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Additional Programs Create Latest Success for GovBenefits.gov
25 New Programs Focus on Citizen-Specific Needs

Washington D.C. – The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Department of Labor (DOL) today announced the new addition of 25 citizen-focused benefit programs to the GovBenefits Web site. A full listing of over 100 programs can now be viewed at www.GovBenefits.gov.

“GovBenefits continues to make it faster and simpler for people to get service from the federal government as called for in the President’s E-Government Strategy. The addition of the newest benefit programs and system enhancements demonstrates GovBenefits commitment to delivering real results to the American public,” said Mark Forman, Associate Director for Information Technology and E-Government for the Office of Management and Budget.

These latest additions to GovBenefits focus on tailoring benefit programs to the needs of citizens. A student can now apply for the Department of Education’s *Student Support Services* program that offers career counseling, tutoring and guidance opportunities specifically for low-income students, first generation college students and disabled students enrolled in post-secondary education.

This recent expansion provides access to an additional \$34 billion in annual benefit dollars for citizens and fulfills the commitment to adding 20-40 new programs to the site each month. On April 29, 2002, GovBenefits was launched and continues to be the result of the effective coordination of 11 federal agencies.

The President’s E-Government Strategy, released by the Office of Management and Budget and guided by the President’s Management Council, has identified 24 E-Government initiatives to integrate agency operations and information technology investments. E-Government is an integral part of the President’s Management Agenda to make it easier for citizens to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars and streamline business-to-government transactions.

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