranged alphabetically going from 1994 onward. The site has a Report Violations section and a home page link to information on identifying fraud and collusion and reporting possible antitrust violations associated with Recovery Act funding.

Subject(s): Antitrust Law

1393. Civil Rights Division

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Rights Division

Description: The Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department enforces federal statutes prohibiting discrimination. Pages for each of the division's organizational sections hold most of the content at the site. The organizational sections—under the Section Sites heading—are Appellate, Coordination and Review, Criminal, Disability Rights, Educational Opportunities, Employment Litigation, Housing and Civil Enforcement, Special Litigation, Voting, and Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices. Each section typically includes background material on the relevant area of practice, statutes enforced, and cases or briefs. The Special Topics section has material on a wide range of topics not covered elsewhere on the site, such as the pamphlet "Federal Protections Against National Origin Discrimination" in 16 languages besides English. The site has a Spanish-language version that covers a substantial portion of the content from the English-language version.

Subject(s): Civil Rights—Laws

1394. Comptroller General Decisions and Opinions

<http://www.gao.gov/legal.htm>

Sponsor(s): Government Accountability Office (GAO)—Comptroller General

Description: The GAO comptroller general issues decisions regarding use of federal appropriations, government contract bid protests, and major federal regulations. This site provides access to the full text of recent decisions, in HTML and PDF formats.

Subject(s): Government Contracts—Regulations

Publication(s): *Decisions of the Comptroller General*, GA 1.5/A-2:

1395. Copyright Office

<http://www.copyright.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—Copyright Office

Description: The U.S. Copyright Office Web site includes information on copyright law, registering a work for copyright protection, and searching existing copyright records. The site also highlights hot topics and provides an RSS feed of copyright news. The Publications section of the site has copies of the office's circulars, brochures, and forms. Circulars include *Copyright Basics* (an overview) in English and Spanish. One-page fact sheets cover specific topics such as fair use, international copyright, and how to register specific types of works, such as books, music, and photographs. The section on registration addresses copyright registration for literary works, visual arts, performing arts, sound recordings, and periodicals. Information about how to register a work is available in Spanish. The site also has information on the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) and license royalty fee payments.

The About Copyright section includes historical information, such as annual reports and biographies of the Registers of Copyright since 1897, historical versions of U.S. copyright law, and historical anecdotes.

The Copyright Office has an online catalog for searching copyright registrations from 1978 onward. The office also offers a Web-based registration process. Simple in design and organization, this site does an exemplary job overall. It provides frequently requested documents and information in an easy-to-find manner.

Subject(s): Copyright Law; Intellectual Property

Publication(s): *Annual Report of the Register of Copyrights*, LC 3.1:

Catalog of Copyright Entries, LC 3.6/6:

Copyright Basics, LC 3.4/2:

Copyright Information Circulars, LC 3.4/2:

Copyright Law of the United States, LC 3.4/2:

Forms, Copyright Office, LC 3.14:

NewsNet, LC 3.4/3:

1396. Copyright Royalty Board

<http://www.loc.gov/crb/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The Copyright Royalty Board (CRB) was created by the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-419). The CRB consists of three permanent copyright royalty judges. The Web site has information on rate and distribution proceedings, CRB notices in the *Federal Register*, and forms for filing royalty fee claims for cable, satellite, and digital audio recording devices and media.

Subject(s): Copyright Law

1397. Department of Justice

<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The central Web site for the Department of Justice links to the department's 50-plus component divisions and programs. The home page features current news and links to services such as most wanted fugitives lists, services for locating missing persons, and a prison locator. Under Resources, the site brings together the department's publications, press releases, grants, acquisitions and procurement

operations, and budget information. The Cases and Legal Documents section, also under Resources, compiles links to Justice Department briefs, letters, and other documents organized by Justice division or prominent case name, such as *United States v. Bernard L. Madoff*.

The Justice site also has extensive information relating to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The FOIA section includes basic reference material explaining FOIA, a list of principal FOIA contacts at federal agencies, links to other agencies' FOIA sites, and links to the annual FOIA reports submitted by federal departments and agencies. In addition to this government-wide material, the Justice Department also provides links to the online FOIA reading rooms of its component divisions and offices.

The Justice Department Web site provides a clear interface to the department's numerous components, programs, and publications. Many of the specific component sites are described in separate entries in this text.

Subject(s): Freedom of Information Act; Law and Law Enforcement

Publication(s): *Annual Report of the Attorney General of the United States*, J 1.1:

Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress, J 1.1/9:

United States Attorneys' Bulletin, J 31.12:

United States Attorneys' Manual, J 1.8:AT

1398. Department of Labor Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ)

<http://www.oalj.dol.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ)

Description: The Labor Department's administrative law judges preside over cases related to many of the department's programs, such as black lung benefits and longshore workers' compensation. The office also includes the Board of Contract Appeals (BCA) and the Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals (BALCA). Decisions and other online documents are organized in the Library Collections section by program area, with subheadings including Davis-Bacon Act, Longshore, Black Lung, Whistleblower, and Immigration. They can also be searched by complainant or employer name, date, and OALJ case number.

Subject(s): Labor Law

Publication(s): *Judges' Benchbook of the Black Lung Benefits Act*, L 1.2:

1399. Disability Rights Section

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/drs/drshome.htm>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Rights Division

Description: The Disability Rights Section is concerned with enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related federal law. The Web sites covers enforcement issues, compliance assistance, certification of building codes, and other regulatory topics.

Subject(s): Disabilities—Laws

Publication(s): *Disability Rights Online News*

Enforcing the ADA: A Status Report, J 1.106:

Guide to Disability Rights Laws, J 1.109/2:

1400. Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

<http://www.fmsshrc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission (FMSHRC)

Description: The Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission is an independent adjudicative agency that provides administrative trial and appellate review of legal disputes arising under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Amendments Act

of 1977. Sections featured at the site include About FMSHRC, Rules, Guides and Publications, Recent Decisions, Published Decisions, and FOIA. The site also has information and cases related to the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-236, known as the MINER Act).

Subject(s): Mining—Laws

Publication(s): *Decisions, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission*, Y 3.M 66:9/

1401. First Freedom Project

<http://www.firstfreedom.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Rights Division

Description: This Justice Department site provides information on the laws protecting religious liberty in such areas as education, employment, and housing. It also provides fact sheets and brochures for distribution.

Subject(s): Civil Rights; Religion—Laws

Publication(s): *Religious Freedom in Focus Newsletter*

Report on Enforcement of Laws Protecting Religious Freedom: Fiscal Years 2001–2006, J 1.2:

1402. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

<http://www.usdoj.gov/fcsc/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

Description: The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission is a quasi-judicial independent agency within the Department of Justice. The commission rules on claims of U.S. nationals against foreign governments. The Web site has information on the commission, special claims programs, and copies of the annual report. Special topics include property claims against Cuba and the U.S.-Albanian Claims Settlement Agreement.

Subject(s): International Law

Publication(s): *Annual Report to Congress, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission*, J 1.1/6:

1403. Historical Publications of the United States Commission on Civil Rights

<http://www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/usccr/index.asp>

Sponsor(s): University of Maryland. Thurgood Marshall Law Library.

Description: This site provides access to PDF copies of Civil Rights Commission documents that are in the collection of the University of Maryland Thurgood Marshall Law Library. It includes a selection of documents dating back to the Civil Rights Act of 1957, which created the original Civil Rights Commission. Topics covered by the materials include educational opportunity, police-community relations, hate crimes, and the Voting Rights Act.

Subject(s): Civil Rights

1404. JAGCNet Portal

<https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Army—Judge Advocate General's Corps

Description: The Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC), the Army's corps of lawyers, has both public and restricted-access information on its Web site. The Public Pages section includes information about the Center for Law and Military Operations, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, Personnel Office, and U.S. Army Legal Services Agency. Other major sections of the site cover client services, restricted

resources, and JAGC education information. Much of the information is restricted to authorized users.

Subject(s): Military Justice

1405. Military Commissions

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/commissions.html>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department

Description: This site provides material related to operating military commissions, also called military tribunals, and the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-366). The Military Commissions Act, as stated in the law, “establishes procedures governing the use of military commissions to try alien unlawful enemy combatants engaged in hostilities against the United States for violations of the law of war and other offenses triable by military commission.” The Web site includes the *Manual for Military Commissions* and related press materials.

Subject(s): Military Justice

Publication(s): *Manual for Military Commissions*

1406. Military Legal Resources

http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military_Law/

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—Federal Research Division (FRD)

Description: This Library of Congress site provides access to a growing collection of historic, digitized military legal resources, including: the *Military Law Review*, 1958 to the present; legislative history materials for the *Uniform Code of Military Justice*; *Manuals for Courts-Martial*; and *The Army Lawyer*, from 1971 forward. Historical military legal documents are also grouped under headings for World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The materials are in PDF format. They are selected from the collection of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School Library in Charlottesville, Va.

Subject(s): Military History; Military Justice

Publication(s): *Manual for Courts-Martial, United States*, D 1.15:

Military Law Review, D 101.22:

The Army Lawyer, D 101.22/32:

1407. National Indian Gaming Commission

<http://www.nigc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Indian Gaming Commission

Description: The National Indian Gaming Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency established by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-497). The Web site includes an overview of the commission and the laws and regulations with which it is concerned. The Reading Room section includes National Indian Gaming Commission decisions, enforcement actions, approved gaming ordinances, a list of tribal gaming locations, and more.

Subject(s): Gambling—Regulations; American Indians

1408. NIPLECC—National IP Law Enforcement Coordination Council

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/globalip/niplecc.htm>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)

Description: The National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council (NIPLECC) is an interagency group responsible for coordinating the domestic and international intellectual property enforcement activities. The Web site

includes information on NIPLECC and copies of its reports. The Patent and Trademark Office hosts the site.

Subject(s): Intellectual Property

1409. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission

<http://www.oshrc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC)

Description: OSHRC is an independent federal agency created to decide contests of citations or penalties resulting from OSHA inspections. The commission functions as an administrative court, with established procedures for conducting hearings, receiving evidence, and rendering decisions by its administrative law judges. Its site has recent decisions by the commission and administrative law judges. Other sections include Procedural Rules, Publications, and Budget.

Subject(s): Labor Law; Workplace Safety—Laws

Publication(s): *Guide to Review Commission Procedures*, Y 3.OC 1:8 P
OSHRC Decisions. ALJ Decisions, Y 3.OC 1:10-5/

1410. Office of Legal Counsel

<http://www.usdoj.gov/olc/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/olc/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Office of Legal Counsel

Description: The Office of Legal Counsel drafts legal opinions of the attorney general and provides legal advice for the White House and executive branch agencies. The office also reviews draft executive orders and proclamations for legality. The Web site has the text of selected opinions and memoranda from the office from 1992 onward.

Subject(s): Legal Issues

Publication(s): *Opinions of the Office of Legal Counsel*, J 1.5/4:

1411. Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

<http://www.usdoj.gov/pclo/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Deputy Attorney General

Description: The mission of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Office is to ensure that the Justice Department is compliant with laws and policies regarding personal privacy and the protection of individual civil liberties. The Web site has information on the interagency Privacy and Civil Liberties Board and the Privacy Act of 1974. The Privacy Reports and Resources section has the text of laws and Office of Management and Budget policies regarding privacy.

Subject(s): Privacy

1412. U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

<http://www.usccr.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Civil Rights Commission

Description: The United States Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) investigates and reports on discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. The USCCR Web site includes commission news, meeting transcripts, State Advisory Committee reports, congressional testimony, and information on filing a complaint. Topics covered on the site include voting rights, educational opportunities, anti-Semitism, and access to health care. Some basic information is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Civil Rights

1413. United States Access Board

<http://www.access-board.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Access Board

Description: The United States Access Board is an independent federal agency whose mission is to promote accessibility for people with disabilities. Its Web site has information on accessibility guidelines and standards and enforcement of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). The Guidelines section includes online versions of *ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for Buildings and Facilities*, *Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards (Section 508)*, and other guidelines. The About the Board section includes information on relevant laws and policies. The Publications section has the full text of publications organized under topics including facilities, public rights of way, transportation, communication, and research. A significant amount of information is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Publication(s): *Access Currents Newsletter*, Y 3.B 27:16/

ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG), Y 3.B 27:8 AM

1414. USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

<http://www.ascr.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Civil Rights Office

Description: The USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights handles complaints regarding employment discrimination for USDA staff and program discrimination for those served by USDA programs. The Web site has information on how to file a complaint and has the full text of directives and regulations. The Outreach section describes programs such as the USDA/1890 Initiative, which works to attract minority students into careers in agriculture and related fields. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Civil Rights; Employment Discrimination

Courts and the Judicial System

1415. Civil Division

<http://www.usdoj.gov/civil/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/civil/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Civil Division

Description: The Civil Division represents the United States, its departments and agencies, members of Congress, Cabinet officers, and other federal employees in litigation. The Web site includes sections for each of the division's branches, including Commercial Litigation, Consumer Litigation, Federal Programs, Immigration Litigation, and Torts. The Commercial Litigation Branch provides information on the *Cobell v. Norton* case involving the Interior Department management of Indian trust funds. The Torts Branch has sections for Tobacco Litigation, Radiation Exposure Compensation Program, Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, and other issues.

Subject(s): Litigation

1416. Court of Appeals. (01) First Circuit

<http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (01) First Circuit

Description: The First Circuit covers Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island. The court's official site has a database of its opinions and dockets. Opinions are available via RSS feed. The site also features the court calendar, rules and procedures, forms, and links to the Web sites of other courts in the First Circuit.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1417. Court of Appeals. (02) Second Circuit

<http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (02) Second Circuit

Description: The Second Circuit covers Connecticut, Vermont, and New York. The court's official site has opinions issued within the past 30 days. Opinions can be browsed by date range or searched by case name or docket number. The official site also offers a court directory, forms, and the *Second Circuit Handbook*.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1418. Court of Appeals. (03) Third Circuit

<http://www.ca3.uscourts.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://vls.law.vill.edu/Locator/3/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (03) Third Circuit

Description: The Third Circuit covers Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Virgin Islands. At its official site, the court has its most current opinions, searchable by keyword. A much more comprehensive source is available at the Villanova University School of Law site (listed here as the alternate URL). Villanova has the full texts of the decisions from the Third Circuit from May 1994 to the present.

The court's site also has a Death Penalty Information section, listing the appeals status and history for individuals given a death sentence in courts within the Third Circuit.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1419. Court of Appeals. (04) Fourth Circuit

<http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (04) Fourth Circuit

Description: The Fourth Circuit covers Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Court of Appeals site has its opinions online going back to 1996; it also offers an e-mail alert service for new opinions. The Web site's Cases of Public Interest provides updated docket information for recent cases of broad public interest. The Information section of the site includes judge biographies, filing instructions, and a map of the districts within the Fourth Circuit.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1420. Court of Appeals. (05) Fifth Circuit

<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (05) Fifth Circuit

Description: The Fifth Circuit covers Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The official Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Web site includes published and unpublished opinions released from 1992 to the present. The cases can be searched by date, docket number, and keyword. Researchers can sign up to have opinions sent by e-mail as

soon as they are posted on the site, or can download opinions from recent years. The site also includes dockets, calendars, and biographies of judges.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1421. Court of Appeals. (06) Sixth Circuit

<http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (06) Sixth Circuit

Description: The Sixth Circuit covers Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. The Web site has a database of published opinions issued since July 1999 and unpublished opinions issued since October 2004. The site also has dockets, forms, fee information, and links to the Sixth Circuit district courts.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1422. Court of Appeals. (07) Seventh Circuit

<http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (07) Seventh Circuit

Description: The Seventh Circuit covers Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. This site has searchable access to its opinions and oral arguments; searching is by case number or date. The Seventh Circuit provides an RSS feed for all new opinions or for opinions by a judge, and the site has arguments available as audio files. In another innovation, the court is using a wiki to update its *Practitioner's Handbook* online.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1423. Court of Appeals. (08) Eighth Circuit

<http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (08) Eighth Circuit

Description: The Eighth Circuit covers Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Online documents include opinions and oral arguments. The site also has the court calendar, rules, and publications. The Circuit Library section provides news and links to the Eighth Circuit courts.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1424. Court of Appeals. (09) Ninth Circuit

<http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (09) Ninth Circuit

Description: The Ninth Circuit covers Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Web site has the text of its opinions from 2004 to the present. Opinions can be browsed by date or case number. The site has added audio files of oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit; they are available online the day after the oral argument is made. The Ninth Circuit offers RSS feeds for its opinions, memoranda, cases of interest, and announcements. Other sections of the site include the court calendar, rules, and status of pending cases.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1425. Court of Appeals. (10) Tenth Circuit

<http://www.ck10.uscourts.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://ca10.washburnlaw.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (10) Tenth Circuit

Description: The Tenth Circuit covers Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming. This official site features information on the circuit, links to

current opinions, and a link to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit. Opinions can be browsed back to 1995, but users must know the docket number. Enhanced access to opinions is available at the alternate URL provided above.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1426. Court of Appeals. (11) Eleventh Circuit

<http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (11) Eleventh Circuit

Description: The Eleventh Circuit covers Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. On the Web site, published opinions are available from 1995 to the present. The site has an RSS news feed that announces new published opinions. Unpublished opinions are online from May 2005 to present. The site also includes a court directory, brief biographies of the justices, court rules, and links to district and bankruptcy court sites within the Eleventh District.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1427. Court of Appeals. District of Columbia Circuit

<http://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/federal/judicial/cadc.cfm>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (00) District of Columbia Circuit

Description: The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and also for many federal administrative agencies. The court's Web site carries its opinions going back to September 1997. Georgetown University's Law Library site, the alternate URL provided here, carries the opinions going back to March 1995.

Due to the jurisdiction of the court, researchers will find this site useful for documents in high-profile cases involving the federal government.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1428. Court of Appeals. Federal Circuit

<http://www.cafc.uscourts.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/federal/judicial/cafed.cfm>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals. (00) Federal Circuit

Description: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has nationwide jurisdiction to hear appeals in specialized claims cases, including patent cases. The Web site has background information on the court and its workload statistics. The court's site carries its opinions from late 2004 to the present. The Georgetown University's Law Library Web site, which can be found at the alternate URL above, has opinions available back to August 1995.

Subject(s): Federal Appellate Courts

1429. Federal Judicial Center

<http://www.fjc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Judicial Center (FJC)

Description: The Federal Judicial Center conducts research on federal court operations and history, and it manages training programs for federal judges and court employees. The FJC publishes research, analysis, and training products on such topics as alternative dispute resolution, court management, federal judges, and probation and pretrial services. Many of these publications are available online. Educational materials online include an introductory overview called "Inside the Federal

Courts.” The Federal Judicial History section includes biographies of federal judges since 1789 and a history of landmark legislation affecting the courts.

Subject(s): Federal Courts

Publication(s): *Benchbook for U.S. District Court Judges*, JU 13.2:

Catalog of Publications, Federal Judicial Center, JU 13.11/2:

Federal Courts and What They Do, JU 13.2:

Federal Securities Law, JU 13.2:

Primer on the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals, JU 13.9:

Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, JU 13.8:

1430. FindLaw: Cases and Codes: U.S. Circuit Courts

<http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/courts/>

Sponsor(s): Findlaw, Inc.

Description: FindLaw—a free, nongovernment Web site—offers this section with cases from all the circuit courts. Most cover the past 10 years and are searchable by docket number, party name, or words in the text. The cases can also be browsed by date. FindLaw also provides a court directory for each circuit.

Like their Supreme Court database, FindLaw’s Circuit Court site is an easy-to-use tool for searching for recent opinions. In addition, the site links to other Web sites that provide judicial opinions online.

Subject(s): Federal Courts; Finding Aids

1431. FindLaw: Supreme Court Opinions

<http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html>

Sponsor(s): Findlaw, Inc.

Description: FindLaw, a nongovernment finding aid for Internet law sources, features Supreme Court opinions in HTML format back to 1893, volume 150 of the *U.S. Reports*. Browse by year and volume number. The opinions have hypertext links from references to other cases available through FindLaw.

This is an excellent, free source for Supreme Court opinions on the Web.

Subject(s): Supreme Court

1432. History of the Federal Judiciary

<http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf>

Sponsor(s): Federal Judicial Center (FJC)

Description: The History of the Federal Judiciary Web site presents basic reference information about the history of the federal courts and the judges who have served on the federal courts since 1789. Major sections on this site include: Judges of the United States Courts, to search for judges by name or by alphabetical listing; Courts of the Federal Judiciary, which contains a legislative history for every court in the system; and Landmark Judicial Legislation, which presents the text of 21 statutes related to the organization and jurisdiction of the federal judiciary.

Subject(s): Federal Courts—History; Judges

1433. Legal Services Corporation

<http://www.lsc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Legal Services Corporation (LSC)

Description: Legal Services Corporation is a private, nonprofit corporation established by Congress to provide civil legal assistance to low-income people. Its Web site has information about LSC’s activities and a clickable map of the United States for finding LSC programs by state. The Government Relations section has LSC’s

budget documents, reports to Congress, and congressional testimony. LSC provides several RSS news feeds about its activities.

Subject(s): Legal Assistance

Publication(s): *Semiannual Report to the Congress, Legal Services Corporation*, Y 3.L 52:1/

1434. LII Supreme Court Collection

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/>

Sponsor(s): Legal Information Institute (LII)

Description: The Legal Information Institute at Cornell University, not a government site, has the full texts of Supreme Court decisions back to 1990. LII also offers a Historic Collection section with approximately 300 selected historic decisions dating back to 1793. All decisions can be searched by keyword or browsed by topic, decision author, or party name. LII also offers an e-mail current awareness service, called LIIbulletin, which includes syllabi of U.S. Supreme Court decisions in bulletin format within hours after their release.

The LII Supreme Court Collection is not the most comprehensive collection online, but it provides one of the best interfaces and does a good job in documenting the content and context of its collection.

Subject(s): Supreme Court

1435. Office of Legal Policy

<http://www.usdoj.gov/olp/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/olp/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Office of Legal Policy

Description: The Office of Legal Policy develops and promotes the legal policy initiatives of the president and the Justice Department. The office also assists with filling certain judicial vacancies. A key section of the Web site is Judicial Nominations; it includes current information and statistics on judicial vacancies and the nominations made to fill them. The site also links to the office's congressional testimony and other documents in such areas as national security, human trafficking, immigration reform, and judicial administration.

Subject(s): Judges; Laws—Policy

1436. PACER Service Center

<http://www.pacer.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

Description: “Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) is an electronic public access service that allows users to obtain case and docket information from Federal Appellate, District, and Bankruptcy courts, and from the U.S. Party/Case Index” (from the Web site). The service is fee based and is financed through the collection of these user fees. Registration is required. The type of information available through case dockets on PACER includes a listing of all parties and participants in the case, a chronology of case events, appellate court opinions, and judgments or case status. The main sections include PACER Overview, Register for PACER, U.S. Party/Case Index, PACER Documents, and PACER Announcements. The U.S. Party/Case Index is a national index for U.S. district, bankruptcy, and appellate courts.

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts halted a 2008 pilot project to provide free access to PACER in selected federal government depository libraries. The fees charged by PACER are a topic of current debate.

Subject(s): Federal Courts; Databases

1437. State Justice Institute

<http://www.statejustice.org/>

Sponsor(s): State Justice Institute

Description: The State Justice Institute (SJI) is a federally funded organization established by Congress to award grants to improve the state court system. The Web site has information on available grants and past awards.

Subject(s): Court Administration—Grants

1438. Supreme Court Nomination Hearings

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/congress/senate/judiciary/scourt.html>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: The Senate Judiciary Committee's Supreme Court nomination hearings are online from 1971 forward. They begin with "Hearings on the Nominations of William H. Rehnquist, of Arizona, and Lewis F. Powell Jr., of Virginia, to be Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States." The hearings are available in PDF format and can be downloaded in a compressed format.

This and other GPO Access databases are scheduled to be moved to a new system at <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/> in 2009.

Subject(s): Supreme Court

1439. Supreme Court of the United States

<http://www.supremecourt.us.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Supreme Court of the United States

Description: The Supreme Court's official Web site has the full texts of its opinions from the present term back to 2005. Opinions can be browsed by term and are in reverse date order. The Opinions section of the site includes an excellent explanation of the differences between various print and electronic versions in the Information About Opinions section, reminding researchers that "only the bound volumes of the *United States Reports* contain the final, official text of the opinions of the Supreme Court." The Opinions section also carries PDF versions of the bound volumes of *United States Reports*. These include all of the opinions, orders, and other materials issued each term; they are online for the 1991 term onward. Other helpful material in the Opinions section includes a directory of the many print and electronic versions of Supreme Court opinions available from other sources, and a Case Citation Finder with the official citations for published opinions from 1790 onward. Transcripts of oral arguments are available from the October 2000 term onward.

Other sections of the site include About the Supreme Court, Docket, Merits Briefs, Bar Admissions, Court Rules, Case Handling Guides, Orders and Journal, Visiting the Court, and Public Information. The About the Court section has PDF copies of fact sheets on the court's operations and history, including a list of justices from 1789 to the present and biographies of the current members. The Visiting the Court section has information on the Supreme Court Building and a booklet about the Supreme Court that has also been translated into six non-English languages. The Public Information section includes press releases, media advisories, and the justices' speeches.

The official Supreme Court site does not have the best search interface to its opinions, but it is useful for current documents and news from the court. The site is also valuable for information about the history of the court and the documents it generates.

Subject(s): Supreme Court

Publication(s): *Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States*, JU 6.9:
Slip Opinion, JU 6.8/B:
United States Reports, JU 6.8:

1440. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

<http://www.armfor.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

Description: The United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces has appellate jurisdiction over members of the armed forces on active duty and others subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This site provides information about the court and access to online opinions. Opinions are available back to 1997; access is by date. The site also has information on court history, jurisdiction, judges, rules, and scheduled hearings.

Subject(s): Military Justice

1441. U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

<http://www.vetapp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Description: The court reviews final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, which largely consist of cases concerning entitlement to benefits. The court's Web site has information on how to appeal, court rules, forms, and fees. Orders and opinions are online from 2000 to present. Audio files for oral arguments are online beginning with 2007.

Subject(s): Veterans

1442. U.S. Courts: The Federal Judiciary

<http://www.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

Description: The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts maintains this site, which features sections describing the U.S. Supreme Court, courts of appeals, district courts, and bankruptcy courts. These sections explain the operations of the court, provide caseload statistics and other material, and link to the online site for each court. An Educational Outreach section of the site has lesson plans and classroom resources. The Electronic Access section covers court information systems. For the legal professional, the Federal Rulemaking section covers federal rules of practice, procedure, and evidence. The Judicial Conference section explains the role of the Judicial Conference of the United States, which makes policy regarding court administration, and posts its proceedings. Publications, statistical reports, and court fee schedules are in the Library section. The Newsroom includes press releases and the publication *A Journalist's Guide to the Federal Courts*. Finally, a Court Locator page has links to federal court Web sites.

The Federal Court System in the U.S., in the site's Publications section, is provided in English, French, Italian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, and Turkish. It provides an explanation of the U.S. system for foreign audiences.

The U.S. Courts site provides clear explanations of the workings of the federal judiciary. The Court Locator is an essential online directory for finding the Web sites of federal courts.

Subject(s): Court Administration

Publication(s): *Federal Court Management Statistics*, JU 10.14:

Federal Probation Journal, JU 10.8:

Journalist's Guide to the Federal Courts

Judicial Business of the United States Courts, JU 10.1/4:

The Federal Court System in the U.S.

The Third Branch, Bulletin of the Federal Courts, JU 10.3/2:

Understanding the Federal Courts, JU 10.2:

Wiretap Report, JU 10.19:

1443. United States Attorneys Office

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—United States Attorneys

Description: The United States attorneys, working under the attorney general, conduct most of the trial work in which the United States is a party. The Web site has a directory of the 93 United States Attorneys stationed throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The site describes the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, which serves as a liaison between the Department of Justice and the attorneys. The site's FOIA Electronic Reading Room includes the *United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Report*. The Web site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Litigation

Publication(s): *United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Report*, J 31.10:

United States Attorneys' Bulletin, J 31.12:

1444. United States Bankruptcy Courts

<http://www.uscourts.gov/bankruptcycourts.html>

Sponsor(s): Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

Description: Federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction over bankruptcy cases. This Web site has information on federal bankruptcy courts and copies of official bankruptcy forms. The Bankruptcy Resources section includes information on credit counseling, filing fees, fee waivers, and filing for bankruptcy with an attorney.

Subject(s): Bankruptcy Court

Publication(s): *Bankruptcy Basics*, JU 10.2:B 22/3/

1445. United States Court of Federal Claims

<http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of Federal Claims

Description: The Court of Federal Claims is authorized to primarily hear money claims founded upon the Constitution, federal statutes, executive regulations, or contracts, with the United States. As described on the site, many of the cases before the court concern complex tax refund disputes, government contracts, natural resource issues, civilian and military pay, and Indian tribe and Nation claims. Published decisions are available from July 1997 to the present; unpublished decisions are available from February 2005 to present. The site also has information on rules, forms, fees, and the court's Office of Special Masters, which handles claims under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

Subject(s): Federal Courts

1446. United States Court of International Trade

<http://www.cit.uscourts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Court of International Trade

Description: The United States Court of International Trade handles litigation rising out of international trade disputes. The court's Web site has sections for the weekly court calendar, court staff directory, rules and forms, and biographies of the judges. Slip opinions are online for 1999 onward.

Subject(s): Federal Courts; International Trade—Laws

1447. United States Sentencing Commission

<http://www.ussc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Sentencing Commission

Description: The United States Sentencing Commission was created by the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 to reduce disparities in federal sentences. The commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch. Its Web site carries the *Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual* and its amendments, and provides federal sentencing statistics by state, district, and circuit. The commission also has information on its training materials for teaching sentencing guidelines applications to judges, attorneys, and others. The site features a section about the 2005 federal sentencing guidelines decision of the Supreme Court, which is referred to as “Booker/Fanfan.”

Subject(s): Sentencing

Publication(s): *Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual*, Y 3.SE 5:8 G 94/
Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics, Y 3.SE 5:1/

1448. United States Tax Court

<http://www.ustaxcourt.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Tax Court

Description: The United States Tax Court, a federal court established by Congress under Article I of the Constitution, provides a judicial forum for affected persons to dispute “tax deficiencies” as determined by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, prior to payment of the disputed amounts. The site has sections for Today’s Opinions, Opinions Search, Forms, Rules, Fees, and general information about contacts and frequently asked questions. The Opinions Search section offers a search of past opinions by release date, petitioner’s name, judge, and opinion type, and sorted by case name or release date. The Taxpayer Information section is a guide to the process for those who represent themselves before the court.

Subject(s): Federal Courts; Taxation—Laws

Publication(s): *Rules of Practice and Procedure, U.S. Tax Court*, JU 11.8:

1449. United States Trustee Program

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The United States Trustee Program oversees the bankruptcy process to ensure legal and procedural compliance. The Trustee Web site has information on its mission and organization and a directory of its 21 regional offices. A Bankruptcy Information Sheet is available in eight languages besides English. The site has information on the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-8) and on credit counseling agencies. Other sections include regulations, guidance documents, and bankruptcy statistics.

Subject(s): Bankruptcy

Publication(s): *United States Trustee Manual*

Crime and Enforcement

1450. AMBER Alert

<http://www.amberalert.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: AMBER Alerts are local systems for alerting the public when a child has been abducted. This site includes program statistics and frequently asked ques-

tions. It also provides State AMBER Alert contacts and information on the wireless AMBER Alert service.

Subject(s): Kidnapping

1451. America's Most Wanted Criminals

<http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/MostWanted.shtml>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: USA.gov presents this compilation of links to most-wanted lists from nine U.S. and international sources.

Subject(s): Criminals

1452. ATF Online—Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

<http://www.atf.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Description: As part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) was transferred from the Treasury Department to the Justice Department in early 2003. Certain functions of the ATF remain with Treasury in the newly created Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, or TTB. See the separate entry for the TTB Web site for more information.

