

APPENDIX 29. PUBLIC INFORMATION RESOURCES MAPS

Compiled by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) and the Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) of the American Library Association (ALA).¹³⁵

The public information resources maps are listed on the Commission website at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.html>, under 4. Panel and Board of Experts Communications.

Public information resources maps are intended to portray in graphic, tabular style most of the key elements or attributes that are associated with each government information product, such as its official name, the parent/owning agency, statutory authority for the product, beneficiaries of the product, and so forth. The essential idea is to use a "bird's eye view" approach to underscore the richness and diversity of information that could be captured and recorded in a database if such a format were regularly and systematically prepared when products are first created. The format might then be updated if and when there are significant changes in any of the attributes, such as terms and conditions governing its availability and cost (if not free). While the Commission stopped short of recommending such a "standard graphic format" be prepared for all products, it will keep the possibility of utilizing such a format in front of it as it proceeds with additional studies and investigations.

In particular, a review of the entries under Distributors, Financing and Fee/Free indicates the variety of mechanisms employed even in such a small sample of public information resources. For example, of the 23 responses, 14 identify appropriations as the sole source of funding; 7 cite a combination of appropriations and user fees from sales by the agency, GPO, NTIS, a contractor or a commercial publisher, and 2 are entirely self-funding through user fees.

- Those funded solely by appropriations. All that respond to the Free/Fee category have some free access. The *Statistical Abstract* from the Department of Commerce does not include all of the tables from the paper and CD-ROM editions that are sold by NTIS, GPO and the Bureau of the Census.
- Those with a combination of user fees and appropriations. All have free public access at least through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), and several through an agency website as well. The products sold directly by the publishing agencies (Census, USGS) are available for free public access through the FDLP, as are those sold by contractors or commercial publishers (National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Environmental Health).
- Those that are self-funding. STAT-USA from the Department of Commerce is required by statute to be self-funding, but still provides two passwords to each federal depository library to ensure free public access. Only the General Wage Determination Guidelines, which is published by NTIS on behalf of the Department of Labor, has no free public access, even through the FDLP. Like STAT-USA, NTIS is required by statute to be self-funding.

¹³⁵ Available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.appen29.pdf>.

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Department of Commerce

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census	Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	Decennial Census (Paper, CD-ROM, Online)	Statistical Abstract of the United States Paper (since 1878), CD-ROM (since 1993), Internet access at http://www.census.gov/statab/www/
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	U.S. Constitution	
Beneficiaries <i>(Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	Internal, External: Local, State, Tribal Government: Citizens, Foreign	All users – internal and external-public, private, foreign
Sources of Data Content	Survey	80+ federal agencies plus 126 non-government organizations
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>	All	CIS Statistical Universe
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	Printed through GPO, CD distributed to FDLP through GPO, sold through Census	GPO, NTIS, Resellers (Bernan), CIS Statistical Universe
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Appropriations	Appropriations
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Paper and CD free through Federal Depository Libraries; Paper for sale via GPO SuDocs, CD for sale by Census; online access free from Census website	Internet (free) does not include all tables in print due to copyright; paper \$34 (NTIS) to \$49 (GPO); CD-ROM \$50 (GPO, NTIS, Census)

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, Stat-USA
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	USA Trade/NTDB (National Trade Data Bank)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	1988 Omnibus Trade & Competitiveness Act
Beneficiaries <i>(Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	Internal/External; Public/Private/ Foreign
Sources of Data Content	Census Bureau and other federal agencies
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>	Stat-USA
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	Agency direct access or through license agreements
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Self-supporting per 15 USC 1527a
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Depository Libraries receive two passwords; subscription based on IP range \$400 minimum (class C) to \$2750 (class B) some consortial discounts; http://www.statusa.gov/

Department of Defense

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Dept of the Army, Chief, Public Affairs
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	<i>Soldiers Magazine: the Official U.S. Army Magazine, Published monthly in paper and at <www.dtic.mil/soldiers></i>
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	AR 25-30: "use of funds for printing the publication was approved by the Secretary of the Army on Sept 2, 1986 in accordance with provisions of AR 25-30"
Beneficiaries <i>(Users) Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	Internal users... (focus on enlisted soldiers and non-commissioned officers). Also has a public affairs mission.
Sources of Data Content	Unless otherwise indicated and except for 'by permission' and copyrighted items, materials may be reprinted provided credit is given to <i>Soldiers Magazine</i> and the author. All photographs by U.S. Army except as otherwise noted.
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>	Public Affairs Specialists, Journalists, Photojournalists
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	In-house distribution of print from U.S. Army Distribution Operations Facility St Louis, MO; Website maintained for U.S. Army by DTIC; (DoD Agency); Defense Technical Information Center, Ft. Belvoir, VA
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Appropriated funds
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Free access to web site; free distribution of print copies within DoD; individual subscriptions available via GPO SuDocs; free through Federal Depository Libraries

