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## **NCPC Seeks Public Feedback on Open Government Plan** *60-day Public Comment Period Begins Today*

Washington, DC – The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) today begins a 60-day public comment period on its Open Government Plan, which serves to guide the agency's efforts to increase transparency, public participation, and collaboration.

The plan – available on the NCPC website ([www.ncpc.gov](http://www.ncpc.gov)) – outlines a number of planned initiatives that will provide the public with enhanced access to the agency's records and data, and employ technology to provide new opportunities for engagement.

Open government is a major focus of the current administration and on his first day in office President Obama signed an Executive Memo on Transparency and Open Government. While public participation and regional and interagency collaboration are already an integral part of NCPC's work, the President's Open Government Directive represents an opportunity for the agency to further increase its accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness while expanding its use of web and social media technologies to interact with citizens. To help implement the agency's new plan and coordinate its efforts around the directive, NCPC recently hired a new web and new media manager.

NCPC will solicit feedback on its current plan through a newly launched online forum – ([ncpcopengov.ideascale.com](http://ncpcopengov.ideascale.com)) – through March 11. Visitors to the forum will be able to vote on the agency's proposed open government initiatives, and also suggest their own ideas related to expanding transparency and increasing opportunities for public participation. The feedback collected during this period will be used to develop the agency's final plan, which will be published in spring.

*The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.*

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