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NEW BEA WEB SITE FEATURE MAKES IT EASIER TO GET BIG PICTURE OF U.S. ECONOMY

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) announced a new feature on its Web site called the "<u>Enhanced Overview of the U.S. Economy</u>" (at <u>www.bea.gov</u>). This new feature will provide a summary of the Nation's economy with easy to read highlights and graphs of major economic statistics, making them more accessible to even casual data users.

The overview also includes news releases and articles that summarize gross domestic product, personal income, balance of payments and other economic indicators. Using color-coding, the new format makes data tables more accessible than before and provides easier downloading and printing from the Web site.

Each of BEA's four accounts – national, industry, international and regional – are presented on the page and feature links to more detailed information about the key economic indicators that BEA produces. Highlights provide a synopsis for every economic indicator, creating a one-stop reference for data users looking for quick, accurate information.

"BEA is working hard to improve America's access to economic data," said BEA Deputy Director Rosemary Marcuss. "These data play an important role in helping the Nation chart its economic course."

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