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**Government Weblibliography**

**SEARCH ENGINES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

**Google U.S. Government Search** (Commercial Search Engine)

<http://www.google.com/ig/usgov>

This page allows the user to search information sources from U.S. federal, state, and local governments.

**USA.gov** (General Services Administration)

<http://www.usa.gov>

This is the U.S. Government's official web portal. It can be used to search hundreds of agency web sites. It provides a list of hot topics and search boxes for simple keyword searching and more complex searching. It also includes links to state and local government information resources.

**FEDERAL SITES -- GENERAL**

**Cross Agency Portals** (General Services Administration)

[http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Cross\\_Agency\\_Portals.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Cross_Agency_Portals.shtml)

This page lists several portals in which federal agencies have pooled their resources to provide a centralized site for information on a particular topic or directed to a specific audience. Topics include such things as after school programs, climate, college students, disability information, exports, food safety, grants, recalls, and youth violence prevention.

**Documents Center** (University of Michigan)

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

The Documents Center is one of the best sites maintained by a Federal Depository Library. In addition to many other useful features, it provides an alphabetical subject index to federal information on the web. Other sections of the Documents Center lead to local, state, and foreign government information.

**Federal Citizen Information Center, National Contact Center** (General Services Administration)

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

If the U.S. government were a library, the FCIC National Contact Center would be the reference desk. This site has a searchable "knowledgebase" of frequently requested information and provides phone numbers, including toll-free numbers, for government agencies. It includes a link to the popular "Publications from Pueblo" site.

**GPO Access** (U.S. Government Printing Office)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html>

Allows the user to search a catalog of U.S. government publications issued from 1976 to the present, has links to numerous government web sites, gives easy access to the electronic editions of the *Federal Register*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, and other titles, and includes a link to the award-winning *Ben's Guide to U.S. Government*.

**Kids.gov** (General Services Administration)

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

Provides links, grouped by age and subject, to federal government sites designed for children. Also functions as a search engine.

**FEDERAL SITES -- BUSINESS**

**AnnualCreditReport.com**

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp>

This is the official site to help consumers request their free credit reports once each year.

**Business.gov**

<http://www.business.gov>

Helps businesses save money on compliance by providing easy access to business laws, regulations, forms, and agency contacts.

**EDGAR Database of Corporate Information** (Securities and Exchange Commission)

<http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml>

Searchable database of financial reports, such as 10-Ks and 10-Qs, that have been filed with the government by corporations.

**FedBizOpps (Federal Business Opportunities)** (General Services Administration)

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

This is a portal where commercial vendors who wish to sell their products or services to the Federal government can search, monitor, and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community.

**Small Business Development Center Locator** (Small Business Administration)

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sbdc/sbdclocator/index.html>

Small Business Development Centers are located throughout the country to provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. This site allows the user to find the SBDC that's nearest to them.

**FEDERAL SITES -- CONGRESSIONAL, LEGAL, AND POLITICAL****Avalon Project-Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy** (Yale Law School)

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp>

Provides full text access to selected government documents and codes of law published from 4000 BCE to the 21st century.

**Project Vote Smart**

<http://www.vote-smart.org/>

Gives biographies, campaign finance information, issue positions, public statements, and voting records for the President, Congress, governors, and state legislators. The site is maintained by a non-profit organization.

**Thomas Legislative Information** (Library of Congress)

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Includes information on bills, congressional voting, committees, etc. Allows keyword and bill number searching, and browsing by sponsor. Provides access to the *Congressional Record*, and to House and Senate committee reports. Also provides links to the House and Senate web sites.

**U.S. Supreme Court** (Legal Information Institute, Cornell Law School)

<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>

Includes information about cases back to May 1990, current cases, and court calendars. Provides an index of decisions by topic, author, or party.

**U.S. Supreme Court** (Official Site)

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

Coverage on this site begins with the October 1991 session. Provides access to information about cases, calendars, and justices. Includes a good deal of historic information about the Court.

**Villanova Legal Express** (Villanova Law Library)

<http://vls.law.villanova.edu/library/express/>

This extensive guide to legal resources on the web is produced by the Law Library at the Villanova University School of Law.

## FEDERAL SITES -- CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

### **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)**

<http://www.atf.gov>

In addition to providing full-text access to publications issued by ATF, the site includes regulations, rulings, industry circulars, and statistics.

### **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

<http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>

Several law enforcement agencies, including Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Coast Guard are included in this umbrella agency. The Homeland Security site offers information grouped by topic and by audience.

### **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

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

This site includes crime statistics, descriptions of ongoing major investigations, pictures of the current "Ten Most Wanted," and information about the FBI Academy.

### **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (Department of Justice)**

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/index.html>

NCJRS is a federally funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide.

## FEDERAL SITES – HISTORY, ARTS, AND CULTURE

### **Library of Congress, Digital Collections and Services**

<http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html>

The Library is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution. It serves as the research arm of Congress and its web site provides digital access to many of the treasures from its vast collections.

### **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)**

<http://arts.endow.gov/>

In addition to giving grants to Arts organizations, NEA publishes arts-related research reports, booklets, and brochures. Its web site provides full-text access to many of those publications.

### **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**

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

Information about applying for a grant from NEH is available on this site along with full-text access to the magazine *Humanities*.

### **National Park Service, History and Culture**

<http://www.nps.gov/history/>

The National Register of Historic Places is searchable on this site. The site also provides a great deal of information about historic preservation and cultural resource management.

