Recovery Dialogue: Information Technology Solutions

Earlier this year, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. With it came an unprecedented commitment to transparency and accountability and Recovery.gov is the cornerstone of this effort. Fulfilling this commitment requires integrating information and systems across a host of federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as private contractors. **Now is your opportunity to help.**

For seven days beginning on April 27th and in partnership with the National Academy of Public Administration, Recovery.gov will host a national online dialogue to engage the public, potential recipients, solution providers, and state, local and tribal partners in answering a key question:

What ideas, tools, and approaches can make Recovery.gov a place where the public can monitor the expenditure and use of recovery funds?

Participants from across the nation will be able to recommend, discuss, and vote on the best ideas, tools, and approaches. Your ideas can directly impact how Recovery.gov operates and ensure that our economic recovery is the most transparent and accountable in history.

Convening a high tech roundtable was suggested by Chairman Edolphus Towns of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. This initiative invites participation in a vendor-neutral, online platform that allows participants to submit ideas on website design, data collection, data warehousing, data analysis and visualization, waste, fraud, and abuse detection, and other topics that are key to achieving greater transparency and accountability. Participants can refine these ideas in open discussion, and vote the best ones to the top.

Beginning April 27th, log on and share your best ideas:

www.recovery.gov

Hosting this dialogue will allow government to hear from a much larger and more diverse group of vendors, customers, and thought leaders in the IT community than would be possible using more traditional methods. Recovery.gov is drawing on this innovation to fulfill the commitment to unprecedented levels of transparency and responsiveness as decisions and procurements are made.

About Recovery.gov

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. With much at stake, it also provides for unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability so that taxpayers will be able to know how, when, and where their tax dollars are being spent. Recovery.gov is the main vehicle that will provide each and every citizen with the ability to monitor where the money from the Act is being spent. The website is run by an independent oversight board of inspectors general called the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board.

About the National Academy

Established in 1967 and chartered by Congress, the National Academy is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of top public management and organizational leaders who tackle the nation's most critical and complex challenges. As the home of the Collaboration Project (collaborationproject.org), an independent forum of leaders committed to leveraging collaborative technology to solve government's complex problems, the National Academy is uniquely positioned to host groundbreaking collaborative discussions.

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