ATF is a law enforcement organization charged with enforcing federal laws and regulations relating to alcohol, tobacco, firearms, explosives, and arson. The ATF Web site features news, organizational information, and major sections including Alcohol and Tobacco Diversion, Firearms, Arson and Explosives, and Laboratories. The Regulations section has current notices of proposed rulemaking in the areas of alcohol, tobacco, and firearms/explosives. The site also has ATF hotline numbers, forms, statistics, and links to the field office Web sites.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement; Wanted People

Publication(s): *ATF Industry Circulars*, T 70.10:

Firearms Curios or Relics List, T 70.15:

Firearms State Laws and Published Ordinances, T 70.14:

1453. Attorney General

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ag/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Attorney General

Description: The United States attorney general is the head of the Justice Department and the chief law enforcement officer of the federal government. This site describes the office and has some biographical information on the current attorney general. It also provides links to speeches, testimony, annual reports, and FOIA.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement

Publication(s): *Assessment of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons*, J 1.2:

1454. Border Patrol

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/border_security/border_patrol/

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.borderpatrol.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Customs and Border Protection Bureau

Description: The U.S. Border Patrol Web presence is part of a larger section on border security on the Department of Homeland Security Web site. On the site, the Border Patrol describes its priority mission as “preventing terrorists and terrorists weapons,

including weapons of mass destruction, from entering the United States.” The site carries the *National Border Control Strategy* report and identifies the U.S. Border Patrol geographic sectors. The site also has a section on Border Patrol history.

The Border Patrol maintains a separate Web site for recruiting at the alternate URL above.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; International Borders

Publication(s): *National Border Control Strategy*
U.S. Border Patrol Weekly Blotter

1455. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/inl/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Bureau

Description: The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs assists foreign countries in implementing anti-narcotics strategies. It works with other countries to counter transnational crime, such as alien smuggling. The office also conducts programs fighting official corruption and recruiting civilian police for international peacekeeping missions. The Web site describes specific programs, such as International Law Enforcement Academies (ILEAs) and the Civilian Police program. The annual *International Narcotics Control Strategy Report* is under the Releases heading, along with fact sheets and press releases.

Subject(s): International Crimes; International Drug Trade

Publication(s): *International Narcotics Control Strategy Report*, S 1.146:

1456. Bureau of Justice Assistance

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) supports local criminal justice agencies throughout the United States, offering grants, training, and technical assistance. The site offers information on funding and training opportunities. Program information is organized under topical headings such as Adjudication, Corrections, Crime Prevention, Information Sharing, and Substance Abuse.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement—Grants

1457. Bureau of Justice Statistics

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Description: The Justice Department’s Bureau of Justice Statistics collects and reports data on crime, offenders, victims, and the criminal justice system. Its Web site features quick access to frequently requested statistics on these topics. The site’s Press Releases section highlights BJS publications as they are released and provides links to the full-text versions of the reports. The Publications section lists reports in alphabetical order and links to their full electronic versions (when available). Under the What’s New heading, the site has e-mail notification services for news of new statistical releases. The Web site’s Data for Analysis section links to a feature for creating custom tables online and links to full data sets to download.

BJS also supports grants programs for state, local, and tribal governments to assist with criminal justice statistics programs at those levels. The programs are described under the Justice Records Improvement Program heading.

The BJS site provides well-organized access to its own reports and also links to related statistics from other sites, including both the United Nations and other Department of Justice bureaus, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Subject(s): Criminal Justice—Statistics; Prisons—Statistics

Publication(s): *Background Checks for Firearm Transfers*, J 29.11:F

Bureau of Justice Statistics Publications Catalog, J 29.14/2:

Capital Punishment, J 29.11/3:

Census of State and Federal Corrections Facilities, J 29.16:

Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, J 29.20:

Criminal Victimization (A National Crime Victimization Survey Report), J 29.11/10:

Federal Law Enforcement Officers, J 29.11:L

Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, J 29.2:F

Felony Sentences in State Courts, J 29.11/11:

Felony Sentences in the United States, J 29.11/11-2:

HIV in Prisons and Jails, J 29.11:P 93/

Homicide Trends in the United States, J 29.27/2:

Indicators of School Crime and Safety, ED 1.347:

Jails in Indian Country, J 29.11/5-3:

Justice Expenditure and Employment Extracts, J 29.11/2-2:

Justice Expenditure and Employment in the U.S., J 29.11/2-3:

Local Police Departments, J 29.2:P 75/

Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear, J 29.11/5-2:

Prisoners, J 29.11/7:

Prosecutors in State Courts, J 29.11/15:

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics, J 29.9/6:

State Court Sentencing of Convicted Felons, J 29.11/11-3:

Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems, J 29.9/8:H 62/

1458. Community Capacity Development Office

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: The Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) sponsors programs to help communities reduce crime and improve the local quality of life. The Web site describes their major programs, such as the Weed and Seed Initiative. It also provides information on funding, training, and technical assistance for communities.

Subject(s): Crime Prevention

1459. Community Relations Service

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crs/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Community Relations Service

Description: The Community Relations Service (CRS) was established by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to help communities resolve serious racial or ethnic conflicts. Major sections of the Web site include Frequently Asked Questions, Publications and Useful Handbooks, and the Map of CRS Regional and Field Offices. Publications cover such topics as hate crime, police use of force, and a basic description of CRS services in Spanish, Arabic, and six Asian languages.

Subject(s): Dispute Resolution; Mediation

1460. Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section

<http://www.cybercrime.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Criminal Division

Description: This Web site for the Justice Department's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) reports on relevant policy developments, cases, guidance, laws, and documents. CCIPS provides information on reporting Internet-related crime, legal issues in electronic commerce, intellectual property protection, and related topics. In the Other High Tech Legal Issues section, the site has "cyber-ethics" information for teachers, parents, and kids.

Subject(s): Computer Security; Intellectual Property

1461. Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

<http://www.juvenilecouncil.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Description: The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is an independent body within the executive branch. It coordinates federal programs concerning juvenile delinquency prevention, programs and activities that detain or care for unaccompanied juveniles, and programs relating to missing and exploited children. Its Web site has information on the council, its members, its meetings, and links to relevant grant programs.

Subject(s): Child Welfare; Juvenile Delinquency; Juvenile Justice

1462. COPS Office: Grants and Resources for Community Policing

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Community Oriented Policing Services

Description: The COPS Office makes grants to state and local law enforcement agencies to advance community policing. The Web site has information on the grants and training available. It also covers community policing topics such as gangs and school safety. Under the Congressional Resources heading, the site has COPS budget information and summaries of COPS funding awarded in each state.

Subject(s): Police-Community Relations—Grants

1463. Counter-Terrorism Training and Resources for Law Enforcement

<http://www.counterterrorismtraining.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: This site is a centralized counterterrorism information clearinghouse for law enforcement and local agencies. Linked resources come from both the federal government and private nonprofit and commercial services. Major portal sections link to resources on training and technical assistance, conferences, research, equipment, planning, and victim assistance. A Funding section links to appropriations news and current funding opportunities. The site is sponsored by many federal agencies, including the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Law Enforcement

1464. Criminal Division

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Criminal Division

Description: The Department of Justice's Criminal Division enforces and prosecutes federal criminal law. Most of the information on the Web site can be reached through the Criminal Division Organizations link. Each organizational unit—including the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Section, the Fraud Section, the Domestic Security

Section, and the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section—provides a single-page description and contact information. The site also links to information on special task forces, such as the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force and National Procurement Fraud Task Force. The Public Service section has information on topics such as Gambling Device Registration and most-wanted lists.

Subject(s): Crime; Law Enforcement

1465. Cyber Investigations

<http://www.fbi.gov/cyberinvest/cyberhome.htm>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Description: The FBI is concerned with stopping computer network intrusions, online sexual predators, online operations that target U.S. intellectual property, and organized criminal enterprises engaging in Internet fraud. The Cyber Investigations Web site has FBI news and initiatives in these areas. It also carries advice to the public about protection from computer crime, including an alert service on new e-mail-based scams.

Subject(s): Computer Security

1466. DNA Initiative

<http://www.dna.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The goal of the DNA Initiative is to increase the effective use of DNA evidence technology in the criminal justice system through the support of grants, training, and guidance. The Web site has sections on grant funding, training, services for laboratories, publications, and legal information on the use of DNA technology. It also features an overview of forensic DNA and current research. Under Browse by Audience, the site has sections tailored to constituency groups such as forensic scientists, court officers, victim advocates, crime lab managers, and policy-makers.

Subject(s): Crime Detection; Forensics—Grants

1467. Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Registry

<http://www.nsopw.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The National Sex Offender Public Registry is a cooperative effort between the state agencies hosting public sexual offender registries and the federal government. It can be searched by name, county, city/town, and ZIP code. The site provides background information that should be consulted before using the database. It covers what may legally constitute a sex offense and warns about the differences in registries from state to state. The site also has a lengthy “conditions of use” statement that includes individual states’ conditions of use for the information.

The Web site was renamed the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Registry in October 2006 in memory of Dru Sjodin, a college student who was murdered in North Dakota by a convicted sex offender.

Subject(s): Criminals

1468. Drug Enforcement Administration

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Description: The DEA Web site focuses on information about current illegal drug threats and recent DEA enforcement actions. Topical sections include Law Enforcement (including state fact sheets), Drug Prevention, Drug Policy, and Diversion

Control and Prescription Drugs. Under About Us, the Programs and Operations section links to Web pages on specific aspects of DEA work, such as aviation, money laundering, Southwest Border Initiative, and forensic sciences. The Legislative Resources section includes DEA congressional testimony, profiles of the illegal drug situation by state, and a chart of federal drug trafficking penalties.

Subject(s): Drug Control; Law Enforcement

Publication(s): *Drugs of Abuse*, J 24.2:

Get It Straight: The Facts about Drugs, J 24.2:

Guidelines for the Cleanup of Clandestine Drug Laboratories, J 24.8:

Microgram Bulletin, J 24.31:

Microgram Journal, J 24.31/2:

Speaking Out Against Drug Legalization, J 24.2:

1469. Federal Bureau of Investigation

<http://www.fbi.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Description: For an overview of the FBI's work, see this site's What We Investigate section. It links to substantial information on FBI programs in counterterrorism, counterintelligence, public corruption, organized crime, white collar crime, art theft, and other areas. Other sections of the Web site cover crime prevention tips, the FBI's Most Wanted, laboratory services, information technology initiatives, agency history, and directories of FBI field and overseas offices. The site also has an online form for submitting tips about suspected criminal activity.

The Freedom of Information Act section, linked from the bottom of each page, can be accessed directly at <http://foia.fbi.gov>. It has an index to the popularly requested FOIA documents in its Washington FOIA reading room, with links to those documents that have been digitized and put online. An Electronic Reading Room section has online documents organized alphabetically and by topics such as "gangster era" and "famous persons."

Because information is spread throughout the many sections of this site, first-time users may want to consult the site map.

Subject(s): Crime Detection; Law Enforcement; Wanted People

Publication(s): *Crime in the United States*, J 1.14/7-8:

FBI Laboratory Annual Report, J 1.14/27:

FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, J 1.14/8:

Forensic Science Communications, J 1.14/18-2:

Handbook of Forensic Services, J 1.14/18-3:

Hate Crime Statistics, J 1.14/7-9:

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, J 1.14/7-6:

1470. Federal Bureau of Prisons

<http://www.bop.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Prisons

Description: The Bureau of Prisons is responsible for the federal prison system and federal inmates. The BOP Web site has the Inmate Locator database of federal inmates incarcerated from 1982 to present. It also has a Facility Locator and links to Web pages for each of the facilities operated by the Bureau of Prisons. The Inmate Matters section covers topics such as medical care, substance abuse treatment, preparation for release, and the Victim/Witness Notification Program. The site also has information on employment and acquisition opportunities.

Subject(s): Prisons

Publication(s): *Legal Resource Guide to the Federal Bureau of Prisons*
State of the Bureau, J 16.1:
Weekly Population Report, J 16.32:

1471. Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

<http://www.fletc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

Description: FLETC is the federal government's centralized law enforcement training organization. Its Web site includes a catalog of training programs, listing programs in such areas as financial fraud investigations, driver training, firearms techniques, and other security and investigative specialties. FLETC publications are provided in various sections of the site, including About FLETC, Training, and Reference. The site offers several RSS feeds.

The FLETC site will be of interest primarily to those considering FLETC training.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Law Enforcement

Publication(s): *Federal Law Enforcement Informer*, HS 1.17:

1472. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

<http://www.fincen.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: FinCEN supports law enforcement investigations into domestic and international financial crimes and money laundering. The agency works with the law enforcement (local, national, and international), financial, and regulatory communities on information sharing in the network. The site has regulatory guidance on the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and the USA PATRIOT Act. FinCEN's *SAR Activity Review* of statistical data from the Suspicious Activity Report forms filed by various financial institutions is available in the Newsroom/Reports & Publications section. The *FinCEN Advisory* publications, which often focus on financial transactions with specific countries, are also in the Newsroom section.

The Web site has specific guidance sections for depository institutions, casinos, Money Services Businesses (MSBs), the insurance industry, securities and futures, and the precious metals/jewelry industry.

Subject(s): Financial Crimes; Money Laundering

Publication(s): *FinCEN Advisory*, T 22.3/4:

SAR Activity Review, T 1.67/3:

SAR Activity Review by the Numbers, T 1.67/4:

1473. Gang Resistance Education and Training Program

<http://www.atf.gov/great/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)

Description: The Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.) is designed to be carried out by local police agencies to educate school-age children on avoiding gang and crime-related activity. The site includes information on setting up a G.R.E.A.T. program, availability of grants, program guidelines, and other program support information.

This site will primarily be of interest to communities looking to participate in the program.

Subject(s): Juvenile Delinquency

1474. Identity Theft

<http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Description: This site serves as a central point for government information on identity theft, which occurs when someone appropriates personal information without that person's knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. The FTC provides detailed information for consumers, businesses, law enforcement, and members of the military. The Reference Desk section has national and state laws and statistics regarding identity theft. Consumer information is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Identity Theft

1475. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

<http://www.ice.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Description: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has investigation and law enforcement responsibilities within the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is concerned with such areas as illegal shipments, drug trafficking, immigrant smuggling, and air and marine security. Most information about the agency's operations is in the Programs section. Topics include the apprehension and removal of illegal aliens, the Federal Protective Service, workforce compliance, foreign operations, investigations, and procedures for student and exchange program visitors. The News section of the site includes fact sheets on ICE programs, federal regulation notices, and the *Cornerstone Reports* series. Basic information about ICE is available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Customs (Trade); Homeland Security; Immigration Law

Publication(s): *Cornerstone Reports*

1476. Internet Crime Complaint Center

<http://www.ic3.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Description: The Internet Crime Complaint Center is a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center. The Web site describes current Internet crime schemes and has a form for filing a complaint online. In the Press Room section, the center's annual report provides statistics on complaints by state.

Subject(s): Fraud

1477. Joint Terrorism Task Force

<http://www.usdoj.gov/jttf/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The interagency Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is a responsibility of the Justice Department and its Federal Bureau of Investigation. The site has information about the national JTTF and the coordinated group of approximately 100 JTTFs across the country.

Subject(s): Terrorism

1478. Justice Information Sharing

<http://it.ojp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: This Justice Department site provides a central location for news, documents, funding information, data and technology standards, and policy related to sharing information and intelligence among law enforcement, public safety, and private sector officials at all levels. The National Initiatives section covers Fusion Centers and the National Information Exchange model. The site also has information on privacy and civil liberties as related to justice information sharing.

Subject(s): Government Information; Law Enforcement Policy

1479. JUSTNET—Justice Technology Information Network

<http://www.justnet.org/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—National Institute of Justice (NIJ)—National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC)

Description: JUSTNET is the home page for the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC), which assists state and local law enforcement and corrections personnel with technology, equipment, and information systems. The Web site describes NLECTC programs in technology assistance, equipment testing and evaluation, and training assistance. Resources such as journal articles, government Web sites, and grants programs are organized by technology, including crime mapping, forensics, and personal protective equipment.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement—Grants

Publication(s): *TechBeat*, J 28.37:

1480. MethResources.gov

<http://www.methresources.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Justice Department—White House—National Drug Control Policy Office

Description: MethResources.gov is an interagency Web site that provides resources and information on battling methamphetamine abuse. The site includes sections on publications, research, conferences, state and local programs, funding, technical assistance, policies, and legislation. Resources are also organized by topic (such as enforcement and treatment) and by audience (such as parents and businesses). Meth in Your State, a clickable map, organizes resources by state. The site also has an RSS news feed for announcements of conferences, publications, and other resources.

Subject(s): Drug Abuse; Drug Control

1481. National Center on Elder Abuse

<http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration on Aging (AoA)

Description: The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) serves as a national resource center on the prevention of elder mistreatment. The Web site provides federal, state, and local information resources for families, caregivers, and communities. The site has a directory of elder abuse hotlines and adult protective services (APS) and information on state APS laws. The Library section includes a link to the Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly (CANE) database, as well as statistics on elder abuse and related publications.

Subject(s): Senior Citizens

1482. National Criminal Justice Reference Service

<http://www.ncjrs.org/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)

Description: The National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) compiles resource information from federal agencies involved in law enforcement research and policy. It responds to queries from law enforcement and corrections officials, lawmakers, judges and court personnel, and researchers. The NCJRS site houses numerous publications on a wide range of criminal justice and law enforcement topics. It also provides access to the NCJRS Abstracts Database with summaries of more than 180,000 criminal justice publications.

Other topical links on the main page include Corrections, Courts, Crime Prevention, Drugs, International, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement, and Victims of Crime. These topic sections include links to the publications, Department of Justice seminars, and related links. The NCJRS site also includes a list of federal grants relating to criminal justice.

The vast number of publications available from the NCJRS site makes it a leading source for criminal justice statistics and reports. Many of the publications are available directly from the individual agencies. NCJRS provides the service of centralizing access.

Subject(s): Criminal Justice

Publication(s): *NCJRS Abstracts Database*, J 28.31/2-2:

1483. National Drug Intelligence Center

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ndic/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC)

Description: The NDIC is the federal government's center for strategic domestic counterdrug intelligence. The Web site provides copies of the annual *National Drug Threat Assessment* and assessment reports for specific drugs. NDIC bulletins and briefs on the site focus on specific drug abuse topics and areas of the United States. Some NDIC publications are available in Spanish or French.

Subject(s): Drug Control; Intelligence Agencies

Publication(s): *National Drug Threat Assessment*, J 1.2:D

1484. National Institute of Corrections

<http://www.nicic.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Federal Bureau of Prisons

Description: The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) provides training, technical assistance, information services, and program development assistance to federal, state, and local corrections agencies. Under Community, the site has a news blog announcing new programs and resources. Publications announcements are in the About Us section. The Library section provides access to many of NIC's digital resources and a directory of other corrections Web sites.

Subject(s): Criminal Justice; Prisons

1485. National Institute of Justice

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Description: NIJ supports research, evaluation, and demonstration programs, development of technology, and national and international information dissemination in the area of criminal justice. Program topics include biometrics, forensic DNA, communications technology, body armor, and school safety technology. The Web site

has information on the institute, its programs, funding opportunities, and publications.

Subject(s): Criminal Justice—Research

Publication(s): *National Institute of Justice Annual Report to Congress*, J 28.1:
National Institute of Justice Journal, J 28.14/2-2:

1486. National Missing and Unidentified Persons System

<http://www.namus.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a national repository for the names of missing persons and the records of people who have died but not been identified. The database is made available online and searchable to help solve cases. The site provides a video and About NamUs section to explain the issues of missing persons and unidentified decedents.

Subject(s): Crime Detection; Missing Children

1487. National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center

<http://www.safeyouth.org/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Description: The National Youth Violence Prevention Center is a clearinghouse for information about preventing violence committed by and against children and teens. The site is sponsored by the CDC in other federal agencies and is intended for use by local government leaders and community leaders. The Web site features news, publications, statistics, funding information, a directory of crisis hotlines, and other resources.

Subject(s): Juvenile Delinquency

1488. Office for Victims of Crime

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established by the 1984 Victims of Crime Act to oversee grants, training, and other programs that benefit victims of crime. Major sections include Grants and Funding, Help for Victims, Publications, OVC Resource Center, Training and Technical Assistance, Resources for International Victims, and Research and Statistics. The Help for Victims section directs users to resources, particularly nongovernment organizations and their Web sites, that can assist with such areas as child abuse, campus crime, elder abuse, sexual abuse, workplace violence, and military victims. It also features an online directory of crime victim services.

Much of the funding and technical assistance information on the OVC Web site is for professionals and organizations that manage victim assistance programs. The Help for Victims section can be of direct interest to individuals.

Subject(s): Victims of Crime

Publication(s): *Directory of International Crime Victim Compensation Programs*, J 34.10:

OVC Fact Sheets, J 34.4:

OVC National Directory of Victim Assistance Funding Opportunities, J 34.10/2:

OVC's Legal Series Bulletins, J 34.3/3:

1489. Office of Child Support Enforcement

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Child Support Enforcement Office

Description: Child support enforcement is conducted primarily at the state level. The Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) supports state and local efforts to locate participants in child support cases, collect child support payments, and enforce child support orders. The Web site has information on available grants, state child support Web sites, and services for finding participants in child support cases. Some materials, such as a handbook for the party seeking child support, are available in Spanish as well as English.

Subject(s): Child Support

Publication(s): *Child Support Enforcement Handbook*, T 22.44/2:
Child Support Report, HE 24.9:

1490. Office of Justice Programs

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides federal assistance to the nation's justice system. OJP and its program bureaus are responsible for collecting statistical data and conducting analyses, identifying emerging criminal justice issues, providing technical assistance and training, evaluating program results, and disseminating information to state and local governments. The Web site has sections on funding resources and on technical and training assistance. The Program Areas section has detailed information on resources in specific areas.

Subject(s): Criminal Justice—Research; Law Enforcement—Grants

Publication(s): *Office of Justice Programs Resource Guide*, J 1.8/2:

1491. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: The OJJDP supports states and communities in their work to prevent and control juvenile crime. Featured sections of the site include Topics, Funding, Programs, Publications, State Contacts, and Statistics. The Topics section organizes OJJDP publications, programs, funding opportunities, and events by subject. Topics include child protection, courts, delinquency prevention, schools, and victims. The Publications catalog links to full-text publications on the NCJRS site.

Subject(s): Juvenile Delinquency; Juvenile Justice

Publication(s): *OJJDP Bulletin*, J 32.21/2-2:

OJJDP Fact Sheets, J 32.21:

OJJDP News @ a Glance, J 32.25:

1492. Office of National Drug Control Policy

<http://www.ondep.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House—National Drug Control Policy Office

Description: This White House office produces the federal drug control strategy with the goal of reducing illicit drug abuse and distribution and its consequences. The site includes the sections Policy, Prevention, Treatment, Enforcement, Drug Facts, State and Local, International, and Science and Technology. The Publications page includes reports and fact sheets from both the ONDCP and other federal agencies. The site also features a blog called “Pushing Back.”

Subject(s): Drug Policy

Publication(s): *National Drug Control Policy*, PREX 26.1/2:

1493. Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department

Description: The Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI) develops policies, regulations, and strategies to guard financial systems against illegal use and to target the use of financial systems by terrorists. Topics covered by the Web site include freezing terrorist assets and protecting charities from misuse by terrorist organizations. The site has lists and information on sanctioned countries and “Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons.”

Subject(s): Financial Crimes; Terrorism

1494. Office of the Associate Attorney General

<http://www.usdoj.gov/aag/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: This page offers a brief description of the office of the associate attorney general along with FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) information, speeches, and testimony by the associate attorney general.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement Policy

1495. Office of the Deputy Attorney General

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dag/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Deputy Attorney General

Description: This page features the deputy attorney general’s speeches, congressional testimony, and publications. It also includes information from the Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, a component of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement Policy

Publication(s): *Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program Annual Report*, J 1.1/13:

The Federal Death Penalty System: A Statistical Survey, J 1.2:

1496. Office of the Federal Detention Trustee

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ofdt/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/ofdt/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Office of the Federal Detention Trustee

Description: The Office of the Federal Detention Trustee centrally manages the detention of federal prisoners and aliens awaiting trial or removal from the United States. The office assesses detention space needs and reviews the conditions of detention space against a set of standards. Along with background information, the Web site includes statistics on the number of people held in federal detention.

Subject(s): Prisoners

1497. Office on Violence Against Women

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The Office on Violence Against Women was established as a source for assistance to female victims of violence. The Web site links to resources and publications on help for victims (including hotline numbers), domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The site also has information on grant programs, federal laws, and the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women.

Subject(s): Domestic Violence; Victims of Crime

1498. Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

<http://www.state.gov/g/tip/>

Sponsor(s): State Department

Description: The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons is concerned with preventing abusive smuggling of the men, women, and children across international borders. The Web site provides background information on the issue and has sections about government-funded anti-trafficking programs and U.S. laws on trafficking in persons.

Subject(s): International Crimes

Publication(s): *Trafficking in Persons Report*, S 1.152:

1499. Project Safe Childhood

<http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: Project Safe Childhood is designed to strengthen the investigation and prosecution of sexual exploitation crimes committed against children through the Internet. The Web site provides detailed information on the program and news and reports related to the online victimization of youth.

Subject(s): Children

1500. Project Safe Neighborhoods

<http://www.psn.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psn.html>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: Project Safe Neighborhoods is a national, state, and local effort to reduce gun violence. Federal support comes in the form of funding, grants, law enforcement training, and technology. This Web site provides background information on the project and links to related publications and Web sites.

Subject(s): Guns; Crime Prevention

1501. Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics

<http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)—University of Albany

Description: The *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics* is a key Justice Department reference publication that presents over 600 tables of data from over 100 sources. This university site has made the *Sourcebook* available online and the data is continuously updated. Data tables are in PDF and spreadsheet formats. The *Sourcebook* is no longer issued in print; the site has an archive of past *Sourcebook* editions going back to 1994.

Subject(s): Criminal Justice—Statistics

Publication(s): *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics*, J 29.9/6:

1502. Tribal Justice and Safety in Indian Country

<http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Justice Programs Office

Description: This site provides a central source of technical assistance and information on crime prevention and justice systems for American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments. It links to grants, training, and other Justice Department programs in such areas as corrections, juvenile justice, and victims of crime. The site has been updated with information on Recovery Act funds.

Subject(s): American Indians

1503. U.S. Marshals Service

<http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Marshals Service

Description: The U.S. Marshals Service, in existence since 1789, today has a range of duties including court security, fugitive investigations, and the sale of properties seized and forfeited by federal law enforcement agencies. The Web site emphasizes news of current fugitives and recent captures. Other sections of the site cover the U.S. Marshals duties, the long and eventful history of the service, fugitive investigations (including “15 Most Wanted”), the Asset Forfeiture Program (including current asset sales), prisoner transportation and custody issues, court and witness security, and service of process. The site also has career information, a detailed directory of the local district offices, and an RSS feed for news releases.

Subject(s): Law Enforcement; Wanted People

1504. U.S. National Central Bureau of Interpol

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usncb/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The U.S. National Central Bureau of Interpol acts as the U.S. representative to the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) on behalf of the U.S. attorney general. Among its responsibilities, the bureau distributes INTERPOL notices on fugitives, lost persons, stolen art and cultural objects, organized crime groups, and other matters. The Web site has information on the bureau’s mission, organization, and programs.

Subject(s): International Crimes

1505. U.S. Postal Inspection Service

<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Postal Service (USPS)—Postal Inspection Service

Description: The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is a federal law enforcement agency with the security and enforcement responsibilities for the U.S. mail and U.S. Postal Service workers. Major sections of the Web site concern mail fraud, consumer scams, mail theft, and identity theft. The site also has a list of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service’s most wanted criminals with links to their wanted posters.

Subject(s): Postal Service; Wanted People

1506. United States Park Police

<http://www.nps.gov/uspp/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—National Park Service (NPS)

Description: This site describes the history, role, and activities of the United States Park Police, law enforcement officers with jurisdiction in National Park Service areas and certain government properties. The site includes United States Park Police patrol and investigative units, their Most Wanted List, and a phone directory for their offices in New York, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

Subject(s): National Parks and Reserves; Police

1507. United States Parole Commission

<http://www.usdoj.gov/uspc/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Parole Commission

Description: The United States Parole Commission makes parole determinations in certain federal offender cases, District of Columbia Code violation cases, Uniform Code of Military Justice offender cases, and for certain state probationers and parolees who have been placed in the federal witness protection program. The site

describes the commission and its specific jurisdiction. Sections include Mission, The Victim/Witness Program, Our History, FOIA and Online Reading Room, Rules and Procedures Manual, and hearings schedule. Questions such as “How does the commission decide if someone is eligible for parole?” and “What happens at a parole hearing?” are addressed in a section called Answering Your Questions.

Subject(s): Prisoners

Laws and Legal Information

1508. Code of Federal Regulations

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office—Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: As described by the Government Printing Office (GPO), The *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) “is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the *Federal Register* by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government. It is divided into 50 titles that represent broad areas subject to federal regulation” (from the Web site). The CFR on GPO Access represents an online version of the printed edition. Content is updated as the print volumes are updated. Past editions, going back to 1997, are kept online.

GPO has also developed a complementary online version, called e-CFR. The e-CFR is available at the alternate URL listed above. The e-CFR text is continually updated with new federal regulations as they become effective. The text also integrates links to newly finalized regulations that will become effective in the future.

As with other GPO Access databases, the CFR content will be transferred to the new GPO FDsys, <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/>, system during 2009.

The e-CFR is an important step forward for public access to federal regulations. Researchers using either version of the CFR should read the online background information to learn how the regulations are updated.

Subject(s): Legal Information

Publication(s): *Code of Federal Regulations*, AE 2.106/3:

1509. Global Legal Information Network

<http://www.glin.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—Law Library of Congress

Description: The Global Legal Information Network (GLIN) is a searchable database of laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and legal literature contributed by governments and international organizations around the world. Each document is summarized in English, and often in other languages; full-text versions are available depending on the agreement with the contributing agency. Not all countries participate in GLIN. See the Help Center and About GLIN sections for detailed information on the database content.

Subject(s): Legal Information—International

1510. Global Legal Monitor

<http://www.loc.gov/law/public/glm/>

Alternate URL(s)

http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc_news?home

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—Law Library of Congress

Description: The Global Legal Monitor (GLM) features international legal news by topic and by country. The Law Library of Congress introduced GLM, an online publication, in 2006. News updates are available as an RSS feed, and all news can be search by topic, country, and date.

Subject(s): Legal Information—International

1511. Office of the Federal Register

<http://www.federalregister.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office

Description: The Office of the Federal Register prepares the official texts for federal regulatory materials, federal laws, presidential documents, and the *U.S. Government Manual*. The Web site serves as a portal linking to the government Web sites hosting the online version of these documents. The Public Inspection Desk section of the site provides access to the documents (notices, regulations, and other items) that will appear in the next day's *Federal Register* and selected documents scheduled for later issues. The Web site also links to the site for the Electoral College, which is also administered by the Office of the Federal Register.

The office has a separate site at the alternate URL listed above. This site links to many of the same resources but provides additional details.

Subject(s): Government Publications; Laws

Publication(s): *Federal Register*, AE 2.106:

1512. Office of the Law Revision Counsel

<http://uscode.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Office of the Law Revision Counsel

Description: “The Office of the Law Revision Counsel prepares and publishes the United States Code, which is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States” (from the Web site). The Law Revision Counsel makes the U.S. Code available online for searching, browsing, or downloading. The site also features the office's classification tables, which show where recently enacted laws will appear in the U.S. Code and which sections of the code have been amended by those laws.

See also the separate entry in this section for the U.S. Code Web site, which is sponsored by the Legal Information Institute.

Subject(s): Laws

1513. Public and Private Laws

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: The GPO Access system has a database of public and private laws enacted from 1995 to the present. The database can be searched, or lists of laws can be browsed by congressional session. Laws are available in both text and PDF formats. As with other GPO Access databases, the Public and Private Laws database

will be transferred to the new GPO FDsys, <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/>, system during 2009.