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Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of the Air Force, Office of Public Affairs, Air Force News Agency (AFNEWS)	Department of the Air Force
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	<i>Airman Magazine</i> : magazine of America's Air Force; published monthly in hard copy and on the web at <www.af.mil/news/airman>	<i>Airpower Journal</i> ; published quarterly in hard copy and on the web at: Aerospace Power Journal <http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil>
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	Secretary of the Air Force.	Secretary of the Air Force
Beneficiaries (Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign	Internal users... (focus on enlisted airmen and non-commissioned officers). Also has a public affairs mission.	"Designed to serve as an open forum for the presentation and stimulation of innovative thinking on military doctrine, strategy..."
Sources of Data Content	"All pictures are USAF photos unless otherwise identified"	"articles may be reproduced with permission" Aerospace Power Journal International, Book & Video Reviews, Air University Review, Contrails, etc.
Value-Added Contributions Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists	Public Affairs Specialists, Journalists, Photojournalists	Editors, Historians, Public Affairs Specialists
Distributors In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies	Air force maintained website.	Air Force maintained website; "...provided as a public service. Government personnel and the general public may use this system to review and retrieve publicly available government information...selected elements are subject to access restrictions that are identified in parentheses next to the data link".
Financing Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee	Appropriated funds	Appropriated funds.
Fee/Free Terms and Conditions, Amount	Free access to web site; free distribution of print copies within DoD; individual subscriptions available via GPO SuDocs; free through Federal Depository Libraries	Free access to web site; free distribution of print copies within DoD; individual subscriptions available via GPO SuDocs; free through Federal Depository Libraries

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Department of Energy

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Energy	Department of Energy
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	EDBWeb (Bibliographic Electronic Internet)	PUBScience (Bibliographic Electronic Internet)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	DOE Organic Act, <i>GPR</i> A DOE G 241.1-1 DOE O 241.1	DOE Organic Act, <i>GPR</i> A DOE G 241.1-1 DOE O 241.1
Beneficiaries <i>(Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	All	All
Sources of Data Content	DOE, DOE contractors, other government agencies, professional societies, IEA, ETDE	Peer-reviewed journal literature
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>		
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	OSTI (in-house); Commercially available via DIALOG	OSTI (in-house); GPO
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Appropriation, User fee	Appropriation
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Free; Subscriber fee	Free

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Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Energy	Department of Energy Office of Management and Administration (M&A)
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	PrePrint Network; Full Text Electronic Internet	DOE Directives; Electronic Database, Graphical Internet Site (WWW)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>		
Beneficiaries <i>(Users) Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	All	DOE Employees
Sources of Data Content	Government, academic institutions, professional societies, private research organizations, individual researchers	Dept. of Energy, Office of Management and Administration (M&A)
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>		Most Documents Available Full-Text in PDF and Other Formats
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	DOE/OSTI (in-house)	DOE/M&A (in-house)
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Appropriation	Appropriation
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Free	Free

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Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Energy (OSTI)	Department of Energy (OSTI)
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	DOE Information Bridge; Electronic Database, Graphical Internet Site (WWW)	DOE Reports Bibliographic Database; Electronic Database, Graphical Internet Site (WWW)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>		
Beneficiaries <i>(Users) Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	DOE Employees, DOE Contractors, General Public	DOE Employees, DOE Contractors, General Public
Sources of Data Content	Laboratories and Administrative Offices of the Dept. of Energy	Dept of Energy Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI)
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>	Most Documents Available Full-Text in PDF and Other Formats	Good search engine
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	DOE/OSTI (in-house)	DOE/OSTI (in-house)
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Appropriation	Appropriation
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Free	Free

Department of Health and Human Services

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration	Department of Health and Human Services, National Cancer Institute/Oxford University Press
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	FDA Consumer (Paper, Online)	Journal of the National Cancer Institute
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>		
Beneficiaries (Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign	External, Citizens Information	Internal and external – public, private, and foreign
Sources of Data Content	Food and Drug Administration	Articles written by and/or submitted to agency sponsored publication
Value-Added Contributions Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists	Libraries, full text online providers	Oxford University Press
Distributors In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies	Paper: GPO Superintendent of Documents, Online: agency website	Oxford University Press
Financing Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee	Appropriations	Appropriations, proceeds from vendor production
Fee/Free Terms and Conditions, Amount	Paper: subscription for sale by GPO SuDocs, free through Federal Depository Libraries; Online free at http://www.fda.gov/fdac/	Federal Depository Libraries one free copy; individuals \$155/yr; institutions \$235/yr.

