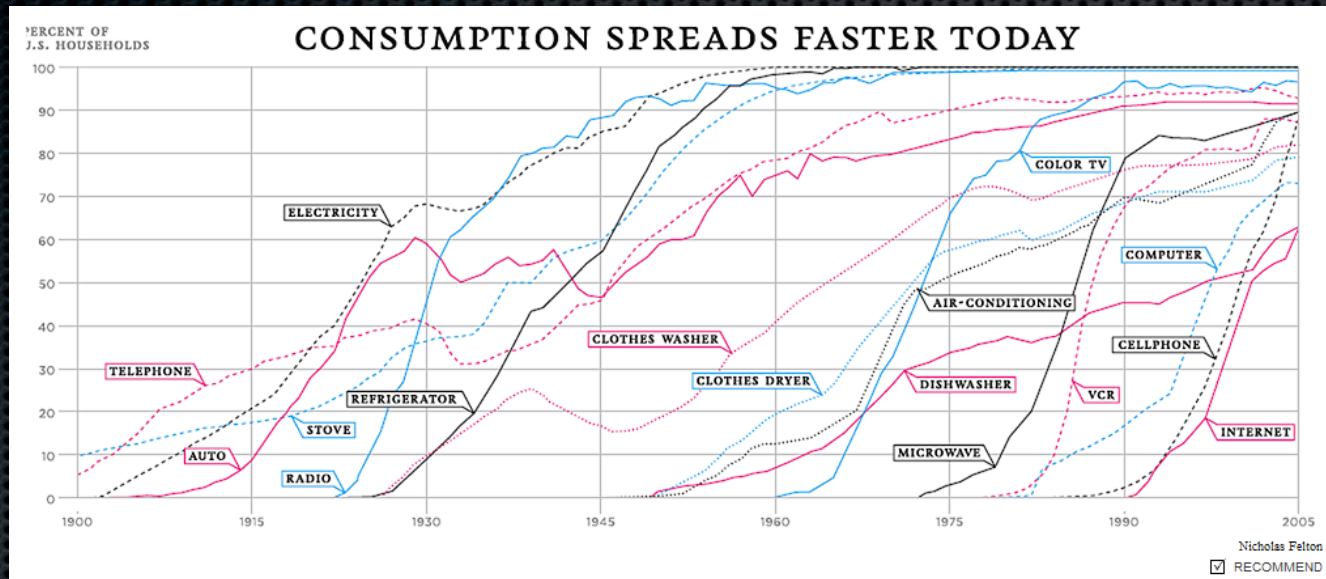
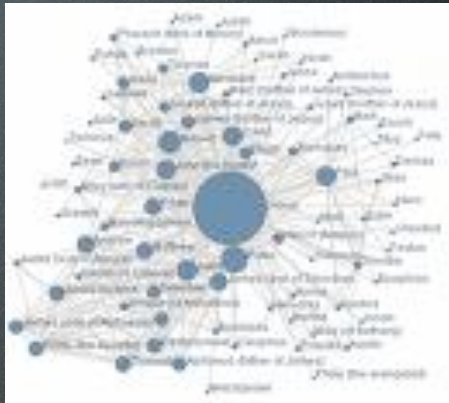




“Our commitment to openness means more than simply informing the American people about how decisions are made. It means recognizing that government does not have all the answers and that public officials need to draw on what citizens know...I’m directing members of my Administration to find new ways of tapping the knowledge and experience of ordinary Americans...Because the way to solve the problems of our time as one nation is by involving the American people in the policies that affect their lives.” (President Obama, January 21, 2009)



More Americans Own
 Cellphones than
 Dishwashers





THE BRIEFING ROOM



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Wednesday, January 21st, 2009 at 12:00 am

Transparency and Open Government

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Transparency and Open Government

My Administration is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in Government. We will work together to ensure the public trust and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. Openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in Government.

Government should be transparent. Transparency promotes accountability and provides information for citizens about what their Government is doing. Information maintained by the Federal Government is a national asset. My Administration will take appropriate action, consistent with law and policy, to disclose information rapidly in forms that the public can readily find and use. Executive departments and agencies should harness new technologies to put information about their operations and decisions online and readily available to the public. Executive departments and agencies should also solicit public feedback to identify information of greatest use to the public.