Subject(s): Laws

1514. Public Laws

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/laws/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office

Description: Public laws are published by the National Archive's Office of the Federal Register. This Web page explains how laws are numbered and printed. Users can view a list of laws from the current session of Congress or sign up to receive automatic e-mail announcements of new public law numbers. The site links to the Government Printing Office database for the texts of public laws.

Subject(s): Laws

1515. RegInfo.gov

<http://reginfo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)—Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Description: RegInfo.gov is a finding aid for federal regulatory information. It links to online resources such as the *Federal Register* and the *Code of Federal Regulations* at GPO Access, Small Business Administration Regulatory Alerts, and the *Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions*. The site also features a Reg Map that provides a step-by-step overview of the rulemaking process.

RegInfo.gov is a useful portal site for official regulatory documents and information on the federal regulatory process.

Subject(s): Regulatory Policy; Finding Aids

Publication(s): *Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions*, GS 1.6/11-2:

1516. Regulations.gov

<http://www.regulations.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: Regulations.gov is intended to make it easier for the general public to participate in the federal regulations review process. The site is an interagency effort led by the EPA. Users can search by agency or word to find proposed and final regulations currently open for comment. Search results include a docket ID, *Federal Register* citation and date for when the regulation was first published, and final date for comments. The results also have links to view the *Federal Register* announcement in text or PDF formats and a link to a Web form for submitting comments. The full docket of materials includes the text of public comments in accordance with the policies of the individual agencies. Regulations.gov also has an e-mail notification service for notices of updates to specific dockets.

Regulations.gov has come under criticism for being difficult to use and not providing enough functionality. The site is undergoing review for a redesign in the summer of 2009.

Subject(s): Regulatory Policy

1517. Statutes at Large

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/statutes/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office—Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: The print version of the *United States Statutes at Large* compiles every public and private law in order of the date enacted into law. It also includes concurrent resolutions, proclamations by the president, any proposed and ratified amendments to the Constitution, and reorganization plans. At present, only the volumes for the 108th and 109th Congress are online. As with other GPO Access databases, the Statutes at Large content will be transferred to the new GPO FDsys, <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/>, system during 2009.

Subject(s): Laws

Publication(s): *United States Statutes at Large*

1518. U.S. Code

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/>

Sponsor(s): Legal Information Institute (LII)

Description: Cornell University's Legal Information Institute (LII) offers this popular and free interface for searching the U.S. Code. The code can be searched by word, by title and section number, or browsed. The site also features a table of popular names of laws, such as Voting Rights Act and Railroad Retirement Act. Where these laws can easily be linked to one part of the code, LII does so.

Also see the separate entry in this section for the Office of the Law Revision Counsel Web site.

Subject(s): Laws

CHAPTER 16

Legislative Branch

The United States Congress is comprised of 2 chambers, 535 Member offices, over 40 committees, various legislative and operational offices, and several major congressional support agencies. Most of these entities have their own Web site. In addition, many private and educational sites help to spread and interpret congressional information. This chapter describes major legislative branch Web sites and other useful finding aids for legislative information. The Web sites for individual Members of Congress and congressional committees are listed in an appendix at the end of this book.

Subsections in this chapter are Congress, Congressional Support Agencies, and Legislative Information.

Congress

1519. Biographical Directory of the United States Congress

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress

Description: For over a century, the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress* has provided valuable information about the more than 13,000 individuals who have served in the national legislature, including members of the Continental Congress, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. Congress offers an online version of this historical resource that goes beyond the scope of the printed *Biographical Directory* by including images and extended information about research collections relating to each member. The online version is also continuously updated. The biographies may be searched by name, position (e.g., senator or Speaker of the House), party, and state.

Subject(s): Members of Congress; Biographies

Publication(s): *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*

1520. Black Americans in Congress

<http://baic.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Office of the Clerk

Description: As described on the site, Black Americans in Congress features “biographical profiles of former African-American Members of Congress, links to information about current black Members, essays on institutional and national events that shaped successive generations of African Americans in Congress, and images of each individual Member, supplemented by other historical photos.” The Educational Resources section of the site includes lesson plans and facts sheets on African American congressional “firsts.”

Subject(s): African Americans—History; Lesson Plans

1521. Committee on House Administration

<http://cha.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives

Description: Although other congressional committees do not receive a separate entry in this section, the Committee on House Administration is featured here because of several reference resources available on the site. It provides a directory of Congressional Member Organizations, such as the Congressional Arts Caucus, the Great Lakes Task Force, and the Military Veterans Caucus. The site also has information from the Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards, known as the Franking Commission, which regulates issues related to outgoing congressional mail.

Subject(s): House of Representatives

1522. Congressional Directory

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cdirectory/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Joint Committee on Printing

Description: The *Congressional Directory*, the official directory of Congress, has been published since 1888. The Government Printing Office has made it available online from the 104th Congress (1995–1996) to the present. Each edition of the *Congressional Directory* can be searched by keyword or browsed by section. The online edition is typically updated once before the next edition appears in print. As with other content on GPO Access, the Congressional Directory database will move to GPO's new FDsys system, <http://fdsys.gpo.gov>, in 2009.

The publishing schedule of the *Congressional Directory* makes it less valuable as a source of current contact information than as a source of historical reference. Useful reference information updated in each edition includes: a list of joint sessions of Congress for 1789 to present; a list of House impeachments of judges, presidents, and members of Congress; and political divisions in the House and Senate from 1855 onward. The site's browse feature is more helpful than its search feature for finding these sections.

Subject(s): Congressional Information

Publication(s): *Congressional Directory*, GP 3.22/2:228/

1523. House of Representatives—Committee Offices

<http://www.house.gov/house/CommitteeWWW.html>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives

Description: This Web page provides links to all of the House committee Web sites. The content of these sites can vary tremendously from one committee to the next. Most include a list of committee members and information on the committee's jurisdiction and schedule. Information on past hearings and reports varies by committee. The sites, managed by a committee's majority party, typically link to a Web site for the committee's minority party members.

The House committee Web sites can be useful sources for current legislative information and of information about the programs within their jurisdiction. Many of the sites, however, could be improved with more timely provisions of hearings transcripts or availability of archived hearing webcasts.

Subject(s): Congressional Committees

1524. Lobbying Disclosure—House

<http://lobbyingdisclosure.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Office of the Clerk

Description: The House provides this Web site for those who must by law register with the House Clerk's Office and file regular reports on their lobbying activities. It also links, in the Public Disclosure Search box, to databases of lobbyists' disclosure filings. One database is for the standard (LD-2) quarterly report; the other is for a relatively new semiannual report (LD-203) of payments for honorary contributions, event hosting costs, and other contributions.

Prior to 2008, the House did not make copies of the disclosure reports available online. Changes in the reporting system were brought about in compliance with the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, described on this site.

Subject(s): Lobbyists

1525. Lobbying Disclosure—Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/lobby/>

Alternate URL(s)

http://www.senate.gov/legislative/Public_Disclosure/LDA_reports.htm

Sponsor(s): Congress—Senate—Secretary of the Senate

Description: For those who wish to lobby the Senate, this Web page provides access to filing forms and information about compliance with lobbying disclosure law. It also links to databases of lobbyists' disclosure filings. One database is for the standard (LD-2) quarterly report; the other is for a relatively new semiannual report (LD-203) of payments for honorary contributions, event hosting costs, and other contributions. The alternate URL above is a direct link to the disclosure filings search page.

Subject(s): Lobbyists

1526. Majority Whip

<http://www.majoritywhip.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Office of the House Majority Whip

Description: The Majority Whip is responsible for marshalling the votes of members of the majority party in the House. The whip's Web site is used to keep members informed about upcoming legislation and floor votes; researchers can also use it for this purpose. The Majority Whip issues two legislative alert newsletters, the Daily WhipLine and the weekly Whip Pack.

In the 111th Congress, the House majority leader is maintaining a legislative schedule service similar to that usually produced by the majority whip. The notices, called The Daily Leader and The Weekly Leader, are linked from the majority leader's home page at <http://www.majorityleader.gov/>.

Subject(s): Legislation

1527. Office of the Clerk

<http://clerk.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Office of the Clerk

Description: The Clerk of the House is charged with a variety of procedural and administrative duties. The clerk's Web site includes information about the office itself, along with a wealth of congressional information associated with the clerk's duties. The site includes directories of members of Congress, leadership offices, committees, and subcommittees; House legislative activity schedules; legislative

procedure information; roll call vote results; congressional history; congressional election statistics; and public disclosure information, such as members' financial disclosure reports and official foreign travel and expenditures reports. It also carries the official list of congressional office vacancies and current tallies of party alignment in the House and Senate.

Subject(s): Congressional Information; Legislative Procedure

Publication(s): *Election Statistics*, Y 1.2/10:

1528. United States House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives

Description: The House of Representatives Web site includes a wealth of current legislative and policy information. The site provides quick links to House member Web sites, which typically have information about their House district and representational services for constituents of the district. The House site also links to individual House committee Web sites, which report on legislation within their jurisdiction. Links for finding and writing to your representative are provided in the upper left corner of the home page.

Other sections of the site link to House schedule information, sources for legislative and legal research, voting information, information for kids and students, visitor information, and the Web sites for legislative branch agencies. A sidebar has links to House organizations and offices, such as the Office of the Chaplain and the Clerk of the House.

Subject(s): House of Representatives

1529. United States Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Senate

Description: The United States Senate Web site is a source for both current legislative news and historical Senate information. The major sections of the site are Senators, Committees, Legislation and Records, Art and History, Visitors, and Reference. As with the House site, the content of individual member and committee sites varies, and the committee sites typically carry hearings schedules and some form of testimony.

The Legislation and Records section links to Senate votes, schedules, lobbying disclosure reports, and guides to the legislative process. The Active Legislation section identifies currently active bills and labels them by topic. The Treaties section supplements the THOMAS Treaties database with documents that identify treaties received, approved, receiving action, and reported. The Nominations section performs a similar role and includes lists of nominations by status, nominations withdrawn, and nominations failed or returned.

In the Reference section, the Senate Library offers a Virtual Reference Desk with information about topics including filibustering, Senate traditions, congressional medals and honors, the Senate Page program, and women and minorities in the Senate. This section also has reference statistics and lists (including a list of the longest-serving senators), bibliographies, research guides, and a glossary. The Art and History section is particularly rich with historical information and images.

Subject(s): Senate

1530. United States Senate: Committees Home

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/committees/d_three_sections_witheteasers/committees_home.htm

Sponsor(s): Congress—Senate

Description: The Senate's home page for its committees features direct links to the committees' Web sites, a list of each senator's committee assignments, committee membership lists, and a schedule of upcoming committee hearings and meetings. It also provides background information about the committee system and offers links to related Web sites.

Subject(s): Congressional Committees

1531. Women in Congress

<http://womenincongress.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Office of the Clerk

Description: The Women in Congress site features historical and current information about female members of the House and Senate. It includes biographical profiles, historical essays, and historical data such as a list of women who have been elected to party leadership positions. The Educational Resources section features lesson plans.

Subject(s): Lesson Plans; Women—History

Congressional Support Agencies**1532. Architect of the Capitol**

<http://www.aoc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Architect of the Capitol

Description: The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) is responsible for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the United States Capitol Complex, which includes the Capitol and its grounds, the congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the Supreme Court building, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities. The major sections of this Web site are About Us, Capitol Complex, Capitol Visitor Center, Projects, and Business Center.

The Capitol Complex section provides extensive information about the history, art, and architecture of the Capitol Building, supplemented by historic and contemporary photographs and illustrations. The new Capitol Visitor Center has a small Web site of its own, with maps and information on booking a tour.

The detailed current and historical information on this site makes it a useful resource for reference or research. It will be of interest to tourists as well as students of history, government, art, architecture, and historical preservation.

Subject(s): Capitol Building

1533. Congressional Budget Office

<http://www.cbo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

Description: CBO provides Congress with the analyses needed for economic and budget decisions and with the information and estimates required for the congressional budget process. The CBO Web site has the full-text versions of its many publications, including economic forecasts, budget projections, analysis of the president's budget, CBO testimony before Congress, and cost estimates for bills reported by congressional committees. The About CBO section includes a helpful chart called Timeline for Analyses, which tracks the releases of CBO products throughout

the year. The CBO Web site offers RSS feeds for new publications announcements, new cost estimates, and new items from the CBO Director's Blog.

CBO publications provide a wealth of information on the federal budget and on tax and spending proposals. Outside of its regular budget report series, CBO publishes special reports on policy and program topics such as funding for homeland security and the outlook for Social Security.

Subject(s): Budget of the U.S. Government; Congressional Support Agencies

Publication(s): *An Analysis of the President's Budgetary Proposals for Fiscal Year . . .*, Y 10.19:

Budget Options, Y 10.2:

Effective Federal Tax Rates, Y 10.2:T 19/11/

Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year . . ., Y 1.1/7:

Monthly Budget Review, Y 10.21/2

The Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update, Y 10.17:

The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years . . ., Y 10.13:

Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations, Y 10.22:

1534. Congressional Oversight Panel

<http://cop.senate.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Congressional Oversight Panel

Description: The Congressional Oversight Panel was established in 2008 by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (Public Law 110-343). The panel's Web site provides news, reports, and testimony related to congressional oversight of actions taken by the Treasury Department and financial institutions and their effect on the economy. The Web site also has biographies of the panel members, who were appointed by House and Senate minority and majority leadership.

Subject(s): Banking Regulation

1535. Congressional Research Service Employment Opportunities

<http://www.loc.gov/crsinfo/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress—Congressional Research Service (CRS)

Description: The Congressional Research Service is a legislative support agency located within the Library of Congress. Its mission is to provide nonpartisan analysis and research services to Congress. The purpose of its Web site is to provide information about job openings, internships, and other employment options. Basic background information about CRS is also provided. Because CRS works exclusively for Congress, this employment page is its only official public site.

Subject(s): Congressional Support Agencies

1536. CRS Reports—Open CRS Network

<http://www.opencrs.com/>

Sponsor(s): Center for Democracy and Technology

Description: This private, nongovernment Web site provides access to *CRS Reports* already in the public domain. Open CRS Network encourages citizens to request *CRS Reports* from their congressional representatives and to contribute them to its growing database of the reports. The site is popular because CRS, which works exclusively for Congress, does not provide direct public access to its reports. Open CRS Network provides an RSS feed of newly added reports.

Subject(s): Legislative Information

1537. CRS Reports—UNT Libraries

<http://digital.library.unt.edu/govdocs/crs/>

Sponsor(s): University of North Texas Libraries

Description: The goal of the *CRS Reports* project at the University of North Texas Libraries is to provide permanent public access to *CRS Reports* that have been available at a variety of different Web sites since 1990. The reports can be searched or browsed by topic. Subject indexing of the reports uses the CRS Legislative Indexing Vocabulary, supplemented with Library of Congress Subject Headings.

This University of North Texas (UNT) Web site was released at about the same time as the Open CRS Network Web site, which is also described in this chapter. The Open CRS Network site is focused on expanding the number of *CRS Reports* in the public domain and lobbying for better public access to these reports. This UNT Libraries Web site brings greater search capabilities, subject indexing, and the goal of permanent public access to current and past *CRS Reports*.

Subject(s): Legislative Information

1538. Government Accountability Office

<http://www.gao.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Government Accountability Office (GAO)

Description: GAO is the investigative arm of Congress. It examines the use of public funds and evaluates federal programs and activities to help Congress in oversight, policy, and funding decisions. Its Web site features the full-text versions of *GAO Reports and Testimony* and recent comptroller general decisions and opinions. E-mail alert lists and RSS news feeds are offered to notify subscribers when new reports or decisions are published. GAO's FraudNET service allows the public to report allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of federal funds; the site provides an online form for reporting such allegations. GAO has added a section to their Web site to explain their role in Recovery Act oversight and to provide related reports.

Subject(s): Congressional Support Agencies; Government Administration

Publication(s): *Abstracts of Reports and Testimony*, GA 1.16/3-3:

Decisions of the Comptroller General, GA 1.5/A-2:

GAO Reports, GA 1.13:

GAO Strategic Plan, GA 1.1/3:

Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book), GA 1.2:

High-Risk Series: An Update, GA 1.13:

Month in Review, GA 1.16/3:

Today's Reports, GA 1.16/7:

1539. Office of Congressional Ethics

<http://oce.house.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives

Description: As stated on the Web site, the Office of Congressional Ethics is “an independent, non-partisan entity charged with reviewing allegations of misconduct against Members, officers and staff of the House and, when appropriate, referring matters to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct [House Ethics Committee].” The Web site lists the Board of Directors members and provides copies of ethics rules documents, board meeting minutes, and reports.

Subject(s): Ethics in Government

1540. Office of Technology Assessment: The OTA Legacy

<http://www.princeton.edu/~ota/>

Sponsor(s): Office of Technology Assessment (OTA)

Description: After Congress terminated its Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) at the end of 1995, the official OTA Web site ceased. This Princeton University site makes archived OTA information available to the public. It provides the full text of OTA publications arranged by title, year, and topic, as they were on the official OTA site. The Technology Assessment and the Work of Congress section describes the history and operations of OTA, including speeches and news reports about its role.

Subject(s): Science and Technology Policy

Publication(s): *OTA Reports*, Y 3.T 22/2:

1541. U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

<http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Congress—Architect of the Capitol

Description: The new U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, on the east side of the Capitol Building, hosts tours and exhibits. The Web site has information on planning a visit to the Capitol, with a special section for schools and teachers planning field trips.

Subject(s): Capitol Building

Legislative Information

1542. A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774–1875

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: Congressional documents from the Continental Congress through 1875 are available to search, browse, and display on this Web site, courtesy of the Library of Congress and its Law Library. The digitized collection includes the *Journals of the Continental Congress* (1774–1789); the *Letters of Delegates to Congress* (1774–1789); the *Records of the Federal Convention of 1787*, or *Farrand's Records*; and the *Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution* (1787–1788), or *Elliot's Debates*; the *Journals of the House of Representatives* (1789–1875) and the Senate (1789–1875), including the *Senate Executive Journal* (1789–1875); the *Journal of William Maclay* (1789–1791); the debates of Congress as published in the *Annals of Congress* (1789–1824), the *Register of Debates* (1824–1837), the *Congressional Globe* (1833–1873), and the *Congressional Record* (1873–1875); the *Statutes at Large* (1789–1875); the *American State Papers* (1789–1838); and congressional bills and resolutions for selected sessions beginning with the 6th Congress (1799) in the House of Representatives and the 16th Congress (1819) in the Senate. It also includes selected documents from the *U.S. Serial Set* from 1833 through 1916.

The site provides tips on using, searching, and viewing the collection. A “Search All Titles” button leads to a search page with many options, including searching one specific title or a combination of several titles. Browse options are also presented on the search page. The title page for each document includes links to a citation guide and basic historical background on the document.

This collection makes a substantial contribution to public access to the documentary history of American democracy.

Subject(s): Congress—History; Congressional Documents

1543. Center for Legislative Archives

http://www.archives.gov/records_of_congress/

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description: The Center for Legislative Archives is the repository for historically valuable congressional records at the National Archives and Records Administration. The center, located in Washington, D.C., holds more than 170,000 cubic feet of records dating from the first Congress to modern Congresses. The official records from the committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate—the standing, select, special, and joint committees, which Congress uses to accomplish the majority of its work—represent the core holdings of the center. It also holds some collections from legislative support agencies, such as federal government publications from the Government Printing Office. The site provides various online finding guides, which can be searched by keyword.

Most of the holdings are not available online. A few have been digitized and are available in the Featured Documents subsection (under the Resources section). The Other Congressional Collections subsection, also under Resources, links to a directory of congressional members' personal papers collections, most of which are held at archival institutions other than NARA. The Web site also links to information from the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

Subject(s): Congressional Documents

1544. C-SPAN.org

<http://www.c-span.org/>

Sponsor(s): C-SPAN

Description: The cable television industry created C-SPAN (Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network) in 1979 to provide live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the House of Representatives. Senate coverage began in 1986, when the Senate began televising its proceedings. C-SPAN currently offers audio and video of floor proceedings and some hearings over the Internet. Online users can browse the schedules for C-SPAN's cable and radio stations and receive public affairs and congressional programming online.

The C-SPAN Web site offers a number of resources for researchers and users following Congress. The Web Resources section leads to audio of all Senate hearings from CapitolHearings.org, a congressional glossary, the *Capitol Spotlight* congressional news service, and many other linked resources.

Subject(s): Congressional Information; Legislative Procedure

1545. How Our Laws Are Made

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/lawsmade.toc.html>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House of Representatives—Library of Congress

Description: This classic guide provides a readable and non-technical outline of the numerous steps in the federal lawmaking process. It is available online as a single PDF file or as a chapter-divided HTML file.

The HTML version of this classic is organized to make it relatively easy for users to read the entire work or browse relevant sections.

Subject(s): Legislative Procedure

Publication(s): *How Our Laws Are Made*, Y 1.1/7:

1546. Legislative Branch Resources on GPO Access

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legislative.html>

Sponsor(s): Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: This section of the GPO Access Web site provides centralized access to the site's legislative branch content. Among its many congressional resources are the following documents: House and Senate bills, committee hearings, the *Congressional Directory*, the *Congressional Pictorial Directory*, the *Congressional Record*, public and private laws, and the *United States Code*.

GPO is moving these congressional documents and all other content from GPO Access to its new GPO FDsys system (<http://www.fdsys.gov>). GPO will close the GPO Access system at the end of 2009 when all content has been moved.

Subject(s): Congressional Documents; Databases

Publication(s): *Calendar of United States House of Representatives and History of Legislation*, Y 1.2/2:

Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives

Congressional Directory, Y 4.P 93/1:1

Congressional Pictorial Directory, Y 4.P 93/1:1 P/

Congressional Record, X 1.1/A:

Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation, Y 1.1/3:

Constitution, Jefferson's Manual, and Rules of the House of Representatives, Y 1.1/7:

Deschler's Precedents of the United States House of Representatives, Y 1.1/2:

Economic Indicators, Y 4.EC 7:EC 7/

Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives

House Practice: A Guide to the Rules, Precedents, and Procedures of the House (Brown), Y 1.2:

Riddick's Senate Procedure, Y 1.1/3:

Senate Calendar of Business (daily), Y 1.3/3:

Senate Manual, Y 1.1/3:

U.S. Public Laws, AE 2.110:

United States Code, Y 1.2/5-2:

1547. LLSDC's Legislative Source Book

<http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/>

Sponsor(s): Law Librarians' Society of Washington DC, Inc.

Description: The Legislative Interest Section of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC, has compiled a variety of useful legislative research tools developed by its members. Many are unique to this Web site. They include a guide to researching federal legislative histories; an overview of the *Congressional Record* and its predecessor publications; and instructions for finding and establishing direct links to documents online at THOMAS and GPO Access. The link to a "Table of Congressional Publication Volumes and Presidential Issuances (1789–current year)" will be of interest to legislative researchers and librarians. It is a reverse chronological correlation of congressional session numbers; calendar year; *Congressional Record*, *Statutes at Large*, Serial Set, and *Federal Register* volume numbers; presidential administration; and executive order and presidential proclamation numbers.

This site will be of interest to government documents librarians and serious legislative researchers.

Subject(s): Congressional Documents; Legislation—Research

1548. THOMAS: Legislative Information on the Internet

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: THOMAS, a service of the Library of Congress that acts under the direction of Congress, makes U.S. legislative information freely available on the Internet. The Bill Summary and Status database is the core THOMAS database; it is available for the 93rd Congress (1973) to the present. It tracks the action on each bill in Congress, provides links to the full-text version of the bill and related debate in the *Congressional Record*, and identifies congressional sponsors or cosponsors, amendments to the bill, and any related bills. The *Congressional Record* database on THOMAS includes the full-text versions of the *Record* (from 1989 onward) and its index (from 1995 onward). The Committee Reports database has reports from 1995 onward. THOMAS also has databases of Presidential Nominations (from 1987 to the present) and Treaties (largely from 1975 to the present), both of which are handled by the Senate.

In addition to its core databases, THOMAS links to a variety of legislative research tools and educational information about the legislative process.

This is one of the most widely used Internet sources for legislative information. While it does not yet deliver all the information that some users might desire, it does make a significant body of legislative documentation easily available to the public.

Subject(s): Legislation; Databases

Publication(s): *Congressional Record*, X 1.1/A:

House Bills, Y 1.4/6:

House Concurrent Resolutions, Y 1.4/9:

House Joint Resolutions, Y 1.4/8:

House Resolutions, Y 1.4/7:

How Our Laws Are Made, Y 1.1/7:

Senate Bills, Y 1.4/1:

Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Y 1.4/4:

Senate Joint Resolutions, Y 1.4/3:

Senate Printed Amendments, Y 1.4/5:

Senate Resolutions, Y 1.4/2:

CHAPTER 17

Presidency

The Obama administration is the third presidential administration to maintain a White House Web site. It is the first to have a blog and to use the site to link to an official White House presence on such third-party social media sites as Facebook and Flickr. This chapter includes Web sites sponsored by the current presidential administration as well as finding aids for presidential documents from this and other administrations.

Subsections in this chapter are Current Administration and Presidential Information.

Current Administration

1549. Council of Economic Advisers

<http://whitehouse.gov/cea/>

Sponsor(s): Council of Economic Advisers (CEA)

Description: The CEA, which consists of one chairman and two members, advises the president of the United States on domestic and international economic policy and assists in the preparation of the *Economic Report of the President*. The CEA Web site describes the mission and operations of the council and links to current CEA publications and the text of the chairman's speeches.

Subject(s): Economic Statistics; Economic Policy; Presidential Advisors

Publication(s): *Economic Indicators*, Y 4.EC 7:EC 7/

Economic Report of the President, Pr 42.9:

1550. Domestic Policy Council

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/dpc/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Domestic Policy Council

Description: The Domestic Policy Council manages the president's domestic policy agenda. Its Web site provides a brief description of the council's history and work and has a leadership biography.

Subject(s): Presidential Advisors; Public Policy

1551. First Lady Michelle Obama

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/firstlady/>

Alternate URL(s)

http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/michelle_obama/

Sponsor(s): White House—First Lady's Office

Description: The First Lady's Web site provides an official biography and photographic portrait.

Subject(s): First Lady

1552. Middle Class Task Force

<http://www.AStrongMiddleClass.gov>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/strongmiddleclass/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Vice President's Office

Description: The White House Web site describes the White House Task Force on the Middle Class as a “major initiative targeted at raising the living standards of middle-class, working families in America.” The Web site has information on task force meetings and reports, and provides an opportunity to comment online.

Subject(s): Social Welfare; Vice President

1553. National Economic Council

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/nec/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nec/>

Sponsor(s): National Economic Council

Description: The National Economic Council coordinates economic policy advice for the president and ensures that economic policy decisions and programs are consistent with the president’s stated goals. This Web site provides a brief overview of the council and the name of the current director.

Subject(s): Economic Policy; Presidential Advisors

1554. National Security Council

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/nsc/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/>

Sponsor(s): National Security Council (NSC)

Description: NSC is the president’s forum for considering national security and foreign policy matters with his senior national security advisers and cabinet officials. The NSC Web site describes the NSC’s role and history.

Subject(s): National Security—Policy; Presidential Advisors

1555. Office of Administration

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oa/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/oa/>

Sponsor(s): White House—White House Office of Administration

Description: The Office of Administration provides administrative support services to all units within the Executive Office of the President (EOP). These services include financial management and information technology support, human resources management, library and research assistance, facilities management, and procurement. Its Web site features information about competitive vacancies within the EOP, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and the Preservation Office. The Preservation Office page includes a virtual tour of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

The Freedom of Information Act section of the site features this note: “The Office of Administration, whose sole function is to advise and assist the President, and which has no substantial independent authority, is not subject to FOIA and related authorities. However, these pages have been maintained due to the Presidential Records Act.” The site links to a list of which offices within the EOP are, and are not, subject to FOIA.

Subject(s): White House (Mansion)

1556. President’s Intelligence Advisory Board

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/piab/>

Sponsor(s): White House—President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

Description: The President’s Intelligence Advisory Board and Intelligence Oversight Board (PIAB) advises the president on the structure and operations of the U.S.

intelligence community. The Web site has brief information on the history and role of the PIAB, formerly known as the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Subject(s): Intelligence; Presidential Advisors

1557. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/pclob/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Executive Office of the President

Description: The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) is an independent executive agency mandated with monitoring the actions of the U.S. government on civil liberties and privacy interests. The site provides background information about the board.

Subject(s): Presidential Advisors; Privacy

1558. Vice President Joe Biden

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/vicepresident/>

Alternate URL(s)

http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice_president_biden/

Sponsor(s): White House—Vice President's Office

Description: Vice President Joe Biden's Web site includes his biography and a biography of his wife, Dr. Jill Biden.

Subject(s): Vice President

1559. White House

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: The White House Web site combines current news and policy statements from the administration with historical information relating to both the building and the Executive Office of the Presidency. Current content is provided in sections called The Briefing Room, The Agenda, and The Administration. The Briefing Room provides news releases and the text of press briefings; the White House blog; video and text of the president's weekly address; presidential executive orders, memoranda, and proclamations; presidential speeches and statements; and a listing of the status of many of the presidential nominations and appointments. The Agenda section summarizes the Obama administration's policies on major issues. The Administration section has biographies of Cabinet members and leading White House staff; it also links to the offices within the Executive Office of the Presidency, such as the National Security Council and the Office of Management and Budget.

The section About the White House provides historical information about the mansion and other buildings, biographies of past presidents and first ladies, information on White House tours and events, and more. The Our Government section provides an overview of the structure of American federal, state, and local government. The White House Web site includes a search engine, site map at the bottom of the page, and information on how to contact the White House.

The White House Web site should be the first stop online for users seeking current presidential news, statements, and documents; biographies of elected and appointed White House officials; and historical information about the White House and its occupants.

Subject(s): First Lady; Presidency; White House (Mansion)

1560. White House Blog

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: The Obama administration is the first presidential administration to use the blog format on the White House Web site. The blog reports on presidential initiatives, presidential speeches, White House events, and the work of the Cabinet secretaries. While most of the posts are unsigned, some are credited to members of the White House staff. The blog is not open for comments.

Subject(s): President; Blogs

1561. White House Fellows Program

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: The nonpartisan White House Fellows Program was established by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964 to provide early-career professionals with firsthand experience in governing the nation. Each fellow works full time for one year as a special assistant to a cabinet member or senior presidential adviser. This Web site provides information about the program, selection criteria, the application process, and the current class of fellows.

Subject(s): Fellowships; Public Policy

1562. White House Military Office

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/whmo/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: The White House Military Office units include the White House Communications Agency, Presidential Airlift Group, White House Medical Unit, Camp David, and others. The Web site explains the role and responsibilities of the White House Military Office, with a section about its history and a biography of the current director.

Subject(s): President

Presidential Information

1563. American Presidency Project

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>

Sponsor(s): University of California, Santa Barbara

Description: Although it is an unofficial Web site, the American Presidency Project Web site provides a more complete collection of certain key presidential documents than can be found elsewhere on the publicly accessible Web. In the Documents section, the site contains the following: *Public Papers of the Presidents* (1929–present); State of the Union addresses (1790–present); inaugural addresses (1789–present); transcripts from radio addresses (1982–present) and presidential candidate debates (1960–present); and other related documents. The site also has presidential elections results from 1789 to the present, numerous presidential statistics (number of vetoes, job approval ratings, and more), and audio and video of presidents' speeches.

Subject(s): Presidential Documents

1564. Codification of Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office

Description: The Office of the Federal Register presents this online version of the *Codification of Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders*, which covers proclamations and executive orders issued by the president from April 13, 1945, through January 20, 1989. Documents that had no legal effect on January 20, 1989, are excluded. The Disposition Tables section lists all the documents back to 1945, noting whether the documents have been revoked or superseded, or have become otherwise obsolete. Earlier proclamations and executive orders are included if they were amended or otherwise affected by documents issued during the 1945–1989 period.