### **Smithsonian Institution**

<http://www.si.edu/>

Though best known for its many museums, the Smithsonian Institution also publishes a great deal of research in art, design, history, culture, science, and technology.

## FEDERAL SITES -- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **Copyright Clearance Center, Inc.**

<http://www.copyright.com/>

This non-profit company assists organizations to obtain the rights to make legal copies of copyrighted works.

**Copyright Office** (Library of Congress)

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

This site provides information about how to register a copyright, and allows the user to search registered copyrights.

**Patent and Trademark Office**

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

This site provides information about how to obtain a patent or trademark, and allows the user to search databases of registered patents and trademarks.

**FEDERAL SITES -- JOB AND CAREER INFORMATION**

**CareerOneStop** (Department of Labor)

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

This is an integrated suite of national web sites that help businesses, job seekers, students, and workforce professionals find employment and career resources.

**Employment Projections Home Page** (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

<http://www.bls.gov/emp/>

Provides tables of statistics on the outlook for numerous occupations.

**Occupational Outlook Handbook** (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Provides information on a variety of careers, their outlook, expected salaries, etc. Search by keyword or browse an alphabetical listing of occupations.

**O\*NET OnLine** (U. S. Department of Labor)

<http://online.onetcenter.org/>

This site provides detailed information about hundreds of occupations. Topics covered include the skills, qualifications, and worker characteristics required to perform the job, and related occupations with similar requirements.

**USA Jobs** (Office of Personnel Management)

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

This site provides information about current federal job openings and gives the user the option to complete an online application for some positions.

Note: The "Employment" page on *Louisiana.gov* also provides information about job openings:

<http://www.louisiana.gov/Business/Employment/>

**FEDERAL SITES -- SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL**

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration** (NASA)

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

Information and links related to the space program, the international space station, astrological phenomena, and aerospace technology.

**National Hurricane Center/Tropical Prediction Center** (National Weather Service, Florida International University)

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

Gives information about current and previous hurricanes/cyclones, current weather conditions, and the tropical outlook. Includes current satellite images.

### **National Technical Information Service (NTIS)**

<http://www.ntis.gov/Index.aspx>

Provides access to a database of approximately 3 million government-funded reports of scientific, technical, engineering, and business related information. Some are available in full-text online, others can be ordered from NTIS.

### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)**

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

This site provides information about the laws, regulations, and standards enforced by OSHA. It also has information about state occupational safety and health plans, and general information about safety and health in the workplace.

### **Science.gov**

<http://www.science.gov>

Science.gov is a search engine for government science information and research results. Currently in its fifth generation, Science.gov allows searching of more than 200 million pages with just one query, and is a gateway to over 1,950+ scientific web sites.

## **FEDERAL SITES -- STATISTICS**

### **American Factfinder (Census Bureau)**

<http://factfinder.census.gov>

This is the main site for finding statistics from the Census Bureau. It includes statistics from the decennial census of population and housing, the ongoing American Community Survey, and the economic censuses done every five years. Statistics can be retrieved in either tables or maps.

### **FedStats**

<http://www.fedstats.gov>

This site allows the user to find statistics from over 100 federal agency web sites. Statistics can be found by topic, geographic area, or issuing agency.

## **OTHER FEDERAL SITES OF INTEREST**

### **Department of Education (Includes ERIC)**

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

Information about educational programs, financial aid, and research reports on the state of education in the country. Includes a link to the ERIC database under the "Administrators" tab.

### **U.S. Postal Service**

<http://www.usps.com/>

Site allows user to look up Zip Codes and provides information about postal rates, proper ways of addressing envelopes and packages, and general information about the services offered by the USPS.

### **White House**

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

Includes information about the current President and Vice President, previous Presidents and First Ladies, and about the White House itself.

## **STATE AND LOCAL LINKS**

### **City of Hammond**

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

Provides basic information about the city's government, including the names and phone numbers of current office-holders.

**City of Ponchatoula**

<http://www.ponchatoula.com/>

Presents basic information about the city, including its government, businesses, and schools.

**Louisiana.gov**

<http://www.louisiana.gov>

This is the state government's official home page. It provides information about state departments, the state legislature, tourist areas, state history, and links to local government sites.

**Louisiana State Legislature**

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Gives general information about the House of Representatives and the Senate, including links to the web sites for each. This site allows the user to locate information on existing state laws and on bills that have been introduced.

**Municode.com**

<http://www.municode.com/Resources/OnlineLibrary.asp>

Provides full-text access to municipal ordinances from cities all around the country.

**State and Local Government on the Net (HelloMetro, Inc.)**

<http://www.statelocalgov.net>

Provides links to numerous sites in Louisiana, the other 49 states, and U.S. territories. Includes links to some multi-state and state government-related organizations, and to other sites with state information.

**State Library of Louisiana**

<http://www.state.lib.la.us/>

This site provides basic information about the collections and services of the State Library and allows searching of the Library's catalog. The site also includes links to public, academic, and other types of libraries across the state.

## INTERNATIONAL LINKS

**Foreign Governments (Northwestern University Library)**

<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/resource/internat/foreign.html>

Lists the sites of many departments and agencies within foreign governments. Arranged alphabetically by name of country.

**International Organizations (Northwestern University Library)**

<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/resource/internat/igo.html>

Provides links to the sites of hundreds of organizations such as the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

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