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Welcome to the Flu Wiki

Documenting the current Flu outbreak with a wiki that anyone can edit

The new strain of swine flu was first identified in Mexico in April 2009. Cases have been confirmed across the United States, Canada, Spain, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Israel, New Zealand, Austria, Switzerland, Peru, Costa Rica and Germany. It has caused deaths in Mexico and one in the United States, but not elsewhere.

There are other suspected cases across Europe, Guatemala and South America. No cases have been reported in Asia or Africa.

As a reminder, over 36,000 people in the US die annually due to the Flu. That's around 100 per day or 700 per week, and since the deaths are not distributed evenly throughout the year, it is not unusual to have over 1,000 deaths from flu in a week. Keep this perspective as this story progresses. While the new strain may cause a higher number of deaths, it is crucial to remember that flus come and go naturally, and overreacting (as well as under-reacting) does not help.

The News like to stretch it way out of proportion, and they are using this to get viewers, and it's successful. So don't worry about you dying. Usually, the only people who die from mild cases of Flu are people who get dehydrated, have other chronic illnesses, and are elderly or newborns. Those age groups are in danger of any flu.

Bookmark this wiki to stay informed, and share the link to help others get informed. This wiki is dedicated to sharing accurate information without scaremongering.

CDC Rss Feed (Twitter)

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- CDCemergency: Parents: take steps to protect your family from swine flu. Know when to seek medical care: <http://bit.ly/UKvTd> #swineflu
- CDCemergency: Guidance for Schools on Swine-Origin Flu A (H1N1) by Health Departments, and Clinicians. <http://bit.ly/5zRgq> #swineflu
- CDCemergency: SwineFlu case confirmed in CA 14, IN 1, KS 2, MA 2, MI 2, MN 1, OH 1, TX 16 & 1 death. Total 91 hospitalizations. <http://bit.ly/5zRgq> #swineflu
- CDCemergency: CDC reminds you NOT get swine flu from eating pork. <http://bit.ly/5zRgq> #swineflu
- CDCemergency: Interim Guidance for Women and Swine Influenza: Consult your doctor. <http://bit.ly/5zRgq> #swineflu

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Open-Source Reporting Gets Tested

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Robert Michael Gates, Ph.D. (born September 25, 1943) is the president of Texas A&M University

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A big 'Thank you!' to everyone who donated in this fundraiser! *Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales's personal appeal for donations is still ongoing.*

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Explanation

This article is in need of attention from an expert on the subject
Please help recruit one, or improve this page yourself if you can.

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Solutes, such as proteins or simple ions, dissolve in a solvent such as water. This raises the concentration of the solute in these areas.

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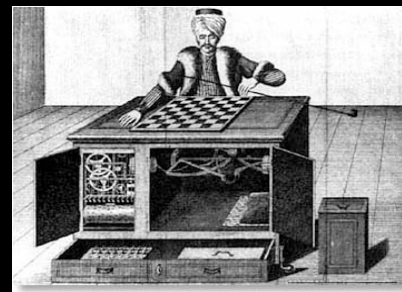
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- Keep it. **RaD Man (talk)** 19:31, 20 Nov 2004 (UTC)



YAHOO! ANSWERS



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Collaboration

“I ran for President because I believe that we cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together.” (National Archives, May 21st, 2009)

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Transparency and Open Government

Vivek Kundra, our Chief Information Officer, and Beth Noveck, Deputy Chief Technology Officer for Open Government, explain the Open Government Initiative

On January 21, 2009, his first full day in office, the President issued a [Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government](#) and called for recommendations for making the Federal government more transparent, participatory, and collaborative.

As Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President says in the video below, we are proud "to announce an important next step in this historic call to action – one that will help us achieve a new foundation for our government – a foundation built on the values of transparency, accountability and responsibility."



GET INVOLVED

Participate in this 3-phase process, which will inform the crafting of recommendations on open government.

PHASE ONE: BRAINSTORM

Share your ideas recommendations on how to make government more open. Vote on proposed ideas or add your own.

