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Science.gov Web Site Connects Public to Government Science

WASHINGTON, DC—The American public is now connected as never before to U.S. Government science and technology. Fourteen scientific and technical information organizations from 10 major science agencies have collaborated to create science.gov (www.science.gov), the "FirstGov for Science" web site. Science.gov is the gateway to reliable information about science and technology from across Federal government organizations.

From science.gov, users can find over one thousand government information resources about science. These resources include: technical reports, journal citations, databases, Federal web sites, and fact sheets. The information is all free, and no registration is required.

"Science.gov aims to bring the substantial resources of the federal science and technology enterprise together, in one place. Working together, federal agencies have assembled countless pages of government research, data, and reports. The site is a great example of e-government in action," said Dr. John H. Marburger, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

Science.gov is for the educational and library communities, as well as business people, entrepreneurs, agency scientists, and anyone with an interest in science. Support for building the science.gov gateway came from "CENDI," an interagency committee of senior managers of Federal science and technology information programs.

"Science.gov provides the unique ability to search across the content within databases as well as across Web sites," said Eleanor Frierson, Deputy Director of the National Agricultural Library and co-chair of the science.gov Alliance, the interagency group that created science.gov. "It shows that Federal agencies can work together to pull off something none of them could do individually."

The agencies participating in science.gov are the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, and Interior; the Environmental Protection Agency; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and the National Science Foundation.

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