Subject(s): Executive Orders; Presidential Documents

Publication(s): *Codification of Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders*, AE 2.113:

1565. Compilation of Presidential Documents

<http://www.presidentialdocuments.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.fdsys.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office—Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: The Compilation of Presidential Documents provides access to the text of the presidents' speeches, bill signing statements, executive orders, proclamations, communications to Congress, and other presidential materials released by the White House Press Secretary. It includes both the Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents and its predecessor, the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents. The Daily Compilation began on January 29, 2009. Copies of the Weekly Compilation are online from 1993 to January 20, 2009. The content is published by the National Archives and made available through the Government Printing Office's FDSys system.

Subject(s): Presidential Documents

Publication(s): *Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents*, AE 2.109:

Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, AE 2.109:

1566. Executive Orders Disposition Tables

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/disposition.html>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office

Description: This Web site provides citations and status information for executive orders issued by presidents from 1937 through the present. The Disposition Tables include the executive order number, signing date, *Federal Register* citation, title, amendments (if any), and current status (where applicable).

Subject(s): Executive Orders; Presidential Documents

1567. First Ladies

http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/first_ladies/

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: This page presents brief biographies of all first ladies from Martha Washington to Michelle Obama.

Subject(s): First Lady; Biographies

1568. Office of the Pardon Attorney

<http://www.usdoj.gov/pardon/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.justice.gov/pardon/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department—Office of the Pardon Attorney

Description: The Office of the Pardon Attorney reviews requests for presidential pardons for federal criminal offenses. Its Web site includes application forms, regulations, and background information relating to clemency petitions. The site also provides clemency statistics from 1900 onward, and lists of clemency recipients from 1989 onward.

Subject(s): Pardons

1569. Presidential Directives and Executive Orders

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdoes/direct.htm>

Sponsor(s): Federation of American Scientists (FAS)

Description: This Web site, maintained by a nonprofit research organization, focuses on intelligence-related presidential directives and executive orders from the Truman administration to the present. Copies of documents that are not still classified are available on this site. The site also links to helpful background information on presidential directives.

The Federation of American Scientists is a private, nonprofit group concerned with public policy. While this Web site is not an official government source of information, the collection is valuable for the ease of access it provides to these documents.

Subject(s): Intelligence; Presidential Documents

1570. Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/>

Sponsor(s): National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—Federal Register Office—Government Printing Office (GPO)

Description: *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States*, a printed volume series that compiles the messages and papers of the presidents, begin with the Hoover administration. GPO Access has put the series online beginning with the 1991 volume in the George H. W. Bush administration. Each volume in the series contains the papers and speeches of the president of the United States that were issued by the Office of the Press Secretary during the specified time period.

GPO is migrating content from its GPO Access system to a new Federal Digital System (FDsys). When the Public Papers collection is moved to FDsys, it will be available at <http://www.fdsys.gov>.

Subject(s): Presidential Documents

Publication(s): *Public Papers of the President*, AE 2.114:

**1571. Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States—
University of Michigan**

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/p/ppotpus/>

Sponsor(s): University of Michigan. Library.

Description: This Web site from the University of Michigan Digital Library contains the *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States* from the Hoover administration through the Clinton administration. The volumes can be searched or browsed using the standard interface of the University of Michigan collections.

Subject(s): Presidential Documents

Publication(s): *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States*

CHAPTER 18

Science and Space

The federal government is involved in basic and applied science, in helping to disseminate scientific information, and in encouraging scientific research in academia and other research centers. Many Web sites in this chapter present highly specialized and technical information.

Subsections in this chapter include Life Sciences, National Laboratories, Physical Sciences, Science Agencies and Policy, Scientific and Technical Information, and Space.

Life Sciences

1572. Astrobiology at NASA

<http://astrobiology.arc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Ames Research Center (ARC)

Description: Astrobiology is the study of the origin, evolution, distribution, and destiny of life in the universe. It uses multiple scientific disciplines and space technologies. Sections of the Web site cover the NASA Astrobiology Institute, astrobiology science and technology for exploring planets, astrobiology science and technology instrument development, and exobiology and evolutionary biology. Each section has information on research projects and funding.

Subject(s): Astrobiology

Publication(s): *Astrobiology Magazine*

1573. Biological Resources Division at USGS

<http://biology.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This site links to the Web sites for each major USGS biology program and to the Web sites for regional USGS Science Centers. Program topics covered in depth include biological informatics, contaminant biology, ecosystems, fisheries, invasive species, wildlife, and the status and trends of biological resources. Featured links lead to information about avian influenza, global change research, and the North American Breeding Bird Survey.

Given the broad scope of USGS programs, this site offers one of the best government starting points for general biological and ecosystem information.

Subject(s): Natural Resources—Research

1574. Computational Bioscience and Engineering Laboratory

<http://dcb.cit.nih.gov/cbel/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The work of the Computational Bioscience and Engineering Laboratory (CBEL) addresses areas requiring high-performance computing, with projects in areas such as biomedical imaging, human genetic linkage analysis, and computationally intensive statistical applications. Its Web site features links to the lab's divisions and to a bibliography of published research.

Subject(s): Medical Computing—Research

1575. DOE Joint Genome Institute

<http://www.jgi.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Joint Genome Institute (JGI)

Description: The Joint Genome Institute is a cooperative effort involving the Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley, Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, along with the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. Operated by the University of California, the institute works on genetic sequencing research to further the Energy Department's missions related to clean energy generation and environmental characterization and cleanup. The Web site highlights current projects and links to specialized research sections on topics such as bioenergy research, genome biology, and production sequencing. The News section of the site includes links to JGI's Twitter feed and YouTube channel, staff published research, and staff scientific posters. The Education section describes higher education opportunities sponsored by JGI.

Subject(s): Energy—Research; Genomics—Research

1576. Genomics.energy.gov

<http://genomics.energy.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Science Office

Description: Genomics.energy.gov consolidates information on the genome programs of the Department of Energy's Office of Science. It features links to the following Web sites: Human Genome Project Information (project completed in 1993); Genomics:GTL (described as a successor to the Human Genome Project); and Microbial Genome Program. The site has special sections focusing on biofuels, ethical-legal-social issues, and medicine. The Education section focuses on the Human Genome Project and links to Spanish-language Web sites about genomics.

Subject(s): Genomics—Research

1577. Integrated Taxonomic Information System

<http://www.itis.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: The Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) is an excellent tool for looking up the taxonomic names and common names of the biota of North America. (Biota refers to all the plant and animal life in an area.) ITIS is a partnership of U.S., Canadian, and Mexican agencies, organizations, and taxonomic specialists that cooperate on the development of a scientifically credible list of biological names. The ITIS database can be searched by scientific name, common name, or taxonomic serial number. The records in the database include scientific name, common name, synonym, taxonomic serial number, author, and credibility rating. The full database, or custom reports from it, can be downloaded.

Subject(s): Biological Names

1578. Laboratory of Neurosciences

<http://www.grc.nia.nih.gov/branches/lns/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Description: The goal of basic research at the Laboratory of Neurosciences is to establish methods for preventing and treating age-related neurological disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. Links to information from each of the lab's research projects are at the bottom of the page, as are links to staff publications.

Subject(s): Neurology—Research

1579. Laboratory of Structural Biology

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/atniehs/labs/lbs/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Description: The lab's mission is to provide insights into the biological processes that impact human environmental health. The site has information on the lab's facilities, principal investigators, and research groups. The research groups specialize in such areas as macromolecular structure and mass spectrometry.

Subject(s): Molecular Biology—Research

1580. NASA Life Sciences Data Archive

<http://lsda.jsc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Johnson Space Center (JSC)

Description: The Life Sciences Data Archive is a searchable collection of information and data sets from space flight experiments funded by NASA. The growing archive is to include documentation from experiments flown since 1961 that include human, animal, or plant studies. The archive can be searched by mission, experiment, research hardware, and other parameters. The Web site also describes current and historical research. Online books include *Biomedical Results of Apollo* and *Life in Space: Space Life Sciences Experiments*.

Subject(s): Astrobiology—Research; Human Space Exploration—Research

Publication(s): *Biomedical Results of Apollo*, NAS 1.21

Life in Space: Space Life Sciences Experiments, NAS 1.21:

1581. National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII)

<http://www.nbii.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: NBII's goal is to improve access to data and information on biological resources. NBII is a collaborative program involving federal and state government agencies, international organizations, and nongovernment, academic, and private industry partners. Its dynamic Web site is maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey Center for Biological Informatics. Major sections of the site are: "What is NBII?"; Plants, Animal, and Other Organisms; Habitats; Ecological Topics; Geographic Perspective; and Toolkit. Each section includes a wealth of information on the topic. The Web site also provides quick links to biological data standards, data, and tools for using the data. The Toolkit section of the site has a variety of links, including NBII's biocomplexity thesaurus, a metadata clearinghouse, conference information, the publications library, and an expertise databases.

Subject(s): Biology

1582. National Center for Biotechnology Information

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) conducts basic and applied research in computational molecular biology and maintains a variety of databases related to their work. This site describes and links to the NCBI databases and software tools. Literature databases include PubMed, PubMed Central, and Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM). Molecular and genome databases include GenBank, Nucleotide and Protein Sequences, Protein Structures, and Complete Genomes. NCBI's Entrez system enables integrated search and

retrieval across the databases. Other sections of the site are About NCBI, Genomic Biology, Research at NCBI, Tools for Data Mining, Software Engineering, and Education. Under About NCBI, a section called Science Primer has information for non-scientists about genome mapping, molecular genetics, and other topics.

This is an important site for genome and genetic sequence researchers. The site provides access to multiple databases with detailed help files to assist with database searches. NCBI gives multiple means of accessing the data.

Subject(s): Genomics—Research; Molecular Biology—Research; Databases

Publication(s): *NCBI News*, HE 20.3624/2:

1583. National Human Genome Research Institute

<http://www.genome.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Description: NHGRI led the now-completed Human Genome Project, and currently focuses its genomic research on human health and disease issues. This site brings together news, research reports, and educational resources related to the institute's work. In addition to profiles of each research branch, the Research section has information about NHGRI clinical trials, online databases developed at the institute, and publications by NHGRI researchers. The Grants section links to information on current opportunities, funding history, and active research. The Health section has information on genetic and rare diseases. A Policy and Ethics section covers such topics as privacy, discrimination, legal issues, and cultural issues.

Subject(s): Genomics—Research

1584. National Institute of General Medical Sciences

<http://www.nigms.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

Description: NIGMS supports basic biomedical research that is not targeted at specific diseases, but instead lays the foundation for advances in disease diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. The Web site spotlights findings from NIGMS-funded research. Major sections of the site are Research Funding, Training and Careers, Minority Programs, and About NIGMS. The Publications section offers a number of science education booklets aimed at the general public.

Subject(s): Biological Medicine—Research

Publication(s): *Findings, NIGMS*, HE 20.3470:

NIGMS Minority Programs Update, HE 20.3469:

1585. PubChem

<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)—National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Description: PubChem contains the chemical structures of small organic molecules and information on their biological activities. The PubChem system consists of several information tools: PubChem Substance, PubChem Compound, PubChem Bio-Assay, and a chemical structure similarity search tool.

Subject(s): Molecular Biology

National Laboratories

1586. Argonne National Laboratory

<http://www.anl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)

Description: The Energy Department's Argonne National Laboratory maintains a Web site with a mix of information on research, technology transfer, and educational opportunities. Major sections include Research and Development, Community/Environment, and Working at Argonne. Research at Argonne concerns basic science, energy resources, environmental management, and national security. Educational opportunities cover all levels as well as international programs. The site's extensive Technology Transfer section identifies commercialization and licensing opportunities. The Newsroom provide online editions of the *Argonne Now* and *logos* magazines.

Subject(s): Nuclear Energy—Research; Research Laboratories; Scientific Research

Publication(s): *Argonne Now*
logos, E 1.86/3:

1587. Brookhaven National Laboratory

<http://www.bnl.gov/world/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)

Description: BNL carries out and supports research in a multitude of scientific disciplines including nuclear and high energy physics, the physics and chemistry of materials, environmental and energy research, and nonproliferation. Its Web site serves as a gateway to information on its many research projects, facilities (including the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider), and divisional sites.

Because the BNL site includes so much information on so many projects and fields of science, the A to Z site index may be a helpful tool for discovering information on the site.

Subject(s): Particle Accelerators; Research Laboratories

Publication(s): *Brookhaven Bulletin*
Discover Brookhaven, E 1.12/2-2

1588. Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

<http://www.fnal.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

Description: The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) is a research lab with a focus on high-energy physics and the fundamental nature of matter and energy. It is known for its particle accelerator, the Tevatron. The About Fermilab section summarizes the lab's major research themes and links to pages on major projects. The Fermilab at Work section provides more detail on research, news, and operations. The site also has information on the many education programs offered by the lab.

This site is useful for both researchers and the general public. The sections Education, About Fermilab (with its virtual tour), Public Events (with streaming video lectures), and Inquiring Minds all provide information for the general public, while other sections provide contact and technical information for researchers.

Subject(s): Particle Accelerators; Physics—Research; Research Laboratories

Publication(s): *Fermilab Today*

1589. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

<http://www.lbl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBL)

Description: The Berkeley Lab conducts basic research in a wide range of fields, including physical biosciences, earth sciences, materials sciences, computing sciences, nuclear sciences, life sciences, chemical sciences, energy, and information technology. The Web site highlights current research, particularly in energy technologies. The site has profiles for each research division and for the national user research facilities. Other sections of the site cover educational opportunities, technology transfer, on-site safety, and publications. The Web site has an extensive A-Z index to its content.

Subject(s): Physics—Research; Research Laboratories

1590. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

<http://www.llnl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)

Description: LLNL research areas include nuclear sciences, defense technology, energy, computation, and materials sciences. The Science and Technology section on the LLNL Web site links to research information under the categories Computation, Engineering, and Physical and Life Sciences. Other sections cover Weapons and Complex Integration, the National Ignition Facility Project and related photon science programs, and the Global Security Principal Directorate. The site's Publications section includes the lab's published research papers, reports, and periodicals, with issues of *Science and Technology Review* as far back as 1994 (when it appeared under its previous title, *Energy and Technology Review*).

The LLNL site provides a substantial amount of online full-text documents of interest to researchers. The site should be the starting point for anyone seeking more information about the lab's programs or its areas of expertise.

Subject(s): Nuclear Weapons—Research; Research Laboratories

Publication(s): *Science and Technology Review: Lawrence Livermore Laboratory*, E 1.53:

1591. Los Alamos National Laboratory

<http://www.lanl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Description: Created to help in the development of nuclear weapons, the central mission of the Los Alamos National Laboratory is national security. It has stewardship of the nation's nuclear stockpile and conducts research related to this role. The lab Web site describes its work in sections on security, environmental sciences, supercomputing and analysis, life sciences, engineering and technology research, and astronomy and astrophysics. The About LANL section lists the lab's divisions, offices, and programs. Publications on the site include *1663: Los Alamos Science and Technology Magazine*. Other sections on the site cover procurement, technology transfer, and educational opportunities.

Subject(s): Nuclear Weapons; Physics—Research; Research Laboratories

Publication(s): *1663: Los Alamos Science and Technology Magazine*, E 1.96:

1592. Oak Ridge National Laboratory

<http://www.ornl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Description: Oak Ridge National Laboratory is a multiprogram science and technology laboratory. ORNL research areas include neutron sciences, high performance computing, complex biological systems, materials science, energy, and national security. The Science and Technology section of this Web site describes these and other areas of research and links to the lab's research facilities, Education Program, and its Publications page. Under Publications, a database called the Comprehensive Publications and Presentations Registry (CPPR) has bibliographic information for ORNL reports from 1985 and the full text of many reports from the late 1990s onward. The About ORNL section has information on organizational structure, leadership, procurement, and ORNL history.

Subject(s): Research Laboratories; Scientific Research

Publication(s): *Oak Ridge National Laboratory Review*, E 1.28/17:

1593. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

<http://www.pnl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)

Description: PNNL conducts research in computing and information technology, energy, environment, fundamental science, biology, and national security areas. Work at the lab is described in the Research section of its Web site. Other sections describe the lab's facilities, educational opportunities, staffing, business resources, and technology licensing program. The Publications section includes the lab's magazine, *Breakthrough*, and a database of materials published since 1998 by PNNL staff or by external researchers using PNNL facilities.

Subject(s): Research Laboratories

Publication(s): *Breakthroughs*, E 1.53/5:

1594. Sandia National Laboratories

<http://www.sandia.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Sandia National Laboratories

Description: Sandia focuses on research and development related to national security goals. The Mission Areas section of the Sandia site discusses activities in the areas of nuclear weapons, nonproliferation, energy, defense systems, and homeland security. The Newsroom section has links to news releases, congressional testimony, and Sandia publications.

Subject(s): Research Laboratories; Weapons Research

Publication(s): *Sandia Technology*, E 1.20/5:

1595. Savannah River National Laboratory

<http://srnl.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Savannah River National Laboratory

Description: The Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) is the applied research and development laboratory at the Energy Department's Savannah River Site. The Web site describes the major areas of the lab's research focus: environmental management, energy security, and national and homeland security. Research capabilities in related technologies, such as hydrogen storage and radioactive chemical processing, are also described.

Subject(s): Energy—Research; Research Laboratories

Physical Sciences

1596. Alaska Volcano Observatory

<http://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) is a federal, state, and university partnership to monitor many of Alaska's volcanoes. The Web site describes the monitoring, hazard assessments, and volcano research conducted by AVO. The Volcano Information section features an interactive map of Alaskan volcanoes and a database of eruption events. The Current Volcanic Activity section includes webcams and volcano activity notifications.

This well-designed site has content for those with general interest in volcanoes and for those in the scientific and Alaskan regional communities.

Subject(s): Volcanoes

Publication(s): *Catalog of Historically Active Volcanoes of Alaska*, I 19.76:

Summary of Events and Response of the Alaska Volcano Observatory, I 19.76:

1597. Cascades Volcano Observatory

<http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Cascades Volcano Observatory (CVO) watches volcanoes and other natural hazards, including earthquakes, landslides, and debris flows in the western United States. The CVO Web site has current status reports and other reports on volcanoes in the Cascade Range, including Mount Rainier and Mount St. Helens. The site features maps, photos, hazard assessment reports, and information on living with volcanoes and visiting volcanoes. The Education Outreach and Living With Volcanoes sections each include materials that will be of interest to students, teachers, and the general public.

Subject(s): Volcanoes

1598. Chandra X-Ray Observatory

<http://chandra.harvard.edu/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)

Description: Chandra X-Ray Observatory is an orbiting space telescope launched in 1999. Chandra captures X-ray images from high-energy regions of the universe, such as the remnants of exploded stars. This Web site, operated for NASA by the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, serves as an information center for scientific users, the general public, and educators.

Subject(s): Astrophysics; Telescopes

1599. Chemoinformatics Tools and Services

<http://cactus.nci.nih.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: This collaborative Web site includes chemical information databases, software tools, and links to other chemistry-related databases. It features a Chemical Structure Lookup Service for discovering whether a structure occurs in any of the public and commercial databases the service has checked. The National Cancer Institute's Computer-Aided Drug Design (CADD) Group hosts the site.

The site is open to the general public, however "the information is not geared toward the general public, and will probably be most useful for researchers working with, or interested in, chemical information" (from the Web site).

Subject(s): Chemical Information

1600. Digital Tectonic Activity Map

<http://denali.gsfc.nasa.gov/dtam/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: This site documents tectonic activity on a map of the globe. It uses global data sets of seismicity, volcanism, and plate motions. The site provides background information and downloadable versions in JPEG, PDF, TIFF, and GIF formats.

Subject(s): Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

1601. Earth Observing System (NASA)

<http://eosps0.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)—Earth Observing System (EOS) Project Science Office

Description: EOS consists of a science component and a data system supporting a coordinated series of satellites for global observations of the land surface, biosphere, solid earth, atmosphere, and oceans. The main categories of this Web site are Mission Profiles, Data Services, EOS Links, Who's Who (EOS Project Science Office directory), and Search EOS. The site's For Educators category offers educational materials, an Earth Observing satellite tracking utility, and the Spacecraft Overpass Predictor. The Media section provides fact sheets on major NASA earth observing spacecraft. The site also links to rich sources for images of the Earth from space.

Subject(s): Planetary Science

1602. Earth Observing System (NOAA)

<http://www.noaa.gov/eos.html>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Description: This NOAA site provides information about the emerging U.S. and Global Earth Observation Systems. It links to Web sites for related earth observation projects.

The Environmental Protection Agency and NASA also provide Web pages on earth observing systems and the international Global Earth Observation Systems of Systems (GEOSS) plan. Both of these programs are described elsewhere in this chapter.

Subject(s): Planetary Science

1603. Earthquake Hazards Program

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The mission of the Earthquake Hazards Program is to understand the characteristics and effects of earthquakes and to apply this knowledge to reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage from earthquakes. The Web site's Earthquake Center page features interactive maps of the latest earthquakes in the United States and the world, as well as historical earthquake information. The site also has regional information, such as earthquakes by state. The Research and Monitoring section covers USGS earthquake monitoring and research, grants for external research, and access to USGS monitoring data. The About Earthquakes section includes educational information, such as a visual earthquake glossary, preparedness advice, and sections for students and teachers.

With everything from earthquake shakemaps and photos to research data to sci-

ence fair project ideas, this USGS site is a good place to start your earthquake information search.

Subject(s): Earthquakes

1604. Earthquake Hazards Program—Northern California

<http://quake.wr.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This USGS site focuses specifically on earthquake activity in Northern California. The site features real-time earthquake maps for California-Nevada, real-time shaking maps for California, and maps showing the probability of strong shaking at any location in California within the next 24 hours. The site also includes regional information on the latest quakes, earthquake preparedness, and earthquake research.

This site provides excellent information on Northern California seismic conditions.

Subject(s): Earthquakes

1605. Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory

<http://www.emsl.pnl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL)

Description: The EMSL national research lab conducts fundamental research in molecular and computational sciences, particularly in relation to energy technologies. The Science section of the Web site describes lab research in the areas of atmospheric aerosol chemistry, biological interactions and dynamics, geochemistry/biogeochemistry, and the science of interfacial phenomena. The Web site also describes the lab's capabilities and cites science journal articles in which all or part of the research was carried out using EMSL resources.

Subject(s): Research Laboratories; Scientific Research

1606. Geology Discipline Home Page

<http://geology.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: U.S. Geological Survey Geology Discipline covers natural hazards, Earth resources, and geologic processes. The site provides a central point for geology-related publications and for links to all related USGS programs. The programs are grouped into three categories: Natural Resources includes Energy and Minerals programs; Hazards includes Earthquakes, Landslides, Geomagnetism, and Volcanoes; and Landscape and Coast has Climate Change, Geologic Mapping, and Coastal Marine Geology. Each section leads to detailed information about the program and the science involved. The site also has geologic databases, software, standards information, and information on relevant grants and fellowships.

Subject(s): Geology

1607. Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory

<http://www.gfdl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Description: GFDL is a research laboratory focusing on the physical processes influencing the behavior of the atmosphere and the oceans as complex fluid systems. The Research Groups section of the site includes resources from project groups for Climate Dynamics, Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry, Biospheric Processes, Oceans

and Climate, Climate Diagnostics, and Weather and Atmospheric Dynamics. The Reference Materials section provides a GFDL bibliography, seminar information, and a link to the GFDL Library.

Subject(s): Atmospheric Sciences—Research; Climatology—Research

1608. Global Earth Observation System of Systems

<http://www.epa.gov/geoss/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: Sixty-one countries have agreed on an implementation plan for a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to improve understanding of the Earth environment. EPA's Web site explains the projects and its own role in it. Under Where You Live, the site provides information on how GEOSS could benefit each U.S. state.

Subject(s): Planetary Science

1609. Goddard Earth Sciences Data and Information Services Center

<http://daac.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: The Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) is the central feature of this Web site for the NASA Goddard Earth Sciences (GES) Data and Information Services Center (DISC). The DAAC includes data from earth observing satellites for experiments such as Solar Radiation and Climate Experiment and the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission.

Subject(s): Atmospheric Sciences—Research; Data Products

1610. Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

<http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Description: The Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Harvard College Observatory to study the basic physical processes that determine the nature and evolution of the universe. The Web site has information about the center, its research, and its facilities.

Subject(s): Astrophysics—Research

1611. Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

<http://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HVO) conducts research on the volcanoes of Hawaii and works with emergency-response officials to protect people and property from earthquakes and volcano-related hazards. The site has information on current activity, history, and hazards for Mauna Loa and Kilauea volcanoes. Other sections include About HVO, Earthquakes, Other Volcanoes, and Volcanic Hazards. The site also features *Volcano Watch*, a weekly newsletter for the general public that is written by scientists at the HVO.

This site will be of great interest to anyone living on or visiting the Big Island of Hawaii, and it provides educational information for anyone else interested in volcanoes and volcanology.

Subject(s): Volcanoes

Publication(s): *Volcano Watch*, I 19.170:

1612. High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center

<http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: The purpose of the High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center (HEASARC) is to support a multimission archive facility in high-energy astrophysics for scientists all over the world. HEASARC has data from 25 observatories covering 30 years of X-ray and gamma-ray astronomy. The data from spaceborne instruments are provided along with a science-user support staff and tools to analyze multiple data sets. The HEASARC Web site also has astronomy information for kids, students, and teachers.

Primarily intended for professional astronomers and astrophysicists, the HEASARC Web site does offer some content for the general public and the educational community.

Subject(s): Astrophysics—Research

1613. Jefferson Lab

<http://www.jlab.org/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility

Description: The Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) is a nuclear physics research laboratory built to probe the nucleus of the atom to learn more about the quark structure of matter. The Jefferson Lab's Web site features information about its scientific program as well as resources for K–12 education. The JLab at Work section includes information on the organization, technology transfer, and JLab publications.

Subject(s): Nuclear Physics—Research; Particle Accelerators; Research Laboratories

1614. NASA Astrophysics Data System

<http://adswww.harvard.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics—National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The Astrophysics Data System (ADS) is a NASA-funded project maintaining three sets of bibliographic databases: Astronomy and Astrophysics, Physics, and preprints in Astronomy (ArXiv e-prints). All are available to search or browse at this site. The site also has a current awareness e-mail service called myADS.

Subject(s): Astrophysics

1615. NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies

<http://www.giss.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)—Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS)

Description: GISS is a NASA research institute that emphasizes a broad, interdisciplinary study of global environmental change. A key objective of its research is the prediction of atmospheric and climate changes in the twenty-first century. Research themes described on the Web site include global climate modeling, planetary atmospheres, and atmospheric chemistry. The site also includes sections on Research, Data and Images, Publications, Software, Education, and About GISS.

Subject(s): Climate Change—Research

1616. National Earthquake Information Center

<http://neic.usgs.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/neic/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC) identifies its mission as “to rapidly determine location and size of all destructive earthquakes worldwide and to immediately disseminate this information to concerned national and international agencies, scientists, and the general public” (from the Web site). The site features a searchable catalog of earthquakes, with options to report data in various formats (including maps). It also provides current and historical lists of earthquakes and graphical displays for seismogram data. The NEIC Earthquake Notification System provides free e-mail or text message notification for earthquakes worldwide.

Subject(s): Earthquakes

Publication(s): *International Registry of Seismograph Stations*
Routine Mining Seismicity in the United States

1617. National Geophysical Data Center

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

Description: The mission of the National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC) is to prepare and provide geophysical data sets that are in the public domain. Data groups include bathymetry and topography, marine geology and geophysics, natural hazards, geomagnetic data and models, earth observations from space, and space weather. Much of the data is available online; some data sets can be purchased on DVD-ROM. Other sections of the Web site include Education and News.

The site contains numerous data products of use to research professionals in the relevant disciplines; it also contains a selection of educational products for the general public.

Subject(s): Data Products; Environmental Science

1618. National Radio Astronomy Observatory

<http://www.nrao.edu/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)—National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO)

Description: The NRAO designs, builds, and operates state-of-the-art radio telescope facilities for use by the scientific community. The NRAO Web site has extensive information about each of its sites in Virginia, West Virginia, Arizona, and New Mexico. The Images section includes galaxies, stars, comets, black holes, telescopes, and historical photographs of telescopes and astronomers. The Education section has information on radio astronomy and on educational activities.

Subject(s): Astronomy; Observatories

1619. Naval Oceanography Portal

<http://www.usno.navy.mil/>

Sponsor(s): Navy

Description: This portal Web site links to sites available from the component commands of the United States Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. Linked sites include the U.S. Naval Observatory, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center,

the Naval Oceanography Operations Command, the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, and the Naval Oceanographic Office.

Subject(s): Oceanography

1620. New Brunswick Laboratory

<http://www.nbl.doe.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Security Office

Description: The New Brunswick Laboratory is a federal lab specializing in the science of measuring nuclear materials. This site describes the mission and programs of the lab. Programs include Nuclear Safeguards and Nonproliferation Support, Measurement Development, Measurement Evaluation, Measurement Services, and Certified Reference Materials.

Subject(s): Chemistry Research; Standards and Specifications

1621. NIST Physics Laboratory

<http://physics.nist.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The Physics Laboratory supports industry by providing measurement services and research for electronic, optical, and radiation technologies. The site links to detailed information from each of the research divisions: Electron and Optical Physics, Atomic Physics, Optical Technology, Ionizing Radiation, Time and Frequency, and Quantum Physics. The Product and Services section of the site features the following subsections: Physical Reference Data; Measurement and Calibration; Constants, Units, and Uncertainty; Publications; and General Interest (covering time measurement and NIST's atomic clock).

Subject(s): Physics—Research; Standards and Specifications

Publication(s): *From Sundials to Atomic Clocks: Understanding Time and Frequency*, C 13.44:

1622. Ocean Surface Topography from Space

<http://topex-www.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: This site describes NASA research and missions related to ocean topography. It has information on the TOPEX/Poseidon Mission, a partnership between the United States and France to monitor global ocean topography, discover the links between the oceans and atmosphere, and improve global climate predictions. The follow-on missions, called Jason-1 and Jason-2, are also described in detail.

The Web site is a rich source of educational information on the effects of oceans on our climate, weather events such as El Nino/La Nina, and the satellite missions and data. The site's Sea Level Viewer presents images of the Earth during events such as the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Subject(s): Climate Research; Oceans—Research

1623. Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

<http://www.pppl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL)

Description: The Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) is concerned with fusion energy and plasma physics research. PPPL is managed by Princeton University for the Energy Department. The site features information about the lab, its research, and its equipment. Categories include News at PPPL, Fusion Basics,

Research Projects, Education Programs, Publications, Colloquia, and Technology Transfer. The Publications section provides access to abstracts and preprints of technical reports.

Subject(s): Plasma Physics—Research

Publication(s): *PPL News*, E 1.103/2:

1624. SOHO: The Solar and Heliospheric Observatory

<http://soho.nascom.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: SOHO is a cooperative project of NASA and the European Space Agency to study the sun and solar wind. Major sections of the SOHO Web site are Data/Archive, Gallery, Operations, Publications, Newsroom, Classroom, and Community. The Publications page includes a SOHO bibliography and publications database, SOHO documentation, and links to privately published online journals that cover solar physics research.

Subject(s): Solar-Terrestrial Physics; Sun

1625. Stanford Linear Accelerator Center

<http://www.slac.stanford.edu/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC)

Description: SLAC, operated by Stanford University for the Energy Department, conducts high-energy physics research. This site provides an introduction to SLAC and its programs. The Scientific Programs section links to the program sites in the areas of photon science and particle astrophysics. The Research Resources section links to SLAC documents and scientific publications.

Subject(s): Particle Accelerators; Physics—Research; Research Laboratories

1626. T-2 Nuclear Information Service

<http://t2.lanl.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Description: Run by the Nuclear Physics Group of the Theoretical Division of Los Alamos National Lab, this site covers nuclear modeling, nuclear data, cross sections, nuclear masses, nuclear astrophysics, radioactivity, radiation shielding, data for medical radiotherapy, data for high-energy accelerator applications, and data and codes for fission and fusion systems. Available categories include Tour (educational material, orientation to the site), Data (sets of nuclear data), Codes (for preparing nuclear data tables for various applications), and Publications.