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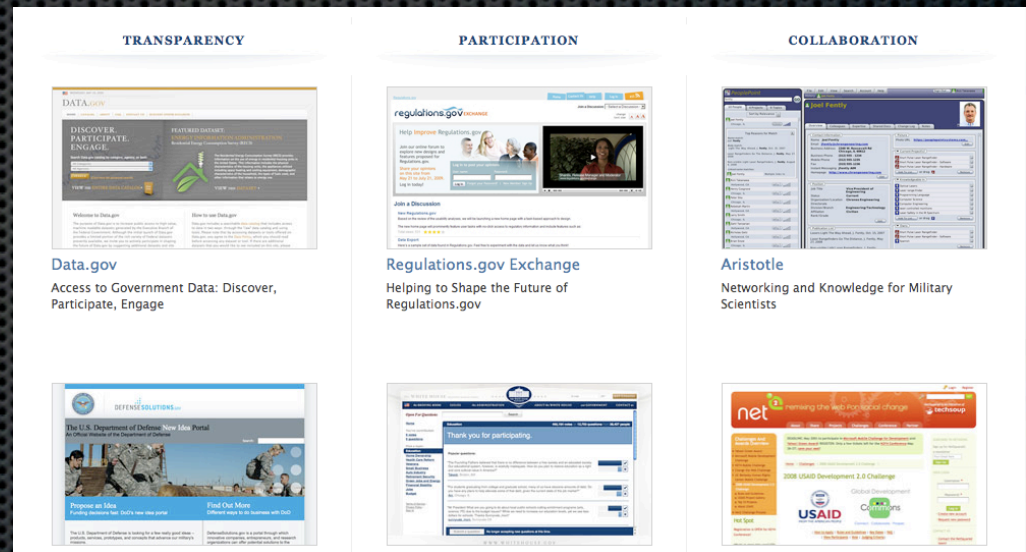
PHASE TWO: DISCUSS

Open Government Initiative

www.whitehouse.gov/open

Innovations Gallery

- Demonstrating Open Government in practice
- Showcasing innovators across the government
- Championing change in government
- Enabling platforms for innovation



The Open Government Initiative Launched with a 3 Phase Public Process to Kick-Start Policy Reform



Phase I: Brainstorm
May 21-28
~900 ideas, 33,000 votes

Phase II: Discussion
June 3-21
~1,000 comments



**Phase III: Drafting of Open
Government Recommendations**
June 22-July 6
375 participants, 305 drafts, 2,256
votes




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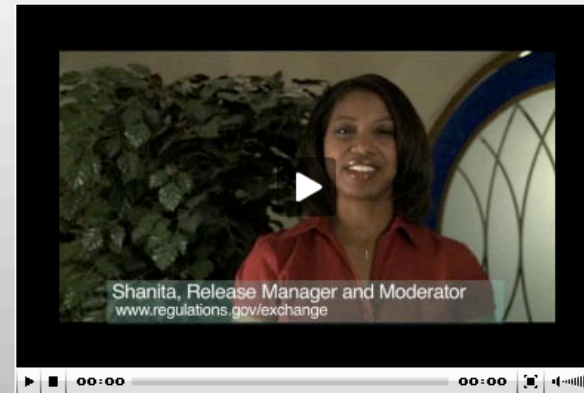
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Based on feedback from users like you, we are proposing a new design for Regulations.gov that makes it easier to navigate, search and comment on regulations. Our proposed changes include a new homepage, improved search capability and a new look and feel for the site.

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Generating Innovations: Idea Factory

TSA engages 50,000 employees

The screenshot shows the TSA Idea Factory interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Build New Idea Here' and buttons for 'Ideas', 'Recent Activity', 'My Profile', 'Join Discussion', and 'My Groups'. Below this, a sidebar on the left contains 'News & Announcements', 'Search & Filter', and 'Include Ideas with Keywords' (with checkboxes for 'No Status', 'Under Review', 'In Action', 'Current TSA Activity', 'Unable to Implement', 'Myth Buster', 'Ideas We're Watching', 'Only Include Ideas', 'I Built', and 'I Commented on'). The main content area features a post titled 'Respectful Divesting Bins' by 'andrew.r.mcquiston' on 4/29/2007. The post text describes an idea for a metal mesh bin at checkpoints to prevent currency from being lost in X-ray opaque areas. At the bottom of the post, it shows '84 People Rated This Idea', a '4.2 Average Rating', and '52 Comments'.