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Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Environmental Health
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	Environmental Health Perspectives (Paper, Online)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	
Beneficiaries (Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign	Internal and External; public and private
Sources of Data Content	
Value-Added Contributions Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists	
Distributors In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies	Paper: GPO Superintendent of Documents, Online: OCR Services, Inc on behalf of NIEH
Financing Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee	Appropriations, sales
Fee/Free Terms and Conditions, Amount	Paper: subscription for sale by GPO SuDocs, online service free through Federal Depository Libraries (1 password); subscription: individual \$65-\$400 or institution \$571-\$1,369 (EHP articles are only available for subscribers; abstracts of articles are free on the agency website: http://ehis.niehs.nih.gov/)

Department of the Interior

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of the Interior, Geological Survey
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	U.S. 7.5" Topographical Quadrangle Maps (Paper)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	Title 43 U.S. Code
Beneficiaries <i>(Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	Internal, External: Governments: Citizens
Sources of Data Content	Geological Survey
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>	Librarians, Specialists
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	USGS
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Appropriations, Sales
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Free through Federal Depository Libraries; sale by USGS

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Department of Labor

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics	Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	Monthly Labor Review	Occupational Outlook Handbook
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	29 USC 2 et seq.	29 USC 2 et seq.
Beneficiaries <i>(Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	Wide distribution to parties with an interest in labor subject area	Wide distribution to parties with an interest in labor subject area
Sources of Data Content	Articles received from solicitation in front cover and BLS editorial staff	Survey results form a variety of professional societies, unions, industrial organizations and government agencies
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>	Statistical and economic analysis provided by contributors including BLS staff	Research and analysis of reported data by BLS staff including occupational analysts
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	BLS in cooperation with Superintendent of Documents, GPO	BLS in cooperation with Superintendent of Documents, GPO
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	User fee for production & distribution; research costs covered by DOL appropriations	User fee for production & distribution; research costs covered by DOL appropriations
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Annual subscription from GPO SuDocs: \$31.00 domestic; \$38.75 foreign; free through Federal Depository Libraries	BLS Bulletin # 2520 for sale by GPO SuDocs: softbound \$49.00; hardbound \$51.00; free through Federal Depository Libraries

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Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration	Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	Dictionary of Occupational Titles; (O*NET is the electronic version)	General Wage Determination Guidelines
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	29 USC; 20 CFR 601 et seq. (general ETA provisions)	40 USC 276; 29 CFR Parts 1,4 and 5
Beneficiaries (Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign	Wide distribution to parties with an interest in labor subject area	Government agencies & government contractors
Sources of Data Content	Research and verification by 40 analysts	Survey results from statutory mandate: all Federal government construction contracts and most contracts for federally assisted construction over \$2000.
Value-Added Contributions Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists	Research and verification by many analysts as in the Forward	Follows Davis Bacon Construction Wage Determinations Manual of Operations for collection of data; regional offices analyzes and tabulates wage and fringe benefit data, and determines the adequacy of data provided, and formalizes the survey results.
Distributors In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies	DOL/ETA	NTIS via web or CD subscription
Financing Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee	User fee for production of 1991 edition; research costs covered by DOL appropriations	User fee
Fee/Free Terms and Conditions, Amount	Available without charge on the Internet: http://online.onetcenter.org/	For sale by NTIS. CD-ROM: \$2,000 annual subscription inside the US; \$3,000 outside the US; Internet access: \$600 annually to search from a single station

Department of State

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	Department of State
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	U.S. Treaties and Other International Agreements (Paper)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	1 USC 112a
Beneficiaries <i>(Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign</i>	Internal, External: Local, State, Tribal Government, Citizens, Foreign
Sources of Data Content	U.S. Dept of State
Value-Added Contributions <i>Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists</i>	Libraries, full text online providers
Distributors <i>In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies</i>	Official copy through GPO, online vendors
Financing <i>Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee</i>	Appropriations
Fee/Free <i>Terms and Conditions, Amount</i>	Paper: for sale by GPO SuDocs, free through Federal Depository Libraries; Other: depends on vendor

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U.S. Congress

Agency <i>Owner vs. Custodian</i>	United States Congress	House of Representatives, Office of the Law Revision Counsel,
Resource Name <i>Type(s), Format(s), Mediums</i>	Congressional Record (Paper since 1873, Online since 1994)	U.S. Code (Official copy paper, Online)
Authority <i>Laws, Agency Regulations, OMB Policies</i>	U.S. Constitution	U.S. Constitution
Beneficiaries (Users), Internal vs. External, Public vs. Private, Foreign	All users – internal and external- public, private, foreign	Internal, External: Local, State, Tribal Government: Citizens, Foreign
Sources of Data Content	Debates of the United States House of Representatives and Senate	U.S. Congress
Value-Added Contributions Analysts, Brokers, Librarians, Statisticians, Other Specialists	Government Printing Office, various commercial information providers	All
Distributors In-house vs. Contract, Other Agencies	GPO (paper and Internet – GPO Access); Library of Congress (THOMAS); CIS (Academic and Congressional Universe), Other commercial providers	Official copy printed through GPO, online version via GPO Access; Available through commercial vendors
Financing Appropriations, Revolving Fund, User Fee	Appropriations	Appropriations
Fee/Free Terms and Conditions, Amount	Paper for sale by GPO SuDocs, free online via GPO Access and LC Thomas; Other: depends on vendor and mode of access.	Paper for sale by GPO SuDocs, free online via GPO Access, Other: depends on vendor and mode of access.