The very technical nature of this data means that the site will primarily be of interest to nuclear physicists.

Subject(s): Nuclear Physics

1627. U.S. Climate Change Science Program

<http://www.climatechange.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: The Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) is a successor to the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). The current program is an inter-agency research effort overseen by four White House agencies: the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Council on Environmental Quality, the National Economic Council, and the Office of Management and Budget. The Web site includes information about the program, with sections for publications issued by the program and by participating agencies. The Events section of the site lists upcoming climate

change conferences. The Web site also has an RSS news feed for program and publication announcements.

Subject(s): Climate Change—Research

Publication(s): *Climate Literacy: The Essential Principles of Climate Sciences*, PREX 23.2:L 71

Our Changing Planet: The U.S. Climate Change Science Program for Fiscal Years . . ., PREX 23.14/2:

Strategic Plan for the U.S. Climate Change Science Program, PREX 23.2:

1628. United States Naval Observatory

<http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO>

Sponsor(s): Navy—Naval Observatory (USNO)

Description: The United States Naval Observatory is responsible for measuring the positions and motions of Earth, the sun, the moon, planets, stars, and other celestial objects; providing astronomical data; determining precise time; measuring the Earth's rotation; and maintaining the Master Clock for the United States. The Astronomical Applications section of the Web site includes popular reference information, such as daily sun and moon rise and set times for locations worldwide, a map of world time zones, solar and lunar eclipse information, and an online astronomical almanac. Other sections of the site provide USNO information in the areas of astrometry, earth orientation, and precise time. The site also links to the USNO library and to tour information.

Subject(s): Astronomy; Observatories

1629. Volcano Hazards Program

<http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: This central page from the USGS Volcano Hazards Program includes information on the status of volcanic activity in the U.S. and on the USGS volcano alert notification system. For information on international volcanic activity, the site links to the Weekly Volcanic Activity Report issued cooperatively with the Smithsonian's Global Volcanism Program. The About Volcanoes and Volcanic Hazards sections of the Web site provide extensive educational and background information. The Images & Publications section includes volcano fact sheets, volcano assessment reports, and an RSS feed for volcanic activity updates.

For checking either current activity or historical eruptions, this is a great starting point for finding information on volcanoes.

Subject(s): Volcanoes

Science Agencies and Policy

1630. Federal R&D Project Summaries

<http://www.osti.gov/fedrnd/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: The Federal R&D Project Summaries site is a portal to research summary and awards data maintained in separate databases by the Energy Department, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Small Business Administration, the Agriculture Department, and NASA. Users can conduct keyword searches across all databases simultaneously or select individual databases to search.

Subject(s): Research and Development

1631. National Academies

<http://www.nas.edu/>

Sponsor(s): National Academies

Description: Chartered by Congress to advise the federal government on matters of science, technology, and medicine, the National Academies are private, nonprofit societies of distinguished scholars. The National Academy of Sciences, along with the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine, are supervised by the National Research Council. All groups provide scientific advice to Congress on a variety of topics. The Web site features sections on each organization, their staff and member directories, and a database of current projects. The linked National Academies Press (NAP) Web site includes an extensive catalog of reports; some reports can be downloaded for free in PDF format.

This site should be of broad interest to the scientific and science policy community.

Subject(s): Science and Technology Policy

Publication(s): *The National Academies in Focus*

1632. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

<http://www.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The central NASA Web site provides information about the agency and links to the numerous other Web sites and resources NASA maintains. Major sections of the site include News (news releases, budget, and reports), Missions (current, past, and future), Multimedia (images, videos, and NASA TV), About NASA (locations, organizations, and research opportunities), and Collaborate (links to NASA's presence on such sites as Flickr and YouTube). The NASA home page highlights current news and popular features. Audience-specific views of the NASA Web content are available for the general public (the default), educators, students, the media, policymakers, and employees. Users can also make their own customized page at MyNASA. The News heading links to the major sections about shuttle and station, Moon and Mars, solar system, universe, aeronautics, earth, technology, NASA People, and NASA History.

Subject(s): Space

Publication(s): *NASA Strategic Plan*, NAS 1.15:

1633. National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity

<http://oba.od.nih.gov/biosecurity/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.biosecurityboard.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB)

Description: The NSABB is an interagency board chartered with minimizing the risk of misuse of life sciences research technologies, particularly as a threat to public health and national security. The Web site has the NSABB charter, membership list, and meeting schedule and minutes.

Subject(s): Scientific Research—Policy; Life Sciences—Policy

1634. National Science and Technology Council

<http://www.ostp.gov/cs/nstc>

Sponsor(s): White House—National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)

Description: The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) was formed in 1993 to coordinate science and technology policy across multiple White House and

executive branch departments. The Web site has information on council members, meetings, and reports.

Subject(s): Science and Technology Policy

1635. National Science Board

<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)—National Science Board (NSB)

Description: NSB is the governing board for the NSF and serves as national science policy adviser to the president and Congress. The Web site has information on NSB membership and meetings and the honorary science awards it bestows. The Documents section has NSB reports and congressional testimony.

Subject(s): Science—Policy

1636. National Science Foundation

<http://www.nsf.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: As one of the government's major scientific agencies, NSF promotes science and engineering research and education. NSF, an independent federal agency, supports scientists, engineers, and educators directly through their own home institutions (typically universities and colleges). The site's main sections provide information about funding opportunities and funding awards. A Science and Engineering Statistics section includes a wealth of publications and data from NSF, particularly on science and engineering education, funding, and the workforce. A Discoveries section profiles discoveries and innovations that began with NSF support.

For users involved with NSF grants or interested in applying for one, this is an essential site to visit; it provides helpful information on grants in the sciences. It also provides useful statistics on science and engineering education.

Subject(s): Science Education; Scientific Research—Grants

Publication(s): *Characteristics of Doctoral Scientists and Engineers in the United States*, NS 1.22:

Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, NS 1.22/11:

National Patterns of R&D Resources, NS 1.22/2:

NSF Engineering Online News, NS 1.22/10:

Science and Engineering Doctorate Awards, NS 1.44:

Science and Engineering Indicators, NS 1.28/2:

Science and Engineering State Profiles, NS 1.22/12:

Science Engineering Research Facilities at Universities and Colleges, NS 1.53:

Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering, NS 1.49:

1637. Office of Science and Technology Policy

<http://www.ostp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

Description: Established in 1976, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) serves as a source of scientific and technological analysis and judgment for the president with respect to major policies, plans, and programs of the federal government. The Web site offers general information on the organization and activities of OSTP. Along with current news, the site has information on the administration policy on science and technology issues and on the federal research and development budget.

Subject(s): Science and Technology Policy

1638. OSTP Blog

<http://blog.ostp.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

Description: The OSTP describes its blog as “a place where you can learn about and have real input into the policymaking process as it relates to science and technology” (from the blog). Selected blog postings are open for comment as part of a structured dialogue.

Subject(s): Science and Technology Policy; Blogs

1639. President’s National Medal of Science

<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/awards/nms/medal.htm>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The National Medal of Science was established by Congress in 1959 as a Presidential Award to be given to individuals “deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, or engineering sciences” (from the Web site). In 1980, Congress expanded this recognition to include the social and behavioral sciences. This site features information on nomination procedures, new award announcements, former medalists, and members of the President’s Committee.

Subject(s): Science—Awards and Honors

1640. Research.gov

<http://www.research.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: Research.gov has information for and about researchers working under a federal grant. The Research.gov program is led by the National Science Foundation in partnership with NASA, Defense Department research agencies, and USDA/CSREES. The site’s Research Spending and Results database has information on research awards active in fiscal year 2007 and beyond with total obligations of \$25,000 or more. The Policy Library has government documents on research award policy and procedures, including laws and regulations; it includes government-wide policy and the policies of Research.gov partner agencies. The site also provides online tools specifically for federal research grant recipients.

Subject(s): Scientific Research—Grants

1641. U.S. Arctic Research Commission

<http://www.arctic.gov/>

Sponsor(s): United States Arctic Research Commission

Description: The Arctic Research Commission was established to set the national goals and priorities for the federal basic and applied scientific research plan for the Arctic. This Web site has information on current commission news, meetings, and publications.

Subject(s): Scientific Research—Policy

1642. U.S. Geological Survey

<http://www.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: As one of the government’s primary scientific agencies, the USGS offers a broad range of scientific material on its Web site. This central USGS site features major sections dedicated to information on the agency’s focus: biology, geography, geology, geospatial information, and water. USGS provides scientific and safety information about such natural hazards as landslides, earthquakes, and volcanoes.

USGS also studies natural resources, such as minerals. Science in Your Backyard links to USGS information—such as flood or drought watches—for each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The home page menu links to a consolidated list of USGS podcasts and RSS newsfeeds on topics such as earthquake news, avian influenza updates, and volcano watches. The Maps, Imagery, and Publications section centralizes access to the many USGS Web pages that provide catalogs or collections of USGS information products. The Web site also has a substantial science-related Education section.

The USGS home page provides multiple access points to its rich collection of scientific resources and publications.

Subject(s): Geography; Geology; Natural Resources; Scientific Research

Publication(s): *Geographic Names Information System*, I 19.16/2:

National Hydrography Dataset, I 19.127:

National Landcover Data Set, I 19.168:

USGS Bulletins, I 19.3:

USGS Circulars, I 19.4/2:

Scientific and Technical Information

1643. DOE Information Bridge

<http://www.osti.gov/bridge/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: The DOE Information Bridge provides free access to full-text DOE research reports in physics, chemistry, materials, biology, environmental sciences, energy technologies, engineering, computer and information science, renewable energy, and other topics. Reports are available in PDF format. Coverage is from 1994 forward. The site has a basic word search option and a fielded search option for more precise searching. Users can register to receive news of new documents in a selected topic area.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information; Databases

Publication(s): *DOE Information Bridge*, E 1.137:

1644. DOE Patents Database

<http://www.osti.gov/doepatents/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: This site also goes by the name DOEpatents. It has a database of information on patents resulting from DOE-sponsored research and development. The site is intended to demonstrate the Energy Department's contributions to the sciences, and the DOE Innovations section describes notable patents.

Subject(s): Inventions; Research and Development

1645. E-print Network

<http://www.osti.gov/eprints/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: The full, formal title of this site is “E-print Network: Energy, Science, and Technology for the Research Community.” According to the Web site, e-prints include “pre-publication drafts of journal articles (preprints), scholarly papers, technical communications, or similar documents relaying research results among peer groups.” Disciplines covered by the site include physics, materials science, chemistry, mathematics, biology, computer science, geosciences, engineering, environmental sciences, fission, fusion, and other areas related to the Energy Department's

research interests. They are made available by a variety of sources, including academic institutions, government research laboratories, scientific societies, and individual scientists. The e-prints can be searched by word and topic or browsed by discipline. The site also has an e-mail alert service for notification of new e-prints by topic.

Subject(s): Preprints; Scientific and Technical Information

1646. NASA Scientific and Technical Information (STI)

<http://www.sti.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: NASA defines STI as basic and applied research results from the work of scientists, engineers, and others. The NASA Scientific and Technical Information Program disseminates STI from NASA research and other sources to the public. This site offers databases, documents, and new reports announcements. The major asset on the site is the NASA Technical Reports Server (NTRS), which covers NASA materials such as reports, journal articles, conference and meeting papers, and technical videos. As of 2006, NTRS also includes records from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) database; NACA, NASA's predecessor, was operational from 1917 to 1958. In addition, NTRS includes the NASA Image eXchange (NIX) collection and material from outside organizations, such as Great Britain's Aeronautical Research Council.

Other free STI resources on the site include NASA's *Spinoff* magazine and a database of abstracts for every successfully commercialized NASA technology published in *Spinoff*. The site also offers two current awareness services announcing newly released and newly acquired STI: the *Selected Current Aerospace Notices (SCAN)* service and *Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR)*. An RSS feed is available for tracking new STI from NASA.

The NTRS is a major bibliographic database of broad interest to the engineering and scientific communities. NTRS and the other services offered by NASA's STI program make this site a key resource for scientific and technical literature.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information; Databases

Publication(s): *NASA Technical Reports Server (NTRS)*, NAS 1.12/2-2:

Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR), NAS 1.9/4:

Spinoff, NAS 1.1/4:

1647. National Science Digital Library

<http://nsdl.org/>

Sponsor(s): National Science Foundation (NSF)

Description: The National Science Digital Library (NSDL) is a National Science Foundation program. The NSDL goal is to provide "organized access to high quality resources and tools that support innovations in teaching and learning at all levels of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education" (from the Web site). NSDL collections focus on science portal sites that provide material for educators or students. The collections can be searched by subject, audience, grade level, and resource type (audio, image, etc.).

Subject(s): Science Education

1648. NIST Data Gateway

<http://srdata.nist.gov/gateway/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Technology Administration (TA)—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The NIST Data Gateway links to over 70 free, public databases from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. As stated on the site, “these data cover a broad range of substances and properties from many different scientific disciplines.” Specific resources include the Atomic Spectra Database (ASD), Engineering Statistics Handbook, Fundamental Physical Constants, HIV Structural Reference Database (HIVSDB), and the NIST Chemistry WebBook. The site also lists, in English and Spanish, NIST databases that are available for purchase.

Subject(s): Engineering Research; Scientific and Technical Information; Databases

1649. Office of Scientific and Technical Information

<http://www.osti.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: The site is the home page for the Energy Department’s Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI), and has information on OSTI’s mission, leadership, news, and the OSTI blog. It also serves as a gateway to databases and other information resources for scientific and technical topics relevant to the Energy Department.

The Library Tools and Special Services section of the Web site links resources such as data repositories and OSTI database Web widgets. Under the Communications heading on the home page, the OSTI Flyers section offers free brochures for libraries and schools to promote the free OSTI research databases.

Subject(s): Preprints; Scientific and Technical Information; Databases

Publication(s): *DOE Information Bridge*, E 1.137:

Energy Citations Database, E 1.137/4:

Federal R&D Project Summaries, E 1.142:

Science.gov, C 51.22:

1650. Public Technical Reports

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/search/tr/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)

Description: The scope of the Public Technical Reports database includes defense research topics, the basic sciences, and specific documents such as conference papers and patent applications. It provides access to citations to unclassified unlimited documents entered into DTIC’s Technical Reports Collection since 1960 and to online copies of many documents published after 1990. The content can also be searched in special focused collections, such as Mine Resistant Vehicles.

STINET is an important resource because of its unique scope and inclusion of gray literature.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information; Databases

1651. Science Accelerator

<http://www.scienceaccelerator.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: Science Accelerator can be used to simultaneously search multiple databases related to the Energy Department’s research and development (R&D) programs and energy-related resources. The Resource Descriptions section of the site describes all of the databases available through Science Accelerator. They are

grouped into the categories Recent R&D Results, Legacy R&D Results (1943 onward), R&D Project Descriptions, and other science resources.

Subject(s): Research and Development

1652. Science Conferences

<http://www.osti.gov/scienceconferences/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: This science conference portal collects information on programs, papers, and proceedings from over 20 organizations and Web sources. The sources can be searched all at once or selectively. The About section explains what each source offers.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information

1653. Science Inventory

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/si/>

Sponsor(s): Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description: The EPA's Science Inventory site is a database of EPA scientific and technical projects. Database entries include project descriptions, products produced, types of peer review, links to related work, and contacts for additional information. The database can be searched by word. Researchers get an RSS feed of all new entries or set up a customized RSS feed based on a word search or topic.

Subject(s): Research and Development

1654. Science Tracer Bullets Online

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/tracer-bullets/tbs.html>

Sponsor(s): Library of Congress

Description: The Library of Congress Science Tracer Bullets are research guides for finding books, journal articles, Internet resources, and other literature on specific science and technology topics. The guides cover such topics as careers in science, earthquakes, introductory physics, global warming and climate change, and science fair projects.

The tracer bullets range from one year to over ten years old. Only the newest bullets include Internet resources. While much of the research guidance is still worthwhile, researchers should remember that more current resources are probably available. Link to the home page of Science Reference Services for additional science research guides.

Subject(s): Science—Research

Publication(s): *LC Science Tracer Bullet Series*, LC 33.10:

1655. Science.gov

<http://www.science.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Scientific and Technical Information Office

Description: Science.gov represents a collaborative effort by a group of government agencies to select and share the best of their online science information. Science.gov accesses over 30 databases and more than 1,900 science Web sites. The Energy Department's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI), listed here as the sponsor, hosts the site. The science resources can be browsed by topic or searched by word. The search feature allows users to select a combination of government science Web sites and databases to search. Users can also set up e-mail alerts based on search topics. Indexed resources in science.gov include: AGRICOLA, the National Biological Information Infrastructure, the Energy Citations Database, PubMed, ERIC, and National Science Foundation publications.

Science.gov also has special collections of links on topics such as science conferences and internships and fellowships.

Science.gov is an example of the current effort to build agency-independent access to government information through subject-oriented portals. It allows for easy discovery of science and technical information that is distributed through government Web sites.

Subject(s): Scientific and Technical Information; Databases

Space

1656. Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD)

<http://www.aero-space.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate

Description: ARMD is concerned with cutting-edge aeronautics research. The Programs section of the ARMD Web sites describes work in four areas: Fundamental Aeronautics Program, Airspace Systems Program, Aviation Safety Program, and Aeronautics Test Program. The Reference Materials section has ARMD and related NASA publications. The Education section has resources on aeronautics for all levels of students.

Subject(s): Aerospace Engineering—Research

1657. Ames Research Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Ames Research Center (ARC)

Description: NASA's Ames Research Center in California specializes in researching and developing new technologies in such fields as supercomputing, nanotechnology, fundamental space biology, biotechnology, and human factors research. The Research section of the site provides information on current projects. The Research section also links to information on collaborative efforts such as NASA Research Park and the international Lunar Science Institute.

Subject(s): Space Sciences—Research; Space Technology—Research

1658. Asteroid and Comet Impact Hazard

<http://impact.arc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Ames Research Center (ARC)

Description: This NASA Ames site has news, explanations, and frequently asked questions about possible Earth collision with asteroids and comets (often called Near Earth Objects, or NEOs). The site includes fact sheets, congressional documents, and NASA studies related to impact hazards. The NEO Catalog section has a listing of all known Earth-crossing asteroids and predicted close approaches to the Earth in the near future.

Subject(s): Planets

1659. Astrogeology Resource Program

<http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department—U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Description: The USGS Astrogeology Resource Program works closely with NASA and specializes in planetary geologic processes, remote sensing and monitoring, and the mapping of extraterrestrial bodies. The Web site highlights their work on exploratory missions (such as the Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan), and it provides detailed information on each of the program's research areas. The Data and Information section of the site has databases, images, and maps. Databases include the Gazetteer of Planetary Nomenclature, Historical Lunar Data Archive, and Global Land Ice Measurements from Space.

Subject(s): Geology—Research; Planetary Science; Remote Sensing

Publication(s): *Gazetteer of Planetary Nomenclature*, I 19.3:

1660. Astronomy Resources at STScI

<http://www.stsci.edu/resources/>

Sponsor(s): Space Telescope Science Institute

Description: The Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI) is one of the astronomy centers operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc. (AURA) for NASA. It is responsible for the scientific operation of the Hubble Space Telescope and will also be supporting the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) for NASA; each one is described in detail at this site. Other main categories at this Web site include The Institute, Data Archives, Talks & Meetings, and Hubble Images.

Subject(s): Astronomy; Telescopes

1661. Cassini Equinox Mission

<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: The Cassini spacecraft orbiting Saturn has completed its initial mission to explore the Saturn System. Its second mission, to last through September 2010, is called the Equinox Mission. The Web site has mission news, Saturn images, and information about Cassini. It also has educational materials and information about educational opportunities associated with the mission.

Subject(s): Spacecraft; Saturn

1662. CGRO Science Support Center

<http://cossc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/cgro/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: The Compton Gamma Ray Observatory (CGRO), in service from 1991 to 2000, was the second of NASA's four Great Observatories. The Web site has sections for the CGRO data archive, data analysis, and the CGRO instruments. It also has an Education section that details CGRO discoveries.

Subject(s): Astronomy; Telescopes

1663. Columbia Accident Investigation Board

<http://caib.nasa.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/caib/>

Sponsor(s): Columbia Accident Investigation Board

Description: The Columbia Accident Investigation Board (CAIB) was established to

determine actual or probable causes of the failure of NASA's Columbia space shuttle on February 1, 2003. The CAIB Web site includes the final report, information on board members, the board charter, press releases, transcripts of press briefings, and minutes of any public meetings.

The CAIB Web site is also archived at the University of North Texas Libraries' CyberCemetery, at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Space Shuttle

Publication(s): *Columbia Accident Investigation Board Final Report*, NAS 1.2:C 72/ V.1-6

1664. Crustal Dynamics Data Information System (CDDIS)

<http://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: CDDIS supports data archiving and distribution activities for the space geodesy and geodynamics community. This site offers access to CDDIS data sets, programs, and reports.

This site will primarily be of interest to researchers in this field.

Subject(s): Geodesy

1665. Eclipse Home Page

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse.html>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: This site provides details on total and partial solar and lunar eclipses around the world. It includes eclipse maps, listings, path coordinates, explanations, and predication information. The site also has information on lunar eclipses and planetary transits across the sun.

The clear organization of this site makes it an excellent reference source on the topic.

Subject(s): Eclipses; Sun

1666. Galileo Legacy Site

<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/galileo/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: NASA's Galileo mission ended when the spacecraft impacted Jupiter on September 2003 (as planned). The Galileo site provides an extensive collection of information on the Galileo spacecraft and the planet Jupiter. The site also includes images, mission details, and educational resources.

Subject(s): Jupiter; Spacecraft

1667. Glenn Research Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Glenn Research Center

Description: Formerly known as the Lewis Research Center, the Glenn Research Center was renamed after John H. Glenn, former astronaut and U.S. senator. Spaceflight systems, aeronautics, and aeropropulsion technologies are the center's focus. The Web site describes the center's work related to the space station and shuttle, moon and Mars missions, technology, and aeronautics. The site also has sections on education and on doing business with the center.

Subject(s): Aerospace Engineering—Research; Space Technology—Research
Publication(s): *AeroSpace Frontiers*

1668. Goddard Space Flight Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: The Goddard Space Flight Center specializes in developing and operating unmanned scientific spacecraft conducting research on the earth, sun, and universe. The Web site describes past, present, and planned missions supported by Goddard. It includes feature stories and videos highlighting earth and space observations. Other sections of the site cover Goddard's educational programs and business opportunities.

Subject(s): Space Sciences; Space Technology

Publication(s): *Goddard View*, NAS 1.104:

1669. GRIN—Great Images in NASA

<http://grin.hq.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—History Office

Description: GRIN is a collection of over one thousand photographs of significant historical interest from both NASA and its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). The images, all in JPEG format, can be searched by topic, keyword, or NASA center. While most of the images are not protected by copyright, the Copyright Information section should be reviewed for information on use restrictions.

The emphasis of this selective collection is on NASA history. Researchers looking for a broader collection of images may also wish to check the NASA Image eXchange (NIX) and NASA Multimedia Gallery Web sites. Both are linked from the GRIN home page.

Subject(s): Aerospace Engineering—History; Photography; Space—History

1670. Hubble Space Telescope Project

<http://hubble.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The Hubble Space Telescope has been orbiting the Earth since its launch in 1990. This Web site provides extensive project background information and a gallery of images from Hubble. Major sections of the site cover Hubble operations, technology, news, and servicing mission information.

Subject(s): Astronomy; Telescopes

1671. International Space Station

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: This central Web site for NASA's International Space Station (ISS) has news, mission and crew profiles, images, interactive features, and science information. The Current Missions section covers station resupply, station science, and station structure. The News & Media section under Current Missions includes press kits, briefing materials, and documents related to the station. The site also has information on planned future missions, a launch calendar, and a mission schedule.

Subject(s): Space Stations

1672. James Webb Space Telescope

<http://www.jwst.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is the planned successor to the Hubble Space Telescope. This Web site gives an overview of the project, news, science goals, and mission hardware. The section specifically for scientists has information for astronomers who would like to learn more about using JWST for their research programs, and also features the *Webb Update* newsletter. Other sections are tailored to the general public and to the media.

Subject(s): Astronomy; Telescopes—Research

Publication(s): *Webb Update*

1673. Jet Propulsion Laboratory

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: JPL is the lead U.S. center for robotic exploration of the solar system. Major subject links on the JPL Web site include Earth, Solar System, Stars and Galaxies, and Science and Technology. The Missions page profiles specific robotic spacecraft, such as Voyager and the Mars Global Surveyor, and the accomplishments of their missions. It includes current, past, present, and proposed missions with JPL involvement. The Multimedia section includes planetary images and online videos, including slide shows and podcasts related to the Mars Rover. The News section provides press releases, mission fact sheets, annual reports, and a JPL blog.

Subject(s): Planets; Space Technology

1674. Johnson Space Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Johnson Space Center (JSC)

Description: Programs at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Texas focus on human spaceflight, the International Space Station (ISS), the Mission Control Center, and astronaut training. Major topical sections of the Web site are Space Station, Space Shuttle, Exploration, and Astronauts. The Astronauts section has astronaut biographies and information on their selection and training. The Johnson News section includes status reports for the ISS and the space shuttle. The Education section provides news and information about JSC education programs and about careers at JSC.

Most of the material on this site is geared toward the public, the press, and business users. It is also an excellent site for students and teachers to find material for education related to humans in space, manned space flights, and basic astronomy.

Subject(s): Astronauts; Human Space Exploration; Spacecraft

Publication(s): *Astronaut Fact Book*, NAS 1.74:

1675. Kennedy Space Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/kennedy/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Kennedy Space Center (KSC)

Description: NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida has primary responsibility for ground turnaround, support, and launch of the space shuttle and its payloads, including elements for the International Space Station (ISS). Major sections of the

KSC Web site include Shuttle Operations, Launching Rockets, and Station Payloads. The site has launch schedules (under Missions) and information for visitors (under About Kennedy). Other sections include News, Multimedia, and Education.

The current space shuttle is scheduled to be retired at the end of 2010. Development of the next generation spacecraft is described in the Moon and Mars section of the KSC Web site.

Subject(s): Space Shuttle; Space Stations; Rockets

1676. Lunar and Planetary Sciences at the NSSDC

<http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: NSSDC is responsible for the collection and storage and distribution of lunar and planetary images and other data to scientists, educators, and the general public. This site offers a separate page for each planet as well as for the moon, asteroids, and comets. Each of these separate pages features fact sheets, images, a Frequently Asked Questions file, other resources, and information on spacecraft missions to that specific astral body.

This site offers a substantial body of textual and pictorial information for all the planets in our solar system. Information is available at many levels and for many audiences, from children to research scientists. It is worth a visit from anyone in search of basic information or images of the planets, the moon, asteroids, or comets.

Subject(s): Planetary Science; Planets

1677. Marshall Space Flight Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)

Description: The Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama develops space transportation and propulsion systems and oversees science and hardware development for the International Space Station. Its Web site provides a broad range of technical and background information on the many projects, scientific disciplines, and specific space flight missions with which the center is involved. Major sections of the Web site include Moon & Mars, Science at Marshall, Shuttle & Station, and Capabilities.

Subject(s): Microgravity; Propulsion Technology; Space Technology

1678. NASA Dryden Flight Research Center

<http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Dryden Flight Research Center (DFRC)

Description: Dryden Flight Research Center, located on Edwards Air Force Base in California, is responsible for flight research and flight testing. Web site sections include About Dryden, Aircraft, Research, Education, Capabilities and Facilities, Aircraft Operations Facility, History, and Doing Business. The Multimedia section has an archive of digitized photos, movies, and drawings of many of the unique research aircraft flown at the facility from the 1940s to the present.

Subject(s): Aerospace Engineering—Research; Aircraft—Research

1679. NASA Exploration Systems Mission Directorate

<http://exploration.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Exploration Systems Mission Directorate

Description: NASA Exploration Systems Mission Directorate (ESMD) leads the agency's human and robotic exploration programs. The Exploration Web site currently focuses on NASA's next generation of space vehicles for mission to the moon. Under the heading About the Directorate, the Constellation Systems Division compiles news and background information on Constellation, NASA's next generation of launch and crew vehicles. About the Directorate also has information on education and outreach programs and a Library section of program documents. In addition to current information, the Web site includes a feature on space exploration history.

Subject(s): Human Space Exploration; Space Technology

1680. NASA Headquarters

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/hq/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., manages the space flight centers, research centers, and other NASA installations. Under the heading About NASA HQ, the site links to information resources such as the NODIS Library of NASA Policy Directives and NASA Procedural Requirements. Under the heading Organization, the site links to headquarters leaders and NASA mission directorates, the NASA budget and reports, and business and research opportunities.

Subject(s): Space

1681. NASA History Division

<http://history.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—History Office

Description: The NASA History Program, dating back to 1959, documents and preserves the agency's history. The site includes a brief history of NASA—including that of its predecessor, NACA—and an extensive topical index to historical information distributed on the many NASA Web sites. The Publications section lists print publications about NASA history, many of which are also available online, and links to NASA's own electronic publications about the agency history.

Subject(s): Spacecraft—History

Publication(s): *Apollo by the Numbers: A Statistical Review*, NAS 1.21:

The Problem of Space Travel: The Rocket Motor, NAS 1.21:

1682. NASA Image eXchange (NIX)

<http://nix.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: The NASA Image eXchange (NIX) is a central search engine for many of the agency's distributed online multimedia collections. The collections can be searched by word and multimedia type. Images can also be browsed with a hierarchical menu of topics. While NASA images are not generally protected by copyright, users should review the Copyright section for reproduction guidelines.

Subject(s): Photography; Space

1683. NASA Langley Research Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/langley/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Langley Research Center (LaRC)

Description: NASA's Langley Research Center, located in Virginia, has long been a major center for aeronautics research. The Web site provides news, images, and information related to this research and also highlights Langley contributions to space exploration and science. The Doing Business with Us section has information on procurement and technology transfer.

With a wide collection of aeronautical information, this site is an important resource for researchers in aeronautics.

Subject(s): Aerospace Engineering—Research

1684. NASA Lunar Science Institute

<http://lunarscience.arc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Ames Research Center (ARC)

Description: NLSI is managed by the NASA Ames Research Center but has dispersed teams across the nation working on research activities related to NASA's lunar exploration goals. The Web site provides information on the research teams and lunar science. It also has an "Ask a Lunar Scientist" feature.

Subject(s): Moon—Research

1685. NASA Multimedia

<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: NASA Multimedia presents a selection of NASA images, videos, podcasts, and interactive presentations. In the Images section, check the image usage guidelines before using material from this site; the guidelines cover images, audio, video, and other formats.

This NASA site makes it easy to find images and video recordings tied to recent NASA news. For a more extensive collection, see the NASA Image eXchange (NIX) site, which is described elsewhere in this section.

Subject(s): Space

1686. NASA Science

<http://science.hq.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Space Science Mission Directorate

Description: NASA's Science Mission Directorate offers this Web site with detailed information on the agency's science strategy and science missions. The Web site describes each science mission and organizes science topics in sections for Earth, Heliophysics, Planets, and Astrophysics. The site has audience-specific sections for researchers, educators, kids, and "citizen scientists." The About Us section covers the directorate's organizational information, NASA's science strategy, NASA science advisory subcommittees, and an index to science and technology programs of the past, present, and near future.

Subject(s): Space Sciences

1687. NASA Shuttle

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/main/

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Spaceflight Office

Description: This Web site has information on current, past, and planned future missions. Under the Shuttle Missions heading, the Shuttle Archives section documents the crew, payloads, and timeline for previous missions back to 1981. Other sections include Behind the Scenes, Launch and Landing, and Vehicle Structure.

NASA plans to retire the shuttle in 2010. New crew and launch vehicles are under development for missions to the moon.