Description

Benefits

- # employees are engaged and have higher morale because they have a voice and a meaningful way to suggest ideas and provide feedback.
- # Senior Leadership and TSA Program Managers get meaningful input

Case Study

- Employees post ideas, and rate and comment on those that interest them. They participate in two-way communication with agency leadership, TSA program offices, and each other.

Implementation

- 40 innovative ideas implemented in two years

Obtaining Scientific Expertise: Peer-to-Patent Open Peer Review

Self-Selection for Manageable User Input

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1. Review and discuss patent applications
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Description

Benefits

- Decreases search costs
- 89% of examiners found the public materials useful
- 92% would welcome examining another application with public participation
- 73% want implemented as regular office practice.

Case Study

- Agency, university, industry collaborative pilot
- Connects volunteer scientists and technologists to Patent Office to aid with examination

Implementation

- Conduct public review of NIH-funded patentable inventions using structured, web-based system
- Group-based participation decreases workload

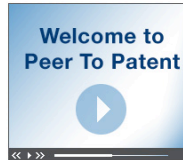
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Peer-to-Patent opens the patent examination process to public participation for the first time.

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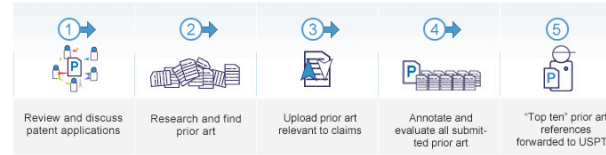


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The Peer-to-Patent pilot will review 250 applications in Technology Center 2100 (Computer Architecture, Software and Information Security). Selected applications will be reviewed sooner by the USPTO.

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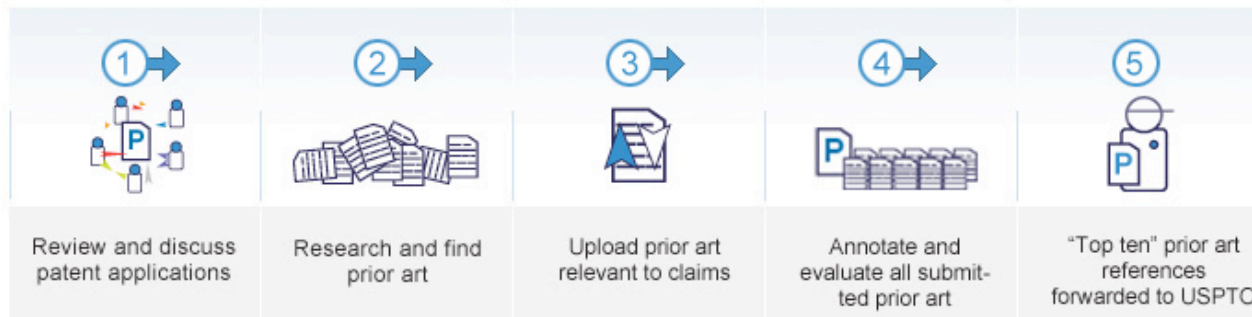
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<p>Upload Prior Art Explain this art to the</p>	<p>Annotate + Evaluate Prior Art Comment on why art relates to patent claims</p>
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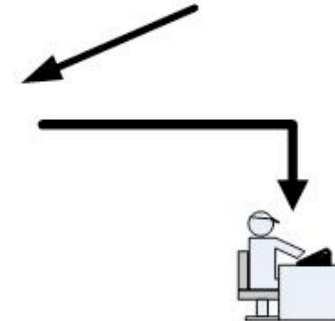


Reviewers build knowledge base of comments and prior art

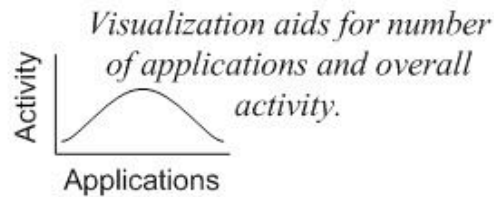
Reviewers evaluate and/or rank prior art references for patent applications



Patent applicant requests participation in Community Patent Review



Results of prior art search are sent to patent examiner and inventor



Reviewers invite more expert reviewers to participate



Examiner considers community prior art submissions to determine patentability

Application published online; open comments for 4 months



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Reviewers identify applications of interest



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Thursday, April 30, 2009

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Recent News

April 27, 2009 - President Obama Announces Members of Science and Technology Advisory Council

Presidential Memo on Scientific Integrity: Request for Comment

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009 at 9:33 pm by OSTP

On March 9, 2009, the President issued a memorandum for the heads of executive departments and agencies on the subject of scientific integrity, stating that "science and the scientific process must inform and guide decisions of my Administration on a wide range of issues."



President Barack Obama offers remarks before the signing of the Stem Cell Executive Order and Presidential Memorandum on Scientific Integrity. White House Photo by Pete Souza

The memorandum requires the Director of each agency to seek public input to inform the draft recommendations for Presidential action.

Comments from the public will help the President make recommendations. Over the next six posts to each of the six different principles outlined in the memorandum, we have asked one or two framing questions, or even to other comments. You are invited to comment.

This comment period will end on May 13, 2009. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

Scientific Integrity: Principle (b)

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009 at 7:40 pm by OSTP

Principle (b) from the memorandum:

(b) Each agency should have appropriate rules and procedures to ensure the integrity of the scientific process within the agency.

How can the integrity of scientific processes be assured? What are some good examples to learn from?

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Scientific Integrity: Principle (c)

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009 at 7:10 pm by OSTP

Principle (c) from the memorandum:

(c) When scientific or technological information is considered in policy decisions, the information should be subject to well-established scientific processes, including peer review where appropriate, and each agency should appropriately and accurately reflect that information in complying with and applying relevant statutory standards.

What are the most effective processes and organizational structures for assuring that scientific and technological information is reliable? How can the processes and structures used in each case best be disclosed as part of the public record?

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The President Spoke in Cairo about Using the Power of Technology to Renew the U.S.'s Relationship with Muslim Communities

Remarks by the President on a New Beginning

"On economic development, we will create a new corps of business volunteers to partner with counterparts in Muslim-majority countries. And I will host a Summit on Entrepreneurship this year to identify how we can deepen ties between business leaders, foundations and social entrepreneurs in the United States and Muslim communities around the world.

On science and technology, we will launch a new fund to support technological development in Muslim-majority countries, and to help transfer ideas to the marketplace so they can create more jobs."

President Barack Obama, June 4, 2009, Cairo University

- How could web-based games spur development and help to deepen ties between the U.S. and Muslim communities around the world?





Digital Learning and the Role of Games: What's possible?

The Budget Maze (G4C)



Third World Farmer (G4C)



Key Questions OSTP is Exploring

1. Can games tackle major educational challenges?
 1. School Readiness
 2. Drop-out Rate
 3. Reading Recovery
 4. STEM readiness
2. Can we foster innovation?
 1. Prizes
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The Most Depressing Photo You'll See This Week

I didn't want to post this on a Monday, because it would make everyone utterly miserable.

So, uh, Happy Tuesday, everyone!



(Taken on the corner of 18th & Broadway)

Who is the East Village Idiot?



Name: Chris Carrara

Location: New York, NY

Purpose: Bitching and whining, comically.



Geeks and Nerds: Direct your RSS reader to my feed [here!](#)

TRIVIOTIC with the East Village Idiot

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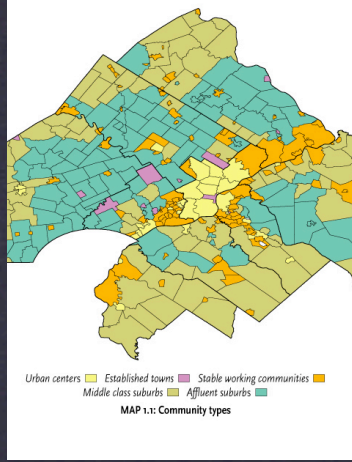
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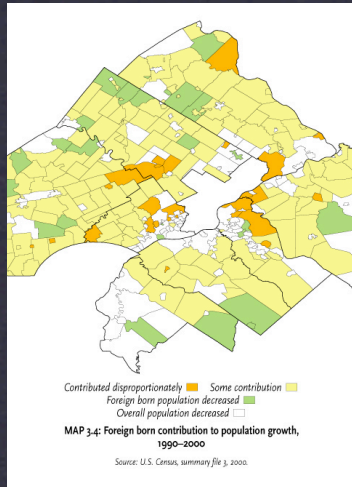
The National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) is a collaborative effort by the Urban Institute and local partners to further the development and use of neighborhood information systems in local policy and community building.