Subject(s): Space Shuttle

1688. NASA Tech Briefs

<http://www.techbriefs.com/tech-briefs>

Sponsor(s): Tech Briefs Media Group

Description: *NASA Tech Briefs* publishes information on commercially significant technologies developed in the course of NASA research and development. The publication is a joint publishing venture of NASA and Tech Briefs Media Group, which runs this Web site. The site also offers free downloadable Technical Support Packages with further information on the innovations described in the *NASA Tech Briefs*.

Subject(s): Space Technology; Technology Transfer

Publication(s): *NASA Tech Briefs*, NAS 1.29/3-2:

1689. NASA White Sands Test Facility (WSTF)

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wstf/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Johnson Space Center (JSC)

Description: NASA's White Sands Test Facility (WSTF) in New Mexico is operationally part of the NASA Johnson Space Center. The facility tests rocket propulsion systems, propellants and hazardous fluids, and materials and components used in spaceflight. It also serves as the primary training area for space shuttle pilots practicing landings. The Web site describes WSTF capabilities in each of these areas.

Subject(s): Aerospace Engineering; Propulsion Technology

1690. National Space Science Data Center

<http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Description: National Space Science Data Center serves as the permanent archive for space science data from NASA spaceflight missions. The data are related to the fields of astronomy and astrophysics, solar and space plasma physics, and planetary and lunar science. The site has an online Master Catalog of available data and resources. Some resources are available online; others must be ordered. The data are intended for use by the professional scientific community.

Subject(s): Space Sciences

Publication(s): *SPACEWARN Bulletin*, NAS 1.37/3:

1691. NSPIRES—NASA Research Opportunities

<http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Description: NSPIRES stands for NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System. The Web site is an online service center for each stage in

the NASA research solicitation and award process. Users can search for open, closed, past, and future NASA research announcements; and view the list of proposals selected to conduct NASA research, including the principal investigator, institution, and proposal title. A module still under development will enable users to search for and view the results of NASA grantees' research. Extensive guidance is provided in the NSPIRES Help section.

Subject(s): Scientific Research—Grants; Space—Research

1692. Office of Space Commercialization

<http://www.space.commerce.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

Description: As stated on the Office of Space Commercialization Web site, the site “is intended to educate the public about the Commerce Department’s role in promoting U.S. leadership in space commerce through the Office of Space Commercialization and other Commerce organizations.” The site has sections about the office and about space commercialization legislation and policy issues. It also has a section for publications and documents from speeches and workshops.

Subject(s): Space Technology

1693. Planetary Data System

<http://pds.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Space Science Mission Directorate

Description: The Planetary Data System (PDS) is an archive of peer-reviewed data products from NASA planetary missions, astronomical observations, and laboratory measurements. The site includes sections for data services information, tools to manage the downloaded data, and documentation and manuals. PDS is managed by a system of nodes—NASA offices and university consortia—with specialties in the planetary disciplines. Links to each node’s specialized Web site are at the bottom of the PDS home page.

The Planetary Data System was designed by scientists for scientists. The data sets are very large and of a highly technical nature.

Subject(s): Planetary Science—Research

1694. Solar System Exploration

<http://sse.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: The Jet Propulsion Lab’s Solar System Exploration Web site is a public outreach effort with a wealth of information on the Earth’s solar system and on planetary science. It profiles current and past planetary missions and includes a multimedia section with images. Most of the site is written for the general public of high school or adult age, but it also provides sections for kids and for educators.

This is a colorful and well-designed site with fresh content for space enthusiasts and amateur astronomers.

Subject(s): Planetary Science

1695. Space Calendar

<http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/calendar/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: JPL's Space Calendar covers space-related activities and historical anniversaries for the coming year, with numerous links to related Web pages. The calendar includes launch dates, conferences, and celestial events such as eclipses. The site also offers calendar archives for the past several years.

This is an excellent resource for amateur astronomers and those interested in the history of space exploration.

Subject(s): Space—History

1696. Space Operations

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/osf/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Space Operations Mission Directorate

Description: The NASA Space Operations Mission Directorate directs space flight operations, space launches and space communications, and other systems in operation. Major sections of the site include International Space Station, Space Shuttle Program, and Space and Flight Support (space communications and launch services). Each operation is covered in detail. The site also links to the NASA Sky-Watch application for determining when to view the space station from selected cities around the world.

Subject(s): Human Space Exploration; Space Shuttle; Space Stations

1697. Space Weather Prediction Center

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Description: As stated on the Web site, the Space Weather Prediction Center is “the nation’s official source of space weather alerts, watches and warnings.” The center “provides real-time monitoring and forecasting of solar and geophysical events which impact satellites, power grids, communications, navigation, and many other technological systems.” The Web site’s Space Weather Now section reports on geomagnetic storms, solar radiation storms, radio blackouts, and the latest alerts and advisories. The Education/Outreach section has classroom materials, brief papers on topics such as the ionosphere and radio wave propagation, and general information on space weather, including a Web page in Spanish.

Subject(s): Space Environment; Sun

1698. Spitzer Space Telescope

<http://www.spitzer.caltech.edu/spitzer/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.spitzer.caltech.edu/espanol/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: The Spitzer Space Telescope is a cryogenically cooled infrared observatory. It is the final element of what are called NASA’s four “Great Observatories,” the others being the Hubble Space Telescope, Compton Gamma Ray Telescope, and Chandra X-ray Observatory. The About Spitzer section of the site provides detailed information on project’s history, mission, science, and technology. The site also has project news and a large image gallery.

Subject(s): Astronomy; Telescopes

1699. Stennis Space Center

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/stennis/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Stennis Space Center (SSC)

Description: SSC is NASA's primary center for testing large rocket propulsion systems and for developing remote sensing technology. These programs are detailed in the Missions section of the Web site. Under Multimedia, the site has a retrieval system for images and videos related to work at SSC. The site also has information about Stennis education and business opportunities.

Subject(s): Propulsion Technology; Remote Sensing; Rockets

1700. Voyager

<http://voyager.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Description: This site covers the missions of the Voyager-1 and Voyager-2 spacecraft, both launched in 1977 and now heading out of the solar system. The site has information on the science, spacecraft, and images of the Voyager missions.

Subject(s): Spacecraft

1701. Wallops Flight Facility

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/home/>

Sponsor(s): National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)—Wallops Flight Facility

Description: Wallops Flight Facility is responsible for the launch and operation of suborbital and small orbital payloads that support space-based research focused on Earth. It supports NASA's Sounding Rocket and Scientific Balloon Programs. The Web site describes the Wallops programs, facilities, business opportunities, and education outreach.

Subject(s): Rockets

CHAPTER 19

Social Welfare

The federal government develops programs and policies and administers grants in areas such as housing, community development, volunteer services, and welfare. This chapter includes agency Web sites that either serve the customers of such programs, or compile information on such programs.

Subsections in this chapter are Child Welfare, Economic Development, Housing, Social Services, and Volunteerism and Charities.

Child Welfare

1702. Administration for Children and Families

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Description: ACF is a federal agency that funds state, local, and tribal organizations that provide family assistance (welfare), child support, child care, Head Start, child welfare, and other services related to children and families. Its Web site presents program and agency information under sections including Services for Families, Working with ACF, Policy/Planning, and About ACF. Program information and resources organized under the Services heading cover such topics as adoption, child care, energy assistance, Head Start, the Healthy Marriage Initiative, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The Working with ACF section has a full list of ACF program descriptions, information for employers, grant opportunities, and links to relevant state and local resources. The Policy/Planning section has budget and legislative background information, policy documents, links to program materials and clearinghouse sites, and research, data, and statistics on program areas.

The ACF Web site is a well organized and rich resource for child and family welfare federal programs. The program's research, data, and statistics information should be of interest to social service researchers.

Subject(s): Child Welfare; Early Childhood Education; Families; Welfare

1703. Adoption.State.Gov

<http://adoption.state.gov/>

Sponsor(s): State Department—Children's Issues Office

Description: This site provides information on the international adoption process for Americans wishing to adopt a child from another country. It has sections on the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, visas, country information, notices and alerts, and statistics on adoptions into the United States.

Subject(s): Adoption—International

1704. Afterschool.gov

<http://www.afterschool.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)

Description: This site is designed to connect visitors to online resources in support of children and youth during after-school hours. It includes information on financing and operating an after-school program and provides activity ideas for children in such programs.

Subject(s): Child Care

1705. Child Care & After-School Programs

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/childcareafterschoolprograms.cfm>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

Description: As stated on the Web site, “CSREES provides resources and national leadership to the Land-Grant University System to conduct research, education, and extension programs that will increase the quantity and improve the quality of child care (early care and education), school-age care (after-school), and teen out-of-school programs.” This site links to CSREES programs and resources.

Subject(s): Child Care

1706. Child Care Bureau

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Child Care Bureau

Description: The Child Care Bureau administers federal funds to states, territories, and tribes to help low-income families obtain quality child care. The site has policy and regulatory guidance documents and technical assistance information for the local governments administering the funds. It links to resources for child care providers and for parents seeking quality child care. Under Program Data and Statistics, the site provides statistics on the Child Care and Development Fund.

Subject(s): Child Care

1707. Child Welfare Information Gateway

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Children’s Bureau

Description: The Child Welfare Information Gateway is a Web portal to information on such topics as child abuse and neglect, out-of-home care, and adoption. Resources include the National Adoption Directory, statistics on child neglect issues and adoption, summaries of state laws, and links to relevant national organizations. Core information and some publications are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Child Welfare

Publication(s): *Children’s Bureau Express*

Strengthening Families and Communities: Resource Guide

1708. ChildCare.gov

<http://childcare.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Child Care Bureau

Description: ChildCare.gov links to information about child care and early learning from federal government and government-sponsored sources. The site is designed

for the general public, with special sections for parents, child care providers, researchers, and policymakers. It includes information on finding, choosing, and paying for child care; running a child care business; state, territory, and tribal government contacts; and topics such as the Head Start program, immunization, and parenting.

Subject(s): Child Care; Early Childhood Education

1709. Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

Description: FYSB provides runaway and homeless youth service grants to local communities. It also funds research and demonstration projects. The FYSB divisions described on the Web site are Youth Development, Family Violence, and Abstinence Education. Each division offers funding opportunities and links to resources. The About FYSB section has publications and policy documents.

Subject(s): Adolescents; Social Services—Grants

Publication(s): *Report to Congress on the Youth Programs of the Family and Youth Services Bureau*

1710. National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth

<http://www.ncfy.com/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

Description: The National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth (NCFY) provides information on youth development, family violence prevention, abstinence education, and mentoring children of prisoners. The site is intended to support Family and Youth Service Bureau grantees and organizations interested in youth programming and policy. NCFY links to its own publications and an online database of summaries of publications from other sources. Some publications from NCFY are available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Adolescents; Families

Publication(s): *Youth Initiatives Update*

1711. Women, Infants, and Children

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Description: “WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk” (from the Web site). The Web site serves multiple audiences, including WIC applicants, state program administrators, and food manufacturers wishing to participate in the program.

Subject(s): Nutrition—Grants; Pregnancy

Economic Development

1712. Administration for Native Americans

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Description: As stated on the Web site, the mission of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) is to “promote the goal of self-sufficiency and cultural preservation of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Native Pacific Islanders organizations.” The site has information on grant programs and awards, technical assistance, and training. Special initiatives include the Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative and Native Language Preservation and Maintenance.

Subject(s): Indigenous Peoples; Social Welfare; American Indians

Publication(s): *Native Language Preservation: A Reference Guide for Establishing Archives and Repositories*

1713. Appalachian Regional Commission

<http://www.arc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Description: ARC supports economic and social development in the Appalachian region, which spans the spine of the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. It includes all of West Virginia and parts of 12 other states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The Web site features news and information about ARC and the Appalachian region, *Appalachia Magazine*, and an Online Resource Center with resources for community planning, funding, and regional data and research.

Subject(s): Rural Development

Publication(s): *Appalachia Magazine*, Y 3.AP 4/2:9-2/

1714. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

<http://www.eda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department—Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Description: EDA gives grants to local communities for infrastructure and business development. Its Web site provides information on the agency’s grant programs, notices of funding availability, and application guidelines. The Research/Tools section has the text of economic development research reports and extensive background information on development practices.

Subject(s): Economic Development—Grants

1715. EconomicRecovery.gov

<http://www.economicrecovery.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Commerce Department

Description: The Commerce Department provides this page as a portal to government Web sites with guidance on personal finance, jobs, and programs for small businesses and financial institutions.

Subject(s): Economic Development; Personal Finance

1716. National Rural Development Partnership (NRDP)

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Description: NRDP promotes rural development through partnerships with local, state, tribal, and federal governments, as well as for-profit and nonprofit organizations. This site features information about NRDP, its accomplishments and budget, and congressional updates. It also links to state and national partners and other rural development sites.

Subject(s): Rural Development

1717. Office of Economic Adjustment

<http://www.oea.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Defense Department—Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)

Description: OEA provides adjustment assistance to communities affected by a military base closure, base expansion, or contract and program cancellations. The Library section of the site includes videos and background information from OEA on topics such as Base Realignment and Closure, compatible development near military installations, managing growth, the Defense Industry Adjustment program, and the Economic Adjustment Committee. The eGrants section of the site provides information for state and local governments eligible for assistance.

Subject(s): Economic Development

1718. Recovery.gov

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House—Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board

Description: Recovery.gov is the central federal government Web site reporting on spending under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law 111-5), or Stimulus Bill. It tracks the disposition of funds and provides information on the geographic impact of the stimulus. The site links to each of the Recovery Act sections on the Web sites of federal departments or agencies receiving funds under the act. It also links to the recovery Web sites set up by state governments and state government letters certifying they will accept the funds on the terms required. Recovery.gov provides news and answers frequently asked questions about the program.

Recovery.gov also serves as the Web site for the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, the chief oversight board for funds spent under the Recovery Act. It also provides reports from each of the agencies Inspectors General.

Subject(s): Economic Policy

1719. Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Description: The Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs support businesses and cooperatives in rural areas through funding and technical assistance. The Web site describes the business programs, cooperative programs, and special initiatives. It includes information on grants related to the Recovery Act and for renewable energy development assistance. The Library of Publications section includes the annual *Farmer Cooperative Statistics* report and the magazine *Rural Cooperatives*.

The site provides an excellent starting point for finding information on the ser-

vice and its programs. It will be of most interest to businesses and rural community leaders.

Subject(s): Rural Development

Publication(s): *Farmer Cooperative Statistics*, A 109.11/2:

RBS Research Reports, A 109.10:

Rural Cooperatives Magazine, A 109.11:

1720. Rural Information Center (RIC)

<http://ric.nal.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—National Agricultural Library (NAL)

Description: RIC is a specialized information and referral service within the National Agricultural Library. The site features links to community development resources and funding resources for rural institutions. RIC also provides a documented definition of “rural” for major federal programs.

The RIC Web site is an excellent starting point for those researching rural development topics for grant-writing or other purposes. It can be of assistance to rural governments, grant-seekers, small farms, and nonprofit organizations.

Subject(s): Rural Development—Research

Publication(s): *Rural Information Center Publication Series*, A 17.29:

1721. USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: The Rural Development Web site links to information on its major programs, each of which has a heading: Business and Cooperative, Housing and Community Facilities, Utilities, and Community Development. It includes current notices of funding availability and program news. The site also carries regulations, fact sheets, and publications. Some publications are available in Spanish, and a version of the site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Rural Development

Housing

1722. Community Connections Information Center

<http://www.comcon.org/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Community Planning and Development Office

Description: The Community Connections Information Center is the clearinghouse for HUD’s Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). Its Web site serves state and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, public interest groups, and others interested in housing and community development. The site has information on CPD’s programs and initiatives, including the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI), Emergency Shelter Grants, the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the HUDVET Veteran Resource Center.

Subject(s): Community Development; Housing

1723. Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

<http://portal.hud.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Office of Housing

Description: FHA provides mortgage insurance on single-family, multifamily, manufactured homes, and hospital loans made by FHA-approved lenders. The Web site has sections for consumers, lenders, real estate professionals, appraisers, builders, inspectors, and counseling services. It includes information on the FHA National Servicing Center, which helps homeowners by working with lenders to find solutions to avoid foreclosure. It also links to the MakingHomeAffordable.gov Web site for information on the new loan modification and refinancing program.

Subject(s): Home Mortgages

1724. Federal Housing Finance Agency

<http://www.fhfa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA)

Description: Created in 2008, the FHFA oversees Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks. It replaces Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO), the Federal Housing Finance Board (FHFB), and the government-sponsored enterprise team (GSE) mission office at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Web site includes FHFA regulations, data on the conforming loan limit for mortgages that finance single-family properties, and agency guidance. The Housing Price Index (HPI) section of the site includes current HPI data reports, downloadable data in text and spreadsheet formats, and historical reports. The Research and Analysis section of the site includes a guide to the numerous housing market indicators issued by the government, mortgage market data, and research papers.

Subject(s): Housing Finance

1725. Foreclosure Resource Center

<http://www.stlouisfed.org/foreclosure/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Reserve—Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Description: The Federal Reserve provides a Foreclosure Survival Guide for consumers and a Foreclosure Mitigation Toolkit for communities. The site provides additional links to home foreclosure information for consumers, communities, and financial institutions.

Subject(s): Home Mortgages

1726. Ginnie Mae

<http://www.ginniemae.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae)

Description: Ginnie Mae, a wholly owned government corporation within HUD, aims to help provide affordable, government-insured mortgages to American families. Its Web site includes sections for investors, homeowners, and mortgage-backed securities issuers, as well as information about Ginnie Mae. For prospective homeowners, the site has a “rent vs. buy” calculator and a loan estimator calculator. Full-text issues of *All Participants Memoranda* and its annual reports are available online.

Subject(s): Housing Finance

Publication(s): *All Participants Memoranda (Ginnie Mae)*, HH 1.37/4:

Mortgage-Backed Securities Handbook, HH 1.6/6:

1727. Home Loan Guaranty Services

<http://www.homeloans.va.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Veterans Affairs Department (VA)

Description: The VA home loan program helps veterans finance the purchase of homes through favorable loan terms and competitive interest rates. The Web site provides information for home buyers, lenders, loan servicers, and real estate professionals. The Home Loan Information page has online videos, pamphlets, and disaster advice for VA borrowers. The site also has information on grants for specially adapted housing.

Subject(s): Housing Finance; Veterans

1728. HomeSales.gov

<http://www.homesales.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: The HomeSales.gov Web site provides current information about previously owned single family homes for sale by the federal government. According to the site, the properties listed “are for sale by public auction or other method depending on the property. Anyone can buy a home for sale by the U.S. Government, but you must work with a real estate agent, broker or servicing representative to submit an offer or bid.” The Web site is a joint project led by HUD and including USDA and Veterans Affairs.

Subject(s): Government Auctions; Real Estate

1729. Housing and Community Facilities Programs

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Rural Housing Service

Description: The Housing and Community Facilities Programs (HCFP) office provides loans and grants to rural communities and individuals and works with local organizations and governments to provide technical assistance. Initiatives described on the Web site include a program to fund equipment and services for emergency responders in rural areas. Featured sections include Where to Apply, Nonprofit Opportunities, Public Bodies Opportunities, Lender Opportunities, Developer Opportunities, Individual and Family Opportunities, Regulations, and Information for Existing Borrowers. A Spanish-language version of the site is also available.

Subject(s): Housing; Rural Development

1730. Housing and Urban Development—Homes and Community

<http://www.hud.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: HUD’s Web site describes the agency’s programs in housing and community development. As with other Cabinet agencies, HUD provides Recovery Act information on its Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>. The site offers sections including HUD News, Homes (Buying, Selling, Renting, Improvements, Foreclosure, Homeless, Fair Housing, HUD Homes, FHA Refund, and Foreclosures), Communities, Working with HUD, Resources, and Tools. The Working with HUD page has sections on grants and contracting opportunities with HUD and information about filing a complaint with the agency. Under Resources, the site has an extensive online library of information organized by subjects such as fair housing, congressional activity, legal information, and funding. The Tools section contains webcasts, RSS news feeds, and numerous e-mail lists for interested users. The site also has information on learning how to buy a HUD home, how to avoid foreclosure, and how to apply for public housing and Section 8.

The HUD site has an A to Z index and is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Community Development; Housing

Publication(s): *HOMEfires: Policy Newsletter of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program*, HH 1.114/3:

Labor Relations Letters, HH 1.117:

Legal Opinions of the Office of General Counsel (annual), HH 1.86:

1731. HUD User

<http://www.huduser.org/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Policy Development and Research Office

Description: HUD User is the primary source for federal government reports and information about housing policy and programs, building technology, economic development, urban planning, and other housing-related topics. The main sections include Publications, Periodicals, Data Sets, Bibliographic Database, Order Online, and Ongoing Research. The HUD User Bibliographic Database offers access to bibliographic information on thousands of reports, articles, case studies, and other research literature related to housing and community development. The Data Sets section includes the original electronic data sets from the American Housing Survey and other housing research initiatives. The Regulatory Reform link leads to the Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse, labeled on the site as “your source for solutions to state and local regulatory barriers to affordable housing.”

Subject(s): Community Development—Research; Housing—Research; Databases

Publication(s): *Annual Adjustment Factors*, HH 1.34:

FieldWorks: Ideas Housing and Community Development, HH 1.75/3:

Guide to PD&R Data Sets

Income Limits and Section 8 Fair Market Rents, HH 1.126:

U.S. Housing Market Conditions (quarterly), HH 1.120/2:

Urban Research Monitor, HH 1.23/8:

1732. HUDCLIPS

<http://www.hud.gov/hudclips>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: HUDCLIPS (HUD’s Client Information and Policy System) is a searchable online database that contains the entire inventory of official HUD policies, procedures, announcements, forms, and other materials. HUD offers an RSS feed of new document additions. The site provides HUD forms in PDF format; a selection of these forms are also available in Spanish. Other documents on HUDCLIPS include HUD handbooks, letters, guidebooks, notices, bulletins, housing policy documents, and legal opinions.

Subject(s): Housing; Publication Catalogs

1733. Interagency Council on Homelessness

<http://www.ich.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interagency Council on Homelessness

Description: More than 15 federal departments and agencies are members of the Interagency Council on Homelessness. The council coordinates federal policy and programs on homelessness and employs regional coordinators to work with state and local governments. The Web site provides information on the council’s activities,

programs to reduce homelessness, state and local initiatives, and news about funding and technical assistance. The council's documents are in the Library section.

Subject(s): Homelessness

1734. Making Home Affordable

<http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/spanish/>

Description: MakingHomeAffordable.gov is the central Web site for determining if you are eligible for the home mortgage refinancing available as part of the government's financial stability plan. The Resources section provides practical information for borrowers, including information about target mortgage loan modification fraud and foreclosure rescue scams. The site is also available in Spanish at the alternate URL listed above.

Subject(s): Home Mortgages

1735. Office of Housing

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: HUD's Office of Housing oversees the Federal Housing Administration and includes offices for single-family housing, multiple-family housing, and regulatory programs. These programs, as well as information about financing for hospital construction and the Office of Affordable Housing Preservation (OAHP), are covered on this Web site. The Reading Room section includes homebuying publications in Spanish, new HUD mortgagee letters, HUD handbooks, housing and mortgage glossaries, and a selection of other reports and data. A Spanish-language version of the site is available.

Subject(s): Home Mortgages; Housing Finance

Publication(s): *FHA Outlook*

Mortgagee Letters, HH 2.6/4:

Social Services

1736. Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Description: ADD coordinates service programs for those with developmental disabilities (defined as physical or mental impairments that begin before age 22 and restrict a person's ability to perform basic tasks for self-sufficiency). The site provides ADD publications and program guidance and describes ADD's major programs and program outcomes.

Subject(s): Disabilities

1737. Campaign to Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Description: The Health and Human Services Department is responsible for helping victims of human trafficking become eligible to receive benefits and services. This Web site provides information on the department's campaign to locate human traf-

ficking victims. It provides campaign toolkits for social service organizations, health care providers, and law enforcement officers. The site also links to other agency program Web sites concerned with human trafficking.

Subject(s): International Crimes

1738. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

<http://www.cfda.gov/>

Sponsor(s): General Services Administration (GSA)—Office of Governmentwide Policy (OGP)

Description: This online version of the classic print document, *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)*, is a searchable version of the catalog. It includes a developing section for information on CFDA programs funded by the Recovery Act. CFDA describes a broad range of federal assistance programs, including formula-based grants, guaranteed loans, insurance, counseling, training, information services, and donation of goods. Most of the programs are not for direct assistance to individuals, but rather for state and local governments, Indian tribal governments, or other organizations that administer the distribution of aid. Catalog entries include a program identifier number, description, eligibility requirements, program contact information, and details on the application and awards process.

With the advanced search feature, users of the catalog can search programs by keyword, type of assistance, type of entity eligible for the assistance, descriptive subject area or function, deadline for application, and more. Programs can be listed by agency or easily retrieved by CFDA program number. The CFDA Web site also links to information on how to apply for a grant.

Subject(s): Government Loans; Grants

Publication(s): *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*, PREX 2.20:

1739. Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Education)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/>

Sponsor(s): Education Department

Description: This is one of seven Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in federal agencies; these centers were created to encourage new participation in federal grant programs. The Web site includes a Guide to Funding and a Frequent Questions section written for interested faith-based and community organizations. It also provides tips for new applicants.

Subject(s): Education Funding; Grants

1740. Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (HHS)

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: The HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives works to encourage the participation of religious and neighborhood organizations in the department's many service programs for those in need. The site has information on technical assistance and opportunities for faith-based and community organizations.

Subject(s): Grants; Social Services

1741. Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Labor)

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: This is one of seven such agency centers established by a White House initiative. The site carries news on the Labor Department's grants, funding, and regulatory changes to reduce barriers to faith-based organizations' participation in

grants programs. The site provides information on regional programs, tutorials, and legal requirements for institutions seeking funding assistance.

Subject(s): Employment—Policy; Grants

1742. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

<http://www.hhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: The HHS Web site is a major resource for all of the health and social services areas overseen by the department. Major sections of the site cover federal grants and funding, services for families, disease prevention, disease information, and public health emergency preparedness. The site also links to regulations, policies, and guidelines relevant to HHS. The About HHS and Resources sections both provide information about the HHS organization and finding tools for HHS information. About Us features links to HHS agencies and their major reports and forms. The Resources section includes links to HHS agency statistical reports, links to tools to compare health facilities and health care options, and an HHS Information Resources Directory that links to information from HHS agency Web sites by topic. The site's home page links to featured resources such as the HHS Recovery Act information (<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery>) and White House health care reform proposals. For navigating the abundance of information at HHS.gov, the site has a search engine, frequently asked questions section, and an A-Z index.

Subject(s): Public Health; Social Services

1743. DisabilityInfo.gov

<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): White House

Description: DisabilityInfo.gov is a portal to federal Web sites and programs of concern to persons with disabilities. The site is divided into topical sections, including Employment, Education, Housing, Transportation, Health, Income Support, Technology, Community Life, and Civil Rights. The site is also available in a text-only version.

Subject(s): Disabilities

1744. Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (HUD)

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives uses this Web site to help religious and neighborhood organizations find funding, volunteers, and resources. It includes information on HUD policy, finding grants, and grantwriting. Information is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Grants; Social Services

1745. FindYouthInfo.gov

<http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs

Description: This Web site is designed to help community organizations in their efforts to support youth. It provides tools to find existing federal and local resources and to develop local programs and partnerships. It is sponsored by a working group of many federal agencies, including the White House Office of Drug Control Policy, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The site offers an RSS feed of youth program information from participating agencies.

Subject(s): Adolescents

1746. Food and Nutrition Service

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Description: FNS manages programs including the Women, Infants, and Children Program; the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program); the National School Lunch Program; and Food Distribution (including emergency food assistance). The Web site provides information on the programs, including regulations, statistics, and forms. A Nutrition Education section highlights federal programs and resources in this area. The Newsroom section includes links to each program's publications. Other sections cover Food Safety, Grants, and Research. The site also has a Spanish-language version.

Subject(s): Food Stamps; Nutrition; School Meal Programs

Publication(s): *Disaster Manual*, A 98.8:

WIC Program and Participants Characteristics, A 98.17:

1747. Food Distribution Programs

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Description: The Food Distribution programs provide commodity distribution and other nutrition assistance to low-income families, emergency feeding programs, Indian Reservations, and the elderly. The Web site has information for individual recipients as well as for food commodity providers.

Subject(s): Food Aid

1748. GovBenefits.gov

<http://www.govbenefits.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department

Description: GovBenefits.gov is a multi-agency effort to provide a single Web site for those with questions about government benefits. The site can help users find benefits information without having to know which agency to contact. The major benefits finding tools are a list of federal programs on the site, a list of state programs on the site, a custom list by type of benefit and type of aid, and a Take Questionnaire option. The Questionnaire section uses responses to a series of questions to determine eligibility for specific government benefits. The site never asks for identity information (such as name or Social Security number), and a Spanish-language version is available.

Although the site is managed by a multi-agency partnership, the Department of Labor takes the lead role.

Subject(s): Social Welfare

1749. GrantsNet

<http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Grants and Acquisition Management Office

Description: GrantsNet is a tool for finding information about the Department of Health and Human Services grant programs. The site provides information on HHS funding opportunities, policies and regulations, tips for writing grants proposals, and an overview of the HHS grants process. The site also has a special database of HHS grants awarded, the Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS).

While the focus of this gateway site is on HHS grants, it also has useful general information on the grants process.

Subject(s): Grants; Public Health—Grants; Social Services—Grants

1750. HIV/AIDS Programs

<http://hab.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Description: This site focuses on the federal programs funded under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. CARE Act programs are designed to help individuals with HIV who lack the health insurance and financial resources necessary for their care. The programs include health care and support, grants, training, and technical assistance. This site provides detailed information on the CARE Act and on applying for and managing the program grants. It also provides program data.

Subject(s): AIDS; HIV Infections

Publication(s): *HRSA Care Action*, HE 20.9516

1751. House Ways and Means Committee Prints

<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/documents.asp>

Sponsor(s): Congress—House Committee on Ways and Means

Description: The House Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over most programs authorized by the Social Security Act, and its special publications can be useful sources of information on entitlement and benefits programs. Of particular use for reference and research is the committee print *Background Material and Data on Programs Within the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means*, popularly known as the *Green Book*. This document is a unique collection of program descriptions and historical data on a wide variety of social and economic topics, including Social Security, employment, earnings, welfare, child support, health insurance, the elderly, families with children, poverty, and taxation. The Ways and Means Committee also produces the *Compilation of the Social Security Laws, Including the Social Security Act, as Amended, and Related Enactments*.

While the *Green Book* and other prints are often updated, they are not issued every year or even every session of Congress. Browse the Ways and Means Committee site to determine the most recent edition available.

Subject(s): Social Security—Statistics; Welfare—Statistics

Publication(s): *Compilation of the Social Security Laws . . .*, Y 4.W 36:

Green Book, Y 4.W 36:

1752. Indian Health Service

<http://www.ihs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Indian Health Services (IHS)

Description: IHS is the primary federal agency responsible for providing health care services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Major sections of the IHS Web site include Medical Programs; Support (Non-Medical) Programs; IHS Jobs and Student Opportunities; Information Technology; Area Offices and Facilities; and About Us. The About Us section includes legal and policy information, publications, staff directories, forms, and fact sheets providing background and statistics on the many aspects of IHS. The Web site includes a search engine, frequently asked questions, and an A-Z index.

Subject(s): Health Care; American Indians

Publication(s): *Indian Health Manual*

The IHS Primary Care Provider, HE 20.320:

1753. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Description: LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills for heating or cooling. Its Web site provides information for consumers who may be eligible for LIHEAP, as well as for professionals who coordinate LIHEAP programs in states, tribal areas, and localities. Sections include Data, Funding, Program Performance, Grantee Forms, and Guidance (for professionals working in the field of low-income energy assistance). Instructions on applying are available in Spanish and English.

The alternate URL above links to the LIHEAP Clearinghouse, a network for parties interested in low-income energy issues and a repository for information on the topic.

The LIHEAP Web site and LIHEAP Clearinghouse provide simple access to a wide range of information for those participating in or interested in the program.