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Site Updated 1/30/08

- ⇒ Arts and Culture Indicator Project Launches Website
- ⇒ Neighborhoods Resource Center Releases "The Neighborhoods"
- ⇒ NNIP Announces New Partners in Minneapolis and New York City



ABOUT NNIP. The place to start if you are new to NNIP. A look at the partnership's history, and current activities of the partnership.

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- ### Top Tips for Successful Pledges
1. **Keep your ambitions modest** — why ask for 50 people to do something when 5 would be enough? Every extra person makes your pledge harder to meet. Only 5% of pledges asking for more than 100 people succeed.
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 3. **Think about how your pledge reads.** How will it look to someone who picks up a flyer from their doormat? Read your pledge to the person next to you, or to your mother, and see if they understand what you're talking about. If they don't, you need to rewrite it.
 4. **A picture - or audio clip, or video - is worth a**

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Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area:

How to report a problem

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3. Enter details of the problem
4. We send it to the council on your behalf

FixMyStreet updates

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Lazy Fedex Driver #2

West 78th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York, NY

Mr. Lazy Fedex leap-frogged me after the last photo I took, shot ahead (traveling in the bike lane after passing me), and then pulled into the bike lane again in front of me.

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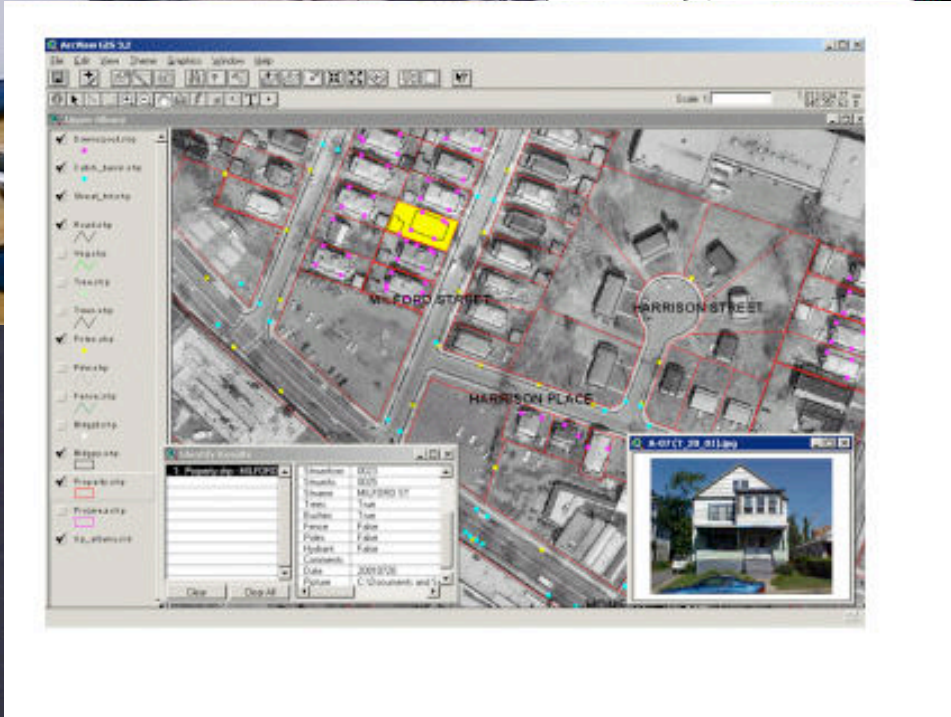
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CREATING A CONNECTED AMERICA

A great way to create a connected America is to involve all Americans in the development of the National Broadband Plan. The FCC welcomes civic participation at our upcoming [broadband workshops](#), and we look forward to more interaction through this website as we add new features and functions. Check back soon!

SUGGEST TOPICS AND QUESTIONS

In the spirit of conducting an open planning process, the FCC seeks [suggestions on topics and questions](#) for the upcoming workshops.