Subject(s): Energy Prices and Costs

1754. Maternal and Child Health Bureau

<http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Description: The Maternal and Child Health Bureau administers Title V of the Social Security Act, which provides federal support to the states for health services for mothers and children. The Programs section of this Web site explains Title V and the bureau's objectives and programs. The Funding section describes available grants and provides guidance and forms. The Data section includes statistical indicators of women's and children's health.

Subject(s): Motherhood; Child Health and Safety

Publication(s): *America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being Child Health USA*, HE 20.9213:

Understanding Title V of the Social Security Act, HE 20.9208:

Women's Health USA, HE 20.9216:

1755. Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers

<http://www.doleta.gov/msfw/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Description: The Department of Labor maintains this Web site for their National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP). The program provides funding to community-based organizations and public agencies that assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers with job skills training, housing, and health care. The Web site has information on the program, grant awards, and state allocations.

Subject(s): Farms and Farming; Job Training—Grants

1756. Neighborhood Networks

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/nnw/nnwindex.cfm>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: Neighborhood Networks works to enhance the self-sufficiency, employability, and economic self-reliance of low-income families and the elderly living in HUD properties by providing onsite access to computer and training resources at community technology centers. The Web site provides information on funding opportunities, technical assistance, and training.

Subject(s): Computer Literacy

Publication(s): *Neighborhood Networks News*, HH 13.16/2:

1757. Office of Family Assistance (OFA)

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Description: OFA administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare program. Along with non-technical overviews of how TANF works, the site provides legislative, regulatory, and technical documents related to the program. The TANF section also has data on TANF finances, caseload, demographics of recipients, and work participation rates of recipients.

In addition to TANF, OFA administers the Child Care and Development Fund program for low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance, and those transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care so they can work or attend training/education. OFA also administers the Healthy Marriage program. The Web site provides information for funding information and research for both of these programs.

Subject(s): Welfare

Publication(s): *Annual Report to Congress/Temporary Assistance to Need Families*, HE 25.11:

1758. Office of University Partnerships (OUP)

<http://www.oup.org/>

Sponsor(s): Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Description: OUP functions as a national clearinghouse for disseminating information about HUD's Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program. HUD established OUP in 1994 to encourage university-community partnerships. The Web site's grantee database lists current and past grant recipients by state. The Research Tools section includes more information on completed research and links to related Web sites. Other sections cover funding, technical assistance, and meetings. OUP's newsletters include *Diversity Works* and *Research in Focus*.

Subject(s): Community Development—Grants

Publication(s): *Diversity Works*
Research in Focus

1759. Poverty Guidelines, Research, and Measurement

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/poverty/poverty.shtml>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department

Description: This site provides the text of the current Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines, as published annually in the *Federal Register*. A table lists the actual dollar figures going back to 1982 and links to the guidelines going back to 1996. The site explains the difference between the "poverty threshold" issued by the Census Bureau and the "poverty guidelines" issued

by HHS. The site includes papers and articles about how poverty can be measured and how it has been measured over time. It also links to academic research centers studying poverty.

This is an essential site for checking the current poverty guidelines, particularly since it includes additional explanatory information and context.

Subject(s): Poverty

1760. Social Security Advisory Board

<http://www.ssab.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Social Security Advisory Board

Description: The Social Security Advisory Board is an independent, bipartisan board whose purpose is to advise the president, Congress, and the commissioner of Social Security on the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income programs. Its Web site has information on the board's authority and operations and has brief biographies of its members. The board's reports are online in full text back to 1998.

Subject(s): Social Security

Publication(s): *A Disability System for the 21st Century*, Y 3.2:

Retirement Security: The Unfolding of a Predictable Surprise, Y 3.2:

Social Security: Why Action Should Be Taken Soon, Y 3.2:

1761. Social Security Online

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Social Security Administration (SSA)

Description: The SSA's central Web site leads to a wealth of information and online services from the agency. Major categories on the home page include Retirement, Survivors, Disability, Social Security Income, and Medicare. Other sections on the home page link to SSA's online services, tools for calculating your benefits, a directory of local Social Security Offices, forms and publications, and program news. The home page also features a menu to select answers to common questions, information tailored to a specific group (such as attorneys, researchers, immigrants), and other useful links (such as a glossary of social security terms; information related to births, deaths, and marriages; and the Research, Statistics, and Policy Analysis section of the site).

Other Languages, located on the top menu of the home page, links to the SSA Multilanguage Gateway. Consumer information is available there in 15 languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Farsi, Korean, and Russian. Each section also has information on interpreter services. A Spanish-language version of the site is available.

The design of the SSA's main Web page makes it easy to find information on popular topics. The site also has a search engine. For specific topics, one of the most helpful tools may be the Questions menu on the home page. Choose "All Other Topics" for the full list of questions and answers. The list can also be accessed directly at <http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/>.

Subject(s): Social Security

Publication(s): *Actuarial Notes*, SSA 1.25:

Actuarial Studies, SSA 1.25/2:

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the OASDI Trust Funds, SSA 1.1/4:

Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin, SSA 1.22/2

Compilation of Social Security Laws . . ., Y 4.W 36:10-3/

Earnings and Employment Data for Wage and Salary Workers Covered by Social Security, by State and County, SSA 1.17/3:

Fast Facts and Figures About Social Security, SSA 1.26:
Income of the Population 55 or Older, SSA 1.30:
OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, SSA 1.17/4:
Program Operations Manual System (POMS)
Seguro Social, hechos sobre cupones de alimentos, SSA 1.2:F 73/2/
Seguro Social, Seguridad de Ingreso Suplementario Para Extranjeros, SSA 1.2:N 73/
Social Security Bulletin, SSA 1.22:
Social Security Handbook, SSA 1.8/3:
Social Security Programs Throughout the World, SSA 1.24:
Social Security Rulings, HE 3.44/2:
SSA's Accountability Report for FY . . ., SSA 1.1/2:
SSI Recipients by State and County, SSA 1.17:
What You Need to Know When You Get Retirement or Survivors Benefits . . ., SSA 1.20:

1762. Social Security Online—For Women

<http://www.ssa.gov/women/>

Sponsor(s): Social Security Administration (SSA)

Description: This site provides SSA program information on retirement, survivors, disability, and Supplemental Security Income benefits relevant to women. Information is organized into categories that correspond to the various life stages of women: Working Woman, Beneficiary, Bride, New Mother, Divorced Spouse, Caregiver, and Widow.

Subject(s): Social Security; Women

1763. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)—Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Description: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the federal food stamp program, helps low-income people and families buy food. The Web site has program application forms and information for recipients and for retail stores. The site also has a list of the food items that may be purchased with SNAP benefits.

Subject(s): Food Stamps

1764. Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Justice)

<http://www.usdoj.gov/fbci/>

Sponsor(s): Justice Department

Description: The Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is charged with identifying and eliminating barriers to the participation of faith-based and community-based organizations in grants funded by the Department of Justice. The site highlights opportunities for communities and faith-based organizations to become involved in Justice Department programs and provides information on competing for grants.

Subject(s): Grants

1765. The Work Site

<http://www.ssa.gov/work/>

Sponsor(s): Social Security Administration (SSA)

Description: This site describes the voluntary Ticket to Work program and other programs useful to persons with disabilities who want to try to work. Most of the

information on the site describes the program for people who would like to apply. Information is also available for agencies and employers interested in participating in the program.

Subject(s): Disabilities; Employment

1766. Title V Information System (TVIS)

<https://perfdata.hrsa.gov/mchb/mchreports/search/search.asp>

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Department—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Description: TVIS electronically captures data from annual Title V Block Grant applications and reports. Title V of the Social Security Act covers a major federal block grant program funding health promotion efforts for mothers, infants, and children. Reports available on the site include “Financial Data for the Most Recent Year,” “Program Data for the Most Recent Year,” and “Measurement and Indicator Data.”

Subject(s): Reproductive Health—Statistics; Child Health and Safety—Statistics

Publication(s): *Title V: A Snapshot of Maternal and Child Health*, HE 20.9202:

1767. Unemployment Insurance

<http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/>

Sponsor(s): Labor Department—Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Description: Each state administers a separate unemployment insurance (UI) program within guidelines established by federal law. This Department of Labor Web site provides a centralized location for information on the federal-state program. Major sections cover program information, laws and regulations, statistics, budget, and reemployment services. The site also links to each state office responsible for administering unemployment insurance.

Subject(s): Unemployment Insurance

1768. United We Ride

<http://www.unitedweride.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)

Description: The federal United We Ride initiative coordinates grants to states to improve transportation options for groups such as the elderly, low-income individuals, or disabled persons. The site provides program policy and funding information, guidance to the states, and strategies for improving citizens’ mobility. Publications are in the Resources section of the site.

Subject(s): Transportation Funding

1769. USAID: Faith-based and Community Initiatives

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/fbci/

Sponsor(s): Agency for International Development (USAID)

Description: The Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives at USAID uses this page to highlight current funding opportunities and events, and to provide resources for interested organizations. The site also has information on the rules governing participation by religious organizations.

Subject(s): Foreign Assistance; Grants

1770. USDA Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

<http://www.usda.gov/fbci/>

Sponsor(s): Agriculture Department (USDA)

Description: This USDA site highlights opportunities for faith-based and community organizations in USDA programs. It includes guidance documents and success stories.

Subject(s): Grants; Social Services

Volunteerism and Charities

1771. AmeriCorps

<http://www.americorps.org/>

Sponsor(s): Corporation for National and Community Service—Americorps

Description: AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service. AmeriCorps volunteers serve on education, public safety, health, and environmental assistance projects and are eligible for an education-related stipend. The Web site has news and information for potential volunteers and for organizations seeking AmeriCorps assistance. Major sections of the site describe AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), and AmeriCorps*State and National.

Subject(s): Volunteerism

1772. Citizen Corps

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/>

Sponsor(s): USA Freedom Corps

Description: Citizen Corps, part of USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that work to prepare communities to respond to emergency situations. Under Program and Partners, the Web site describes the major programs that Citizen Corps supports: Neighborhood Watch, CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), VIPs (Volunteers in Police Service), the Fire Corps, and the Medical Reserve Corps. The site also links to emergency preparedness guidance.

Subject(s): Volunteerism

1773. Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Corporation for National and Community Service

Description: CNCS is a federal corporation governed by a board of directors. CNCS programs include AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, National Senior Service Corps, and a number of special initiatives. The Web site has prominent links to the Web sites for its programs and information about how to volunteer. The About Us section has information on staff and organizational structure, fact sheets, relevant laws and regulations, and the annual report to Congress. Other sections are directed to organizations needing assistance and individuals seeking to volunteer. The site also covers developments such as Recovery Act funding and the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

Subject(s): Volunteerism

1774. Learn and Serve America

<http://www.learnandserve.org/>

Sponsor(s): Corporation for National and Community Service—Learn and Serve America

Description: Learn and Serve America is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service that makes grants to governments and organizations for service-learning projects. The projects are designed to help students learn while working to meet community needs. The site has information on grants and assistance for organizations and on opportunities for students, educators, and other individuals. Special programs described on the site include the Universities Rebuilding America Partnership and the Presidential Freedom Scholarship.

Subject(s): Education—Grants; Volunteerism

1775. National Service-Learning Clearinghouse

<http://www.servicelearning.org/>

Sponsor(s): Corporation for National and Community Service—Learn and Serve America

Description: The National Service-Learning Clearinghouse is a project of the Corporation for National and Community Service program Learn and Serve America. The Web site provides extensive background information on service-learning for teachers, parents, and students. The site has fact sheets, bibliographies, tool kits, and service-learning funding information. Resources cover both K-12 and higher education. The Web site also has information promoting quality research on service-learning.

Subject(s): Curriculum; Educational Resources

1776. Search for Charities

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96136,00.html>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Description: This is an online version of IRS Publication 78 *Cumulative List of Organizations*. It can be searched to see if a particular organization is exempt from federal taxation and if contributions to them are tax deductible. It can be searched by name, city, or state, or by browsing an alphabetical list of organizations. The organization list can also be downloaded in its entirety.

To reach this resource without typing in the URL listed above, go to the IRS home page and click on the Charities tab and then the Search for Charities link. On the search page, be sure to check the Publication 78 help page for helpful background before conducting a search.

Subject(s): Charities

Publication(s): *Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations*, T 22.2/11:

1777. Senior Corps

<http://www.seniorcorps.org/>

Sponsor(s): Corporation for National and Community Service—Senior Corps

Description: Senior Corps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service involving volunteers ages 55 and older. The Web site describes its major projects: Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). The site has information for potential volunteers and for organizations seeking assistance from Senior Corps.

Subject(s): Senior Citizens; Volunteerism

1778. Serve.gov

<http://serve.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Corporation for National and Community Service

Description: Serve.gov was launched in April 2009 in coordination with the signing of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13). The Web site provides a clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities available to Americans in the U.S. and worldwide. Organizations may also post their volunteer needs on the site.

Subject(s): Volunteerism

1779. Take Pride in America

<http://www.takepride.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: Take Pride in America is an effort to encourage and recognize volunteers who work to improve public parks, forests, wildlife refuges, local playgrounds, and other public lands areas. The site has a nationwide database of volunteer opportunities and descriptions of such programs as Take Pride America Schools. The site also has a blog reporting on program accomplishments.

Subject(s): Public Lands; Volunteerism

1780. Volunteer.Gov/Gov

<http://www.volunteer.gov/gov/>

Sponsor(s): Interior Department

Description: The goal of Volunteer.Gov/Gov is to connect people with public service volunteer opportunities. Users can view descriptions of volunteer opportunities by topic, ZIP code, or state and apply for positions online. The Web site also has an RSS feed of volunteer opportunities available nationwide. Volunteer.Gov/Gov is an interagency effort. The Department of the Interior manages the Web site.

Subject(s): Volunteerism

CHAPTER 20

Transportation

While some aspects of transportation are handled at the state and local levels, the federal government still plays a major role in transportation funding, policy, regulation, and research. This chapter covers many modes of transportation, and includes Web sites that are intended for consumers as well as sites for transportation operators and makers of transportation policy. Web sites concerned with transportation security are listed in the Homeland Security section of the Defense and Intelligence chapter.

Subsections in this chapter are Aviation, Maritime Transportation, Mass Transit, Surface Transportation, Transportation Policy and Research, and Transportation Safety.

Aviation

1781. Air Transportation Stabilization Board

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/domestic-finance/atsb/>

Sponsor(s): Treasury Department—Office of Domestic Finance

Description: The Air Transportation Stabilization Board was created by Congress to issue federal loan guarantees to air carriers that suffered losses due to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Its Web site provides information on the board and the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (Public Law 107-42). Content includes regulations, press releases, meeting minutes, and highlights of recent activities.

The site has had little activity in recent years.

Subject(s): Airlines

1782. Federal Aviation Administration

<http://www.faa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Description: FAA is responsible for the safety of civil aviation. Its Web site includes the following sections: Aircraft, Airports and Air Traffic (with airport status and airline on-time statistics), Data and Research (aviation and commercial space statistics, research funding and centers), Training and Testing (aviation schools), Licenses and Certificates, Regulations and Policies, and Safety. The Library section, linked in the upper right corner of the home page, provides reports, forms, newsletters, handbooks, and other documents from FAA and its offices. The About Us section links to FAA headquarters, field, and regional offices. The site also has audience-specific sections for travelers, pilots, mechanics, and others.

Subject(s): Aviation—Regulations; Aviation Safety—Regulations

Publication(s): *Administrator's Fact Book*, TD 4.20/2:

Advisory Circular Checklist, TD 4.8/5:

Aeronautical Information Manual, TD 4.12/3:

Air Traffic Publications Library, TD 4.78:

Airplane Flying Handbook, TD 4.8/2:

Airworthiness Directives, TD 4.10/6:

FAA Aviation News, TD 4.9:
Federal Aviation Regulations, TD 4.6:
International Flight Information Manual, TD 4.309:
National Plan Integrated Airport Systems, TD 4.33/3:
Notices to Airmen, TD 4.12/2:
Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge, TD 4.408:

1783. Flight Delay Information

<http://www.fly.faa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Description: The Air Traffic Control System Command Center provides this interactive U.S. map for information on flight delays. As stated on the Web site, “the status information provided on this site indicates general airport conditions; it is not flight-specific.”

Subject(s): Airlines

1784. Flight Standards Service

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afs/

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Description: The FAA's Flight Standards Service maintains this Web site to provide FAA safety-related information for pilots and others regarding flying, airlines, and aircraft. The site has information on its safety programs and the Civil Aviation Registry, which is responsible for the registration of United States civil aircraft and certification of airmen. The site organizes major Flight Standards Service divisions into sections, including Air Transportation, Aircraft Maintenance, Flight Technologies and Procedures, General Aviation and Commercial Division, and Regulatory Support.

Subject(s): Aircraft—Regulations

1785. National Aeronautical Charting Office (NACO)

<http://www.naco.faa.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)—National Aeronautical Charting Office (NACO)

Description: NACO is charged with the compilation, reproduction, and distribution of aeronautical navigation products and digital databases for the United States and its territories and possessions. The NACO Web site describes the office and provides information about how to order its products. It also includes catalogs, free online products, sales agents listings, and special notices sections. The Free Downloads section includes the Aeronautical Chart User's Guide and Visual Flight Rule (VFR) Chart Update Bulletins.

Subject(s): Aviation; Maps and Mapping

Publication(s): *Aeronautical Chart User's Guide*, TD 4.8:

Catalog of Aeronautical Charts, C 55.418/2:

1786. William J. Hughes Technical Center

<http://www.tc.faa.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/tc/

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Description: The William J. Hughes Technical Center is an aviation research, devel-

opment, engineering, testing, and evaluation facility located in New Jersey. Center activities involve testing and evaluation in air traffic control, communications, navigation, airports, and aircraft safety and security, as well as long-range R&D projects. This Web site includes an overview of the center's work and facility.

Subject(s): Aviation Safety—Research

Maritime Transportation

1787. Federal Maritime Commission

<http://www.fmc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)

Description: The Federal Maritime Commission is responsible for the regulation of shipping in the foreign trades of the United States. Its Web site is designed for providers and consumers of international shipping services. The site's Electronic Reading Room section has rulemakings, investigations, reports, and the Controlled Carrier List. The Web site also links to SERVCON, the commission's electronic filing system.

Subject(s): Shipping—Regulations

Publication(s): *Commonly Used Commission Forms (Federal Maritime Commission)*, FMC 1.13:

Formal Docket Decisions, FMC 1.10/2:

1788. Maritime Administration

<http://marad.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Description: The Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) promotes the U.S. merchant marine for waterborne commerce and as a naval and military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency. The About MARAD section links to information about its programs and initiatives, such as shipbuilding, national security, cargo preference laws, and support for U.S. ports. The Education section features maritime career information, maritime history, and a page for kids. Statistics provided on the site cover fleet inventory, waterborne traffic, shipbuilding, cruise passengers, and related topics. Publications, in the Library section of the site, include *Glossary of Shipping Terms* and *Compilation of Maritime Law*.

Subject(s): Merchant Marine; Shipping

Publication(s): *Compilation of Maritime Laws*, TD 11.6:

Foreign-Flag Crewing Practices

Glossary of Shipping Terms, TD 11.2:

U.S. Foreign Waterborne Transportation Statistics, TD 11.35:

Vessel Calls at U.S. Ports

1789. National Maritime Center

<http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Coast Guard

Description: This Web site serves as a central location information on merchant marine licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariner documents (issued to unlicensed personnel who support the operation of a vessel). It includes background information and checklists, applications and forms, a user fee schedule, and drug test information.

Subject(s): Merchant Marine—Regulations

1790. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

<http://www.seaway.dot.gov/>

Alternate URL(s)

<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC)

Description: SLSDC works to ensure the safe transit of vessels through the two U.S. locks and navigation channels of the Saint Lawrence Seaway System. SLSDC works cooperatively with the Canadian Saint Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, and many of the links on this site lead to a binational Web site run by both corporations (see the alternate URL listed above). The Briefing Room section includes press releases, Seaway Notices, and the toll schedule. Annual reports from 1997 onward are available under a separate heading. Other sections include Port Profiles, Regulations, and the *Seaway Handbook*.

Subject(s): Shipping

Publication(s): *Seaway Handbook*

1791. USCG Navigation Center

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Coast Guard

Description: The U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center provides navigation services that promote safe transportation and support the commerce of the United States. The site features information on Navigation Rules, Maritime Telecommunications, Global Positioning System (GPS), Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS), Notice Advisories to Navstar Users (NANUs), Local Notices to Mariners, and the LORAN-C service. The site also provides the Light Lists, a list of U.S. lights, sound signals, buoys, daybeacons, and other aids to navigation.

Subject(s): Maritime Transportation

Publication(s): *Light List*, TD 5.9:

Local Notice to Mariners, HS 7.19/6:

Mass Transit

1792. Federal Transit Administration

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Description: The Federal Transit Administration assists in the planning, development, and financing of public transportation. Its Web site has major sections on FTA grant programs, including Recovery Act information, and on research and technical assistance. The About FTA section has agency budget and contracting information. News and Events section has press releases, procurement news, congressional testimony, and “Dear Colleague” letters to state transportation agencies. The site also provides transit laws and regulations, as well as regulatory guidance.

The FTA Web site provides important content for users with professional interests in mass transit and transportation funding and policy.

Subject(s): Mass Transit; Transportation—Grants

Publication(s): *Annual Report on New Starts: Proposed Allocations of Funds for FY . . .*, TD 7.1/2:

Statistical Summaries: FTA Grant Assistance Programs, TD 7.2:G 76/2/

Status of the Nation’s Highways, Bridges, and Transit, TD 2.30/5:

1793. National Transit Database

<http://www.ntdprogram.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Description: The National Transit Database is the Federal Transit Administration's primary national database for statistics on the transit industry. Information is available in spreadsheet and PDF formats and includes financial data, ridership counts, and safety reports. The data is intended for transit planning purposes and is also used in the formula allocations of federal transit funds.

Subject(s): Mass Transit—Statistics

Publication(s): *National Transit Database*, TD 7.11/2-2:

Surface Transportation

1794. Amtrak

<http://www.amtrak.com/>

Sponsor(s): Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation)

Description: Passengers can use the Amtrak Web site to plan rail excursions, book trips, and check on train schedules. Main sections include Reservations, Schedules, Routes, and Stations. Amtrak, officially named the National Passenger Railroad Corporation, is a federally chartered for-profit public corporation. For information about its operations and finances, see the Inside Amtrak (with the employee newsletter *Amtrak Ink*) and News and Media sections, linked at the bottom of each page. The site is also available in Spanish and German.

Subject(s): Amtrak; Railroads

Publication(s): *Amtrak Ink*

1795. Central Federal Lands Highway Division

<http://www.cflhd.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: The Federal Lands Highway Program administers highway programs in cooperation with other federal agencies and provides transportation engineering services for highways and bridges that are on (or provide access to) federally owned lands. The Central Federal Lands Highway Division has responsibility for most states west of the Mississippi River, excepting those in the far northwestern United States. Its jurisdiction also includes Hawaii and American Samoa. This site contains information about its Projects, Procurement, Design Resources, and Technology Development section. The Projects section lists projects by state and provides links to construction documents.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads; West (United States)

1796. Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division

<http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: The Federal Lands Highway Program provides transportation engineering services for highways and bridges that are on (or provide access to) federally owned lands and administers highway programs in cooperation with other federal agencies. The Eastern Division serves 31 states east and immediately west of the Mississippi River, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. This site has sections on Projects, Procurement, Design Resources, and Technology Development.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads

1797. Federal Highway Administration

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: The FHWA Web site offers a wide range of information related to the nation's highways and roads. The home page highlights Recovery Act information, monthly traffic volume trends, and a monthly report on the Highway Trust Fund account balance. Major sections of the site cover legislation, regulations and regulatory guidance, statistics, publications, business opportunities, and news. The FHA by Topic section links to information in the categories of roads and bridges, highway funding, environment, road operations and congestion, road users (bicyclists, motorcycles), international issues, and the Federal Lands Highway Program.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads

Publication(s): *Financing Federal-Aid Highways*, TD 2.30/5:

Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics, TD 2.30/5:

Highway Statistics, TD 2.23:

Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges, and Transit, TD 2.30/5

Toll Facilities in the United States, TD 2.2:T 571

Traffic Volume Trends, TD 2.50:

1798. Federal Railroad Administration

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Description: The Federal Railroad Administration consolidates government support of railroad activities and provides regulation and research for improved railroad safety. The site includes the following sections: Safety; Freight Railroading; Passenger Rail; Research and Development; Regulations, Legislation, and Litigation; and Press Room. An Issue Briefs section features a number of background papers on such topics as highway-rail crossings, intercity passenger rail, and U.S. rail export opportunities.

Subject(s): Railroad Safety; Railroads—Regulations

1799. Highways for LIFE

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hfl/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: Highways for LIFE is a Federal Highway Administration grant program for states to build “projects using innovations that will cut construction congestion while enhancing safety, quality, and user satisfaction” (from the Web site). This site describes the program, projects, success stories, and the technologies involved.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads

1800. National Traffic and Road Closure Information

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: This FHWA site centralizes access to government and commercial road condition and traffic information Web sites nationwide.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads

1801. Surface Transportation Board

<http://www.stb.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Surface Transportation Board (STB)

Description: The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is an independent adjudicatory body within the Department of Transportation. The board is responsible for the

economic regulation of interstate surface transportation, primarily railroads. Its Web site features sections including Rail Consumers (shippers, receivers, rail car owners, and rail car manufacturers), Industry Data (economic and merger data), and Environmental Matters (regulations, cases, and correspondence). An E-Library section has STB decisions and notices, transcripts and statements from STB hearings, and relevant statutes, rules, and legislation.

Subject(s): Railroads

Publication(s): *Surface Transportation Board Reports: Decisions of the Surface Transportation Board*, TD 13.6/2:

1802. Turner Fairbank Highway Research Center (TFHRC)

<http://www.tfhrc.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: TFHRC is the applied research facility of the Federal Highway Administration. The center focuses on research related to the preservation and improvement of national highways, especially in areas such as safety, intelligent transportation systems, pavements, and materials and structural technologies. The center's Web site has a research section with information from each of the center's focus areas and links to information on each of its laboratories, including the Federal Outdoor Impact Laboratory where the center tests cars in "crash events." The home page links to directories of the center's transportation research and development subject experts. The Library link on the home page leads to a linked list of many of the center's research reports. Online versions of two periodicals, *Focus* and *Public Roads* are also available.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads—Research; Pavements—Research

Publication(s): *Focus*, TD 2.30/13-2:

Public Roads, TD 2.19:

1803. Vehicle Technologies Program

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Description: The Vehicle Technologies Program focuses on technologies for cleaner and more fuel-efficient cars and other road vehicles. The site describes technology developments related to hybrid vehicles, energy storage, power electronics, advanced combustion engines, fuels and lubricants, and materials technologies. The About the Program section provides organizational contacts and links to the national laboratories working on vehicle technologies. Grants are described in the Financial Opportunities section, and publications are listed in the Information Resources section.

Subject(s): Motor Vehicles—Research

1804. Western Federal Lands Highway Division

<http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: The Federal Lands Highway Program administers highway programs in cooperation with other federal agencies and provides transportation engineering services for the highways and bridges that are on, or provide access to, federally owned lands. The Western Federal Lands Highway Division serves Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Alaska. This site has information organized into sections including Projects, Procurement, and Design Resources. It also has information on the Forest Highway Program and links to information on any road construction or closures for the states served by the division.

Subject(s): Highways and Roads; West (United States)

Transportation Policy and Research

1805. Bureau of Transportation Statistics

<http://www.bts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)

Description: The BTS Web site is a central source for U.S. transportation data collected by BTS and other agencies. The home page features current news and data releases on topics such as airline on-time performance, national bridge data, North American transborder freight, and state transportation statistics. The Bookstore section has free online publications, many of which can also be ordered in a physical format. The Bookstore topics reflect the scope of BTS: Aviation, Economy and Finance, Energy and Environment, International, National Security, Passenger Travel, and Safety. The Programs section includes information on BTS statistical policy and links to the National Transportation Library.

A major portal to transportation statistics, TranStats, is in the Data section of the BTS Web site. TranStats is described in a separate entry in this chapter.

Subject(s): Transportation—Statistics

Publication(s): *Air Carrier Traffic Statistics*, TD 12.15/5:

Pocket Guide to Transportation, TD 12.8/2:

Transportation Statistics Annual Report, TD 12.1:

TranStats, TD 12.19:

1806. Center for Transportation Analysis

<http://cta.ornl.gov/cta/>

Sponsor(s): Energy Department—Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Description: The Center for Transportation Analysis (CTA) conducts research and development for many aspects of transportation. The Research Areas section on the CTA Web site includes subsections on Aviation Safety, Defense Transportation, Energy and Environmental Policy Analysis, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and many other topics. The site also has a publications directory and an extensive list of links to related Web sites.

Subject(s): Energy Consumption—Research; Transportation—Research

1807. Department of Transportation

<http://www.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department

Description: The cabinet-level Department of Transportation (DOT) is concerned with the safety and efficiency of the nation's transportation systems. The DOT Web site home page links to its component agencies, including the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, the Maritime Administration, and others. The home page highlights popular search topics, such as DOT numbers for motor carriers, airline complaints, trucking company complaints, and links to state transportation agencies. As with other departments, DOT provides an online section with Recovery Act information. DOT also maintains a blog called The Fast Lane.

Subject(s): Transportation

1808. John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

<http://www.volpe.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department

Description: The John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center conducts research and development, engineering, and analysis on transportation and logistics topics. The center's expertise includes environmental issues, safety engineering, noise and vibration, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS). The Centers of Innovation/Volpe's Work section of their Web site covers the projects and technical expertise of the center in detail. The Information Resources section includes reports, technical papers, and articles published by Volpe Center staff. The Volpe Center receives no federal appropriations and works on a fee-for-service basis. Its site also has information about doing business with the center for clients and for vendors.

Subject(s): Engineering Research; Transportation—Research

Publication(s): *Volpe Journal*, TD 10.15:

1809. Research and Innovative Technology Administration

<http://www.rita.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)

Description: RITA is charged with coordinating Department of Transportation research programs and advancing the use of innovative transportation technologies. Its Web site includes links to RITA's component offices, such as the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Transportation Safety Institute, and University Transportation Centers. The site highlights the work of RITA offices in a series of Communities of Interest pages, focusing on transportation planning research, vehicle systems research, traffic management research, and other topics.

Subject(s): Transportation—Research

Publication(s): *Transportation Vision 2030*

1810. Transportation and Climate Change Clearinghouse

<http://climate.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Center for Climate Change and Environmental Forecasting

Description: This clearinghouse Web site provides access to reports and information on the relationship between transportation practices—particularly greenhouse gas emissions—and climate change. Reports are from state and federal government, international organizations, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Subject(s): Greenhouse Gases; Transportation—Research; Climate Change

1811. TranStats

<http://transtats.bts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

Description: TranStats offers organized access to over 100 transportation-related databases, as well as the social and demographic data sets commonly used in transportation analysis. The data comes from federal agencies and several transportation-related organizations. The data sets are packaged with basic documentation. The TranStats Web site offers downloading in comma-separated file format and provides some interactive mapping applications. Transportation modes covered by the data sets include aviation, highway, mass transit, rail, bike/pedestrian, pipeline, and others. The site also has a schedule of upcoming data releases.

Subject(s): Transportation—Statistics; Databases

Publication(s): *Directory of Transportation Data Sources*, TD 1.9/4:

1812. University Transportation Centers (UTC) Program

<http://utc.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)

Description: The UTC Program funds grants for up to 60 multidisciplinary, university-based centers with transportation research themes. Its Web site includes a directory of the centers and their themes, information about grant competitions, and a catalog of university research reports.

Subject(s): Transportation—Grants

1813. Welcome to the Fast Lane

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department

Description: Fast Lane is subtitled “the Official Blog of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.” The blog provides news about transportation funding, infrastructure, transportation workers, highway safety, and other transportation topics. Comments are permitted.

Subject(s): Transportation—Policy; Blogs

Transportation Safety

1814. Boating Safety

<http://www.uscgboating.org/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Coast Guard

Description: This Coast Guard Web site for the recreational boater has safety tips, news of product defects and recalls, boating accident statistics, and a guide to federal and state boating laws and regulations. It also provides information about grant programs designed to promote boating safety.

Subject(s): Boating Safety

1815. Evolution of Security

<http://www.tsa.gov/blog/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Description: The TSA uses its blog “to facilitate an ongoing dialogue on innovations in security, technology and the checkpoint screening process” (from the Web site). Issues concerning airport safety and the security screening process receive the most attention, but the blog also covers security issues in other modes of transportation. Bloggers include TSA communications professionals and airport security officers. Comments are encouraged.

Subject(s): Homeland Security; Blogs

1816. Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) Encyclopedia

<http://www-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Description: The Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) presents data from motor vehicle crashes in the United States that result in the death of an occupant of a vehicle or a nonmotorist within 30 days of the crash. The site has prepared data tables and publications based on the data.

Users can also create their own queries and reports. The query system allows

users to choose multiple variables concerning the crashes and characteristics of the persons, vehicles, or drivers involved. Data can be reported in text, spreadsheet, or chart formats. Data sets can also be downloaded from the FARS FTP directory.

Subject(s): Accidents (Motor Vehicles)—Statistics

1817. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Description: FMCSA's mission is to "reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses" (from the Web site). For regulated carriers, the site has online registration for USDOT Numbers, Operating Authority, and Cargo Tank Numbers. The site also carries the text of the FMCSRs—the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The Safety Programs section has company safety records and information on cargo securement and hazardous material security. The Facts and Research section has a variety of motor carrier safety statistics, including a table relating the costs of accidents, and a schedule of free webinars. The site is also available in Spanish.

Subject(s): Trucking; Transportation Safety

1818. FHWA Safety

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Description: FHWA's Office of Safety focuses on highway engineering to promote road safety. The Web site covers road design research and other topics, such as public education, accident statistics, laws and guidelines, and safety technologies. Special sections discuss the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, older drivers, intersections, railroad crossings, and routes to school. The site also links to resources for states and localities.

Subject(s): Accidents (Motor Vehicles); Highways and Roads; Safety

Publication(s): *Pedestrian Forum Newsletter*, TD 2.2:P 34/

1819. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Description: NHTSA sets and enforces safety performance standards for motor vehicles and assists state and local governments with grants for local highway safety programs. The NHTSA Web site has information about product recalls, crash test results, consumer complaints, technical service bulletins, and defects investigations for cars, child seats, tires, and auto equipment. There are car and tire safety tips, as well as regulatory information on such topics as fuel economy, child seats, safety standards, and air bags. The Traffic Safety section covers topics such as cell phone use while driving, aggressive driving, alcohol, child passengers, school buses, and pedestrian and bicycle safety. The NHTSA site also includes extensive data from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis and information on vehicle safety research.

This site offers a substantial collection of information about the government's testing of vehicles and its auto safety ratings and makes it accessible for consumers. The site also brings together grants, regulatory, and state and national legislative information concerning motor vehicle standards and traffic safety.

Subject(s): Motor Vehicles—Regulations; Traffic Safety; Vehicle Safety

Publication(s): *Automotive Fuel Economy Program*, TD 8.26:

Traffic Safety Facts, TD 8.63:

Traffic Safety Materials Catalog, TD 8.27/3:

Traffic Techs, TD 8.63:

1820. National Transportation Safety Board

<http://www.nts.gov/>

Sponsor(s): National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

Description: The NTSB Web site features information about its programs and the primary areas of safety in which the NTSB works. These programs include Aviation, Highway, Marine, Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Material, and Transportation Disaster Assistance. Each program area has a Web page with further details and publications. The NTSB Most Wanted section links to information about safety improvements recommended by the board. Other major sections are News and Events, Data and Information Products, and Information Sources and Contacts. The News and Events section includes documents from recent major investigations and information about board meetings and public hearings. The Data and Information Products section provides accident statistics, legal documents, and Safety Recommendation Letters. The Information Sources and Contacts section contains phone numbers and helpful instructions on how to obtain different types of information from NTSB. The Transportation Disaster Assistance section explains the role of NTSB in coordinating responses from federal, state, and local governments and the airlines to meet the needs of aviation disaster victims and their families.

Subject(s): Accidents (Motor Vehicles)—Statistics; Safety; Transportation

Publication(s): *Aircraft Accident Reports*, TD 1.112:

Hazardous Materials Accident Briefs, TD 1.128/2:

Hazardous Materials Accident Reports, TD 1.129:

Highway Accident Briefs, NTSB-HAB (series), TD 1.117/2:

Highway Accident Reports, TD 1.117:

Marine Accident Reports, TD 1.116:

Pipeline Accident Briefs, NTSB-PAB (series), TD 1.118/3:

Pipeline Accident Reports, TD 1.118:

Railroad Accident Briefs, NTSB-RAB (series), TD 1.112/5:

Railroad Accident Reports, TD 1.112/3:

1821. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Description: PHMSA is responsible for the safe and secure movement of hazardous materials shipments by all modes of transportation, including through pipeline infrastructure. The PHMSA Web site has audience-specific sites for the general public, the hazmat safety community, the pipeline safety community, the media, Congress, and those who wish to do business with the agency. The hazmat and pipeline safety sections include information on compliance and enforcement, safety training, incident reporting, data and statistics, and more. The media section includes press releases and the *PHMSA Focus* newsletter.

Subject(s): Toxic Substances; Transportation Safety

Publication(s): *PHMSA Focus*

1822. SaferCar.gov

<http://www.safercar.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Description: SaferCar.gov provides information about vehicle safety for drivers and car shoppers. Topics covered include tires, air bags, and rollover prevention. The site features a searchable database of results from the New Car Assessment Program, which provide the “government 5-star ratings.” It also has information about reported defects and recalls and links for further information on evaluating auto safety.

Subject(s): Motor Vehicles

1823. Transportation Safety Institute

<http://www.tsi.dot.gov/>

Sponsor(s): Transportation Department—Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)

Description: The Transportation Safety Institute is a self-funding federal agency that provides safety and security training to both the public and private sectors. The institute provides training related to mass transit, aviation, pipelines, motor carriers, highway safety, hazardous materials transportation, and risk management. Its Web site provides a course catalog and detailed information about each of its program areas.

Subject(s): Transportation Security; Transportation Safety

1824. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

<http://nws.cgaux.org/>

Sponsor(s): Homeland Security Department—Coast Guard

Description: The Coast Guard Auxiliary, a volunteer service, provides vessel safety checks, harbor patrols, safe boating courses, search and rescue, and marine environmental protection. The Web site provides information on the vessel safety check and boating courses, along with information on joining the auxiliary.

Subject(s): Boating Safety

APPENDIX A

Members of Congress

This appendix lists the members of the 111th Congress by state and U.S. territory. Representatives can be reached at <https://writerep.house.gov/>. Senators can be reached through http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm.

Alabama

Sen. Jeff Sessions (R)
<http://sessions.senate.gov/>

Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R)
<http://shelby.senate.gov/>

Rep. Jo Bonner (R), District: 01
<http://bonner.house.gov>

Rep. Bobby Bright (D), District: 02
<http://www.bright.house.gov>

Rep. Mike Rogers (R), District: 03
<http://www.house.gov/mike-rogers/>

Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R), District: 04
<http://aderholt.house.gov/>

Rep. Parker Griffith (D), District: 05
<http://griffith.house.gov>

Rep. Spencer Bachus (R), District: 06
<http://bachus.house.gov>

Rep. Artur Davis (D), District: 07
<http://www.house.gov/arturdavis/>

Alaska

Sen. Mark Begich (D)
<http://begich.senate.gov/>

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R)
<http://murkowski.senate.gov/>

Rep. Don Young (R), District: At-Large
<http://donyoung.house.gov/>

American Samoa

Del. Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D), District:
At-Large
<http://www.house.gov/faleomavaega/>

Arizona

Sen. Jon Kyl (R)
<http://kyl.senate.gov/>

Sen. John McCain (R)
<http://mccain.senate.gov/>

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D), District: 01
<http://kirkpatrick.house.gov/>

Rep. Trent Franks (R), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/franks/>

Rep. John B. Shadegg (R), District: 03
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/>

Rep. Ed Pastor (D), District: 04
<http://www.house.gov/pastor/>

Rep. Harry E. Mitchell (D), District: 05
<http://mitchell.house.gov/>

Rep. Jeff Flake (R), District: 06
<http://flake.house.gov/>

Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D), District: 07
<http://grijalva.house.gov/>

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D), District: 08
<http://giffords.house.gov/>

Arkansas

Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D)
<http://lincoln.senate.gov/>

Sen. Mark Pryor (D)
<http://pryor.senate.gov/>

Rep. Marion Berry (D), District: 01
<http://www.house.gov/berry/>

Rep. Vic Snyder (D), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/snyder/>

Rep. John Boozman (R), District: 03
<http://www.boozman.house.gov/>

Rep. Mike Ross (D), District: 04
<http://www.house.gov/ross/>

California

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
<http://boxer.senate.gov/>

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D)
<http://feinstein.senate.gov/>

Rep. Mike Thompson (D), District: 01
<http://mikethompson.house.gov/>

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Rep. John Campbell (R), District: 48
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Rep. Brian P. Bilbray (R), District: 50
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Rep. Duncan Hunter (R), District: 52
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Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D)
<http://gillibrand.senate.gov/>

Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D)
<http://schumer.senate.gov/>

Rep. Timothy H. Bishop (D), District: 01
<http://wwwc.house.gov/timbishop/>

Rep. Steve Israel (D), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/israel/>

Rep. Peter T. King (R), District: 03
<http://peteking.house.gov/>

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D), District: 04
<http://carolynmccarthy.house.gov/>

Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D), District: 05
<http://www.house.gov/ackerman/>

Rep. Gregory W. Meeks (D), District: 06
<http://www.house.gov/meeks/>

Rep. Joseph Crowley (D), District: 07
<http://crowley.house.gov/>

Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D), District: 08
<http://www.house.gov/nadler/>

Rep. Anthony D. Weiner (D), District: 09
<http://www.house.gov/weiner/>

Rep. Edolphus Towns (D), District: 10
<http://www.house.gov/towns/>

Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (D), District: 11
<http://clarke.house.gov/>

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D), District: 12
<http://www.house.gov/velazquez/>

Rep. Michael E. McMahon (D), District: 13
<http://mcmahon.house.gov/>

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D), District: 14
<http://www.house.gov/maloney/>

Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D), District: 15
<http://www.house.gov/rangel/>

Rep. José E. Serrano (D), District: 16
<http://www.house.gov/serrano/>

Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D), District: 17
<http://engel.house.gov/>

Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D), District: 18
<http://www.house.gov/lowey/>

Rep. John J. Hall (D), District: 19
<http://johnhall.house.gov/>

Rep. Scott Murphy (D), District: 20
<http://scottmurphy.house.gov/>

Rep. Paul Tonko (D), District: 21
<http://tonko.house.gov/>

Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey (D), District: 22
<http://www.house.gov/hinchey/>

Rep. John M. McHugh (R), District: 23
<http://mchugh.house.gov/>

Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (D), District: 24
<http://arcuri.house.gov/>

Rep. Daniel B. Maffei (D), District: 25
<http://maffei.house.gov/>

Rep. Christopher John Lee (R), District: 26
<http://chrislee.house.gov/>

Rep. Brian Higgins (D), District: 27
<http://higgins.house.gov/>

Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D),
 District: 28
<http://www.louise.house.gov/>

Rep. Eric J. J. Massa (D), District: 29
<http://massa.house.gov/>

North Carolina

Sen. Richard Burr (R)
<http://burr.senate.gov/>

Sen. Kay R. Hagan (D)
<http://hagan.senate.gov/>

Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D), District: 01
<http://www.house.gov/butterfield>

Rep. Bob Etheridge (D), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/etheridge/>

Rep. Walter B. Jones (R), District: 03
<http://jones.house.gov/>

Rep. David E. Price (D), District: 04
<http://price.house.gov/>

Rep. Virginia Foxx (R), District: 05
<http://www.foxx.house.gov/>

Rep. Howard Coble (R), District: 06
<http://coble.house.gov/>

Rep. Mike McIntyre (D), District: 07
<http://www.house.gov/mcintyre/>

Rep. Larry Kissell (D), District: 08
<http://kissell.house.gov/>

Rep. Sue Wilkins Myrick (R), District: 09
<http://myrick.house.gov/>

Rep. Patrick T. McHenry (R), District: 10
<http://mchenry.house.gov>

Rep. Heath Shuler (D), District: 11
<http://shuler.house.gov/>

Rep. Melvin L. Watt (D), District: 12
<http://www.house.gov/watt/>

Rep. Brad Miller (D), District: 13
<http://www.house.gov/bradmiller/>

North Dakota

Sen. Kent Conrad (D)
<http://conrad.senate.gov/>

Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D)
<http://dorgan.senate.gov/>

Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D), District: At-Large
<http://www.pomeroy.house.gov/>

Northern Mariana Islands

Del. Gregorio Sablan (I), District: At-Large
<http://sablan.house.gov/>

Ohio

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D)
<http://brown.senate.gov/>

Sen. George V. Voinovich (R)
<http://voinovich.senate.gov/>

Rep. Steve Driehaus (D), District: 01
<http://driehaus.house.gov/>

Rep. Jean Schmidt (R), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/schmidt/>

Rep. Michael R. Turner (R), District: 03
<http://www.house.gov/miketurner/>

Rep. Jim Jordan (R), District: 04
<http://jordan.house.gov/>

Rep. Robert E. Latta (R), District: 05
<http://latta.house.gov/>

Rep. Charles A. Wilson (D), District: 06
<http://www.charliewilson.house.gov/>

Rep. Steve Austria (R), District: 07
<http://austria.house.gov/>

Rep. John A. Boehner (R), District: 08
http://johnboehner.house.gov

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D), District: 09
<http://www.kaptur.house.gov/>

Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D), District: 10
<http://kucinich.house.gov/>

Rep. Marcia L. Fudge (D), District: 11
<http://fudge.house.gov/>

Rep. Patrick J. Tiberi (R), District: 12
<http://tiberi.house.gov/>

Rep. Betty Sutton (D), District: 13
<http://sutton.house.gov/>

Rep. Steven C. LaTourette (R), District: 14
<http://latourette.house.gov/>

Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy (D), District: 15
<http://kilroy.house.gov/>

Rep. John A. Boccieri (D), District: 16
<http://boccieri.house.gov/>

Rep. Tim Ryan (D), District: 17
<http://timryan.house.gov/>

Rep. Zachary T. Space (D), District: 18
<http://space.house.gov/>

Oklahoma

Sen. Tom Coburn (R)
<http://coburn.senate.gov/>

Sen. James M. Inhofe (R)
<http://inhofe.senate.gov/>

Rep. John Sullivan (R), District: 01
<http://sullivan.house.gov/>

Rep. Dan Boren (D), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/boren/>

Rep. Frank D. Lucas (R), District: 03
<http://www.house.gov/lucas/>

Rep. Tom Cole (R), District: 04
<http://www.cole.house.gov/>

Rep. Mary Fallin (R), District: 05
<http://fallin.house.gov/>

Oregon

Sen. Jeff Merkley (D)
<http://merkley.senate.gov/>

Sen. Ron Wyden (D)
<http://wyden.senate.gov/>

Rep. David Wu (D), District: 01
<http://www.house.gov/wu/>

Rep. Greg Walden (R), District: 02
<http://walden.house.gov/>

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D), District: 03
<http://blumenauer.house.gov/>

Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D), District: 04
<http://defazio.house.gov/>

Rep. Kurt Schrader (D), District: 05
<http://schrader.house.gov/>

Pennsylvania

Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. (D)
<http://casey.senate.gov/>

Sen. Arlen Specter (D)
<http://specter.senate.gov/>

Rep. Robert A. Brady (D), District: 01
<http://www.brady.house.gov/>

Rep. Chaka Fattah (D), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/fattah/>

Rep. Kathleen A. Dahlkemper (D), District: 03
<http://dahlkemper.house.gov/>

Rep. Jason Altmire (D), District: 04
<http://altmire.house.gov/>

Rep. Glenn Thompson (R), District: 05
<http://thompson.house.gov/>

Rep. Jim Gerlach (R), District: 06
<http://gerlach.house.gov/>

Rep. Joe Sestak (D), District: 07
<http://sestak.house.gov/>

Rep. Patrick J. Murphy (D), District: 08
<http://www.patrickmurphy.house.gov/>

Rep. Bill Shuster (R), District: 09
<http://www.house.gov/shuster/>

Rep. Christopher P. Carney (D), District: 10
<http://carney.house.gov/>

Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski (D), District: 11
<http://kanjorski.house.gov/>

Rep. John P. Murtha (D), District: 12
<http://www.house.gov/murtha/>

Rep. Allyson Y. Schwartz (D), District: 13
<http://schwartz.house.gov/>

Rep. Michael F. Doyle (D), District: 14
<http://www.house.gov/doyle/>

Rep. Charles W. Dent (R), District: 15
<http://dent.house.gov/>

Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R), District: 16
<http://www.house.gov/pitts/>

Rep. Tim Holden (D), District: 17
<http://www.holden.house.gov/>

Rep. Tim Murphy (R), District: 18
<http://murphy.house.gov/>

Rep. Todd Russell Platts (R), District: 19
<http://www.house.gov/platts/>

Puerto Rico

Res. Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi (D),
 District: At-Large
<http://pierluisi.house.gov/>

Rhode Island

Sen. Jack Reed (D)
<http://reed.senate.gov/>

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D)
<http://whitehouse.senate.gov/>

Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D), District: 01
<http://www.patrickkenedy.house.gov/>

Rep. James R. Langevin (D), District: 02
<http://langevin.house.gov/>

South Carolina

Sen. Jim DeMint (R)
<http://demint.senate.gov/>

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R)
<http://lgraham.senate.gov/>

Rep. Henry E. Brown Jr. (R), District: 01
<http://brown.house.gov/>

Rep. Joe Wilson (R), District: 02
<http://joewilson.house.gov/>

Rep. J. Gresham Barrett (R), District: 03
<http://www.house.gov/barrett/>

Rep. Bob Inglis (R), District: 04
<http://inglis.house.gov/>

Rep. John M. Spratt Jr. (D), District: 05
<http://www.house.gov/spratt/>

Rep. James E. Clyburn (D), District: 06
<http://www.house.gov/clyburn/>

South Dakota

Sen. Tim Johnson (D)
<http://johnson.senate.gov/>

Sen. John R. Thune (R)
<http://thune.senate.gov/>

Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D), District:
At-Large
<http://hersethsandlin.house.gov/>

Tennessee

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R)
<http://alexander.senate.gov/>

Sen. Bob Corker (R)
<http://corker.senate.gov/>

Rep. David P. Roe (R), District: 01
<http://www.roe.house.gov/>

Rep. John J. Duncan Jr. (R), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/duncan/>

Rep. Zach Wamp (R), District: 03
<http://www.house.gov/wamp/>

Rep. Lincoln Davis (D), District: 04
<http://www.house.gov/lincolndavis/>

Rep. Jim Cooper (D), District: 05
<http://www.cooper.house.gov/>

Rep. Bart Gordon (D), District: 06
<http://gordon.house.gov/>

Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R), District: 07
<http://www.house.gov/blackburn/>

Rep. John S. Tanner (D), District: 08
<http://www.house.gov/tanner/>

Rep. Steve Cohen (D), District: 09
<http://cohen.house.gov/>

Texas

Sen. John Cornyn (R)
<http://cornyn.senate.gov/>

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)
<http://hutchison.senate.gov/>

Rep. Louie Gohmert (R), District: 01
<http://gohmert.house.gov/>

Rep. Ted Poe (R), District: 02
<http://poe.house.gov/>

Rep. Sam Johnson (R), District: 03
<http://www.samjohnson.house.gov/>

Rep. Ralph M. Hall (R), District: 04
<http://www.house.gov/ralphhall/>

Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R), District: 05
<http://www.house.gov/hensarling/>

Rep. Joe Barton (R), District: 06
<http://joebarton.house.gov/>

Rep. John Abney Culberson (R), District: 07
<http://www.culberson.house.gov/>

Rep. Kevin Brady (R), District: 08
<http://www.house.gov/brady/>

Rep. Al Green (D), District: 09
<http://www.house.gov/algreen/>

Rep. Michael T. McCaul (R), District: 10
<http://www.house.gov/mccaul/>

Rep. K. Michael Conaway (R), District: 11
<http://conaway.house.gov/>

Rep. Kay Granger (R), District: 12
<http://kaygranger.house.gov/>

Rep. Mac Thornberry (R), District: 13
<http://www.house.gov/thornberry/>

Rep. Ron Paul (R), District: 14
<http://www.house.gov/paul/>

Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D), District: 15
<http://hinojosa.house.gov/>

Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D), District: 16
<http://wwwc.house.gov/reyes/>

Rep. Chet Edwards (D), District: 17
<http://edwards.house.gov/>

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D), District: 18
<http://www.jacksonlee.house.gov/>

Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R), District: 19
<http://www.randy.house.gov/>

Rep. Charles A. Gonzalez (D), District: 20
<http://gonzalez.house.gov/>

Rep. Lamar Smith (R), District: 21
<http://lamarsmith.house.gov/>

Rep. Pete Olson (R), District: 22
<http://olson.house.gov/>

Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez (D), District: 23
<http://www.rodriguez.house.gov/>

Rep. Kenny Marchant (R), District: 24
<http://www.marchant.house.gov/>

Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D), District: 25
<http://www.house.gov/doggett/>

Rep. Michael C. Burgess (R), District: 26
<http://burgess.house.gov/>

Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz (D), District: 27
<http://www.house.gov/ortiz/>

Rep. Henry Cuellar (D), District: 28
<http://www.house.gov/cuellar/>

Rep. Gene Green (D), District: 29
<http://www.house.gov/green/>

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D), District: 30
<http://www.house.gov/ejohnson/>

Rep. John R. Carter (R), District: 31
<http://carter.house.gov/>

Rep. Pete Sessions (R), District: 32
<http://sessions.house.gov/>

Utah

Sen. Robert Bennett (R)
<http://bennett.senate.gov/>

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R)
<http://hatch.senate.gov/>

Rep. Rob Bishop (R), District: 01
<http://robbishop.house.gov/>

Rep. Jim Matheson (D), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/matheson/>

Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R), District: 03
<http://chaffetz.house.gov/>

Vermont

Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D)
<http://leahy.senate.gov/>

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I)
<http://sanders.senate.gov/>

Rep. Peter Welch (D), District: At-Large
<http://www.welch.house.gov/>

Virginia

Sen. Mark R. Warner (D)
<http://warner.senate.gov/>

Sen. Jim Webb (D)
<http://webb.senate.gov/>

Rep. Robert J. Wittman (R), District: 01
<http://wittman.house.gov/>

Rep. Glenn C. Nye (D), District: 02
<http://nye.house.gov/>

Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D), District:
 03
<http://www.house.gov/scott/>

Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R), District: 04
<http://forbes.house.gov/>

Rep. Thomas S. P. Perriello (D), District: 05
<http://perriello.house.gov/>

Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R), District: 06
<http://www.house.gov/goodlatte/>

Rep. Eric Cantor (R), District: 07
<http://cantor.house.gov/>

Rep. James P. Moran (D), District: 08
<http://moran.house.gov/>

Rep. Rick Boucher (D), District: 09
<http://www.house.gov/boucher/>

Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R), District: 10
<http://wolf.house.gov/>

Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D), District: 11
<http://connolly.house.gov/>

Virgin Islands

Del. Donna M. Christensen (D), District: At-
 Large
<http://www.house.gov/christian-christensen/>

Washington

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D)
<http://cantwell.senate.gov/>

Sen. Patty Murray (D)
<http://murray.senate.gov/>

Rep. Jay Inslee (D), District: 01
<http://www.house.gov/inslee/>

Rep. Rick Larsen (D), District: 02
<http://www.house.gov/larsen/>

Rep. Brian Baird (D), District: 03
<http://www.house.gov/baird/>

Rep. Doc Hastings (R), District: 04
<http://hastings.house.gov/>

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R), District:
05
<http://www.mcmorris.house.gov/>

Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D), District: 06
<http://www.house.gov/dicks/>

Rep. Jim McDermott (D), District: 07
<http://www.house.gov/mcdermott/>

Rep. David G. Reichert (R), District: 08
<http://www.house.gov/reichert/>

Rep. Adam Smith (D), District: 09
<http://www.house.gov/adamsmith/>

West Virginia

Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D)
<http://byrd.senate.gov/>

Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D)
<http://rockefeller.senate.gov/>

Rep. Alan B. Mollohan (D), District: 01
<http://www.house.gov/mollohan/>

Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R), District: 02
<http://capito.house.gov/>

Rep. Nick J. Rahall II (D), District: 03
<http://www.rahall.house.gov/>

Wisconsin

Sen. Russell Feingold (D)
<http://feingold.senate.gov/>

Sen. Herb Kohl (D)
<http://kohl.senate.gov/>

Rep. Paul Ryan (R), District: 01
<http://www.house.gov/ryan/>

Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D), District: 02
<http://tammybaldwin.house.gov/>

Rep. Ron Kind (D), District: 03
<http://www.house.gov/kind/>

Rep. Gwen Moore (D), District: 04
<http://www.house.gov/gwenmoore/>

Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R), District:
05
<http://sensenbrenner.house.gov/>

Rep. Thomas E. Petri (R), District: 06
<http://www.house.gov/petri/>

Rep. David R. Obey (D), District: 07
<http://obey.house.gov/>

Rep. Steve Kagen (D), District: 08
<http://kagen.house.gov/>

Wyoming

Sen. John Barrasso (R)
<http://barrasso.senate.gov/>

Sen. Michael B. Enzi (R)
<http://enzi.senate.gov/>

Rep. Cynthia Lummis (R), District: At-Large
<http://www.lummis.house.gov/>

APPENDIX B

Congressional Committees

This appendix lists the Committees and Committee Web sites for the 111th Congress's House, Senate, and Joint Committees.

United States House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/>

STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Agriculture

<http://agriculture.house.gov/>

Chairman: Collin C. Peterson, MN-7th

Ranking Minority Member: Frank D. Lucas, OK-6th

Committee on Appropriations

<http://appropriations.house.gov/>

Chairman: David R. Obey, WI-7th

Ranking Minority Member: Jerry Lewis, CA-41st

Committee on Armed Services

<http://armedservices.house.gov/>

Chairman: Ike Skelton, MO-4th

Ranking Minority Member: Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, CA-25th

Committee on the Budget

<http://budget.house.gov/>

Chairman: John M. Spratt Jr., SC-5th

Ranking Minority Member: Paul Ryan, WI-1st

Committee on Education and Labor

<http://edlabor.house.gov/>

Chairman: George Miller, CA-7th

Ranking Minority Member: John Kline, MN-2nd

Committee on Energy and Commerce

<http://energycommerce.house.gov/>

Chairman: Rep Henry A. Waxman, CA-30th

Ranking Minority Member: Joe Barton, TX-6th

Committee on Financial Services

<http://financialservices.house.gov/>

Chairman: Barney Frank, MA-4th

Ranking Minority Member: Spencer Bachus, AL-6th

Committee on Foreign Affairs

<http://www.internationalrelations.house.gov/>

Chairman: Howard L. Berman, CA-28th

Ranking Minority Member: Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, FL-18th

Committee on Homeland Security

<http://homeland.house.gov/>

Chairman: Bennie G. Thompson, MS-2nd

Ranking Minority Member: Peter T. King, NY-3rd

Committee on House Administration

<http://cha.house.gov/>

Chairman: Robert A. Brady, PA-1st

Ranking Minority Member: Dan Lungren, CA-3rd

Committee on the Judiciary

<http://judiciary.house.gov/>

Chairman: John Conyers Jr., MI-14th

Ranking Minority Member: Lamar Smith, TX-21st

Committee on Natural Resources

<http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/>

Chairman: Nick J. Rahall II, WV-3rd

Ranking Minority Member: Doc Hastings, WA-4th

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

<http://oversight.house.gov/>

Chairman: Edolphus Towns, NY-10th

Ranking Minority Member: Darrell E. Issa, CA-49th

Committee on Rules

<http://www.rules.house.gov/>

Chairman: Louise McIntosh Slaughter, NY-28th

Ranking Minority Member: David Dreier, CA-26th

Committee on Science and Technology

<http://science.house.gov/>

Chairman: Bart Gordon, TN-6th

Ranking Minority Member: Ralph M. Hall, TX-4th

Committee on Small Business

<http://www.house.gov/smbbiz/>

Chairman: Nydia M. Velázquez, NY-12th

Ranking Minority Member: Sam Graves, MO-6th

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

<http://www.house.gov/ethics/>

Chairman: Zoe Lofgren, CA-16th

Ranking Minority Member: Jo Bonner, AL-1st

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

<http://transportation.house.gov/>

Chairman: James L. Oberstar, MN-8th

Ranking Minority Member: John L. Mica, FL-7th

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

<http://veterans.house.gov/>

Chairman: Bob Filner, CA-51st

Ranking Minority Member: Steve Buyer, IN-4th

Committee on Ways and Means

<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/>

Chairman: Charles B. Rangel, NY-15th

Ranking Minority Member: Dave Camp, MI-4th

SELECT COMMITTEES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

<http://intelligence.house.gov/>

Chairman: Silvestre Reyes, TX-18th

Ranking Minority Member: Peter Hoekstra, MI-2nd

House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming

<http://globalwarming.house.gov/>

Chairman: Ed Markey, MA-7th

Ranking Minority Member: F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., WI-5th

United States Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/>

STANDING COMMITTEES**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry**

<http://agriculture.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Tom Harkin, IA

Ranking Minority Member: Saxby Chambliss, GA

Committee on Appropriations

<http://appropriations.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Daniel K. Inouye, HI

Ranking Minority Member: Thad Cochran, MS

Committee on Armed Services

<http://armed-services.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Carl Levin, MI

Ranking Minority Member: John McCain, AZ

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

<http://banking.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Christopher J. Dodd, CT

Ranking Minority Member: Richard C. Shelby, AL

Committee on the Budget

<http://budget.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Kent Conrad, ND

Ranking Minority Member: Judd Gregg, NH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

<http://commerce.senate.gov/>

Chairman: John D. Rockefeller IV, WV

Vice Chairman: Kay Bailey Hutchison, TX

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

<http://energy.senate.gov/public/>

Chairman: Jeff Bingaman, NM

Ranking Minority Member: Lisa Murkowski, AK

Committee on Environment and Public Works

<http://epw.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Barbara Boxer, CA

Ranking Minority Member: James M. Inhofe, OK

Committee on Finance

<http://finance.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Max Baucus, MT

Ranking Minority Member: Chuck Grassley, IA

Committee on Foreign Relations

<http://foreign.senate.gov/>

Chairman: John F. Kerry, MA

Ranking Minority Member: Richard G. Lugar, IN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

<http://help.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Edward M. Kennedy, MA

Ranking Minority Member: Michael B. Enzi, WY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

<http://hsgac.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Joe Lieberman, CT

Ranking Minority Member: Susan Collins, ME

Committee on the Judiciary

<http://judiciary.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Patrick J. Leahy, VT

Ranking Minority Member: Jeff Sessions, AL

Committee on Rules and Administration

<http://rules.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Charles E. Schumer, NY

Ranking Minority Member: Robert Bennett, UT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

<http://sbc.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Mary Landrieu, LA

Ranking Minority Member: Olympia J. Snowe, ME

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

<http://veterans.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Daniel K. Akaka, HI

Ranking Minority Member: Richard Burr, NC

SELECT AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Indian Affairs

<http://indian.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Byron L. Dorgan, ND

Ranking Minority Member: John Barrasso, WY

Select Committee on Ethics

<http://ethics.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Barbara Boxer, CA

Ranking Minority Member: Johnny Isakson, GA

Select Committee on Intelligence

<http://intelligence.senate.gov/>

Chairman: Dianne Feinstein, CA

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