Welcome to Broadband.gov

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The Broadband Initiatives funded in the Act are intended to accelerate broadband deployment across the United States. The Recovery Act authorizes the FCC to create the National Broadband Plan, that "shall seek to ensure that all people of the United States have access to broadband capability and shall establish benchmarks for meeting that goal." This website contains information on the FCC National Broadband Plan. Please visit www.fcc.gov for more information about other FCC efforts, or browse the "Initiatives" section of this web site to learn what exciting efforts other agencies are pursuing to support the goals of the Recovery Act. [Learn More](#)

Workshops

The goal of the workshops will be to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and key constituents on matters important to the National Broadband Plan. Key constituents will include service providers, equipment providers, applications providers, community groups, and other groups that have a stake in the future of broadband. The FCC intends to conduct the workshops during August and early September. Please check the [workshops schedule](#) for more details. In the mean time, please [suggest topics and](#)

NEWS



July 2, 2009

Chairman Julius Genachowski announces the Omnibus Broadband Initiative.

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When Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), it charged the FCC with developing a [National Broadband Plan](#) to connect all Americans to broadband. This plan also must include a strategy for using broadband to advance key specific national priorities, such as health care delivery and education, all of which you see listed along the left hand side of this page.

To help the Commission develop the [National Broadband Plan](#), the White House [Open Government Initiative](#) is turning to you. We would like to hear about specific examples of how you and your communities are or could be using broadband to achieve these priorities. For example:

- Running a project that uses virtual worlds to promote civic engagement
- Using online video to improve distance learning
- Deploying smart grid applications to promote energy efficiency
- Transmitting online health care records between local doctors


Please tell us about specific projects, what they are designed to accomplish using broadband to those ends. Keep your examples succinct and on topic. The most relevant examples to the top will remain open during the duration of the workshops.

This online platform, which allows you to submit examples, discuss most relevant examples to the top will remain open during the duration of the workshops.

Thank you for your participation!

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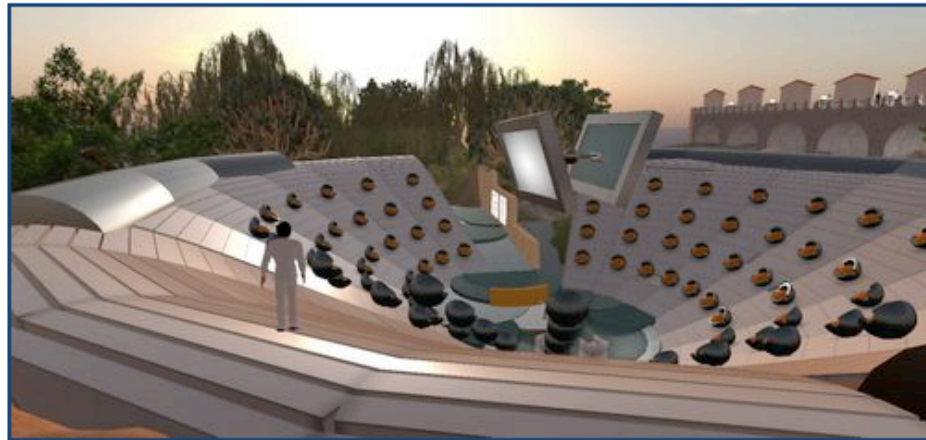
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Federal Government Workshop on Broadband Streams into Second Life: FCC's Workshop on Open Government and Civic Engagement Includes Virtual World User Outreach



[Direct teleport to MacArthur Island's auditorium at this link](#)

If all goes as planned, this Thursday will be a milestone day for Second Life, and virtual worlds in general: **August 6th at 6:30am PST/9:30am**, the [FCC's first workshop on open government and civic engagement](#) will be simulcast into Second Life, with an input channel for SL users to send questions and responses to participants in Washington DC. The workshop is part of the National Broadband Plan (see below), and will evaluate how high speed connectivity can improve transparency and citizen participation in government. The simulcast is being streamed into the [MacArthur Foundation's](#) island in Second Life; in-world hosting is by [Global Kids](#), with Krista Hund (SL name: Kuri Minotaur) forwarding Residents questions to the DC workshop. To join in the conversation on Thursday morning, [here's a direct teleport link to the island](#).



Here's the official word on this Second Life stream from Jen Howard, the FCC chairman's spokesperson: "In developing our nation's National Broadband Plan, we