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Behind the Scenes: Creating Recovery.gov and FederalReporting.gov

WASHINGTON--Working under great time pressure, the staff of the Recovery Board and private contractors developed and deployed two large-scale websites that provide the public with an unprecedented level of government accountability and transparency.

The story behind the creation of FederalReporting.gov and version 2.0 of Recovery.gov is described in a 13-page White Paper written by the Board's staff. FederalReporting.gov captures quarterly data submitted by recipients of Recovery Act funds. Recovery.gov displays that information for public viewing.

"The job of developing and deploying these websites was critical to our mission, and we had only five months to complete the task," says Earl E. Devaney, the Board's Chairman. "Some savvy experts deemed the project very high risk, and it was. But we got the job done and crossed the line with time on the clock."

For the first time, the White Paper describes the management techniques and technology solutions used by the Board to create and sustain the two websites. Once the pitfalls of the task were identified, the paper says, the Board "created a tightly focused project management environment that could be as efficient and streamlined as necessary to meet the extreme deadlines for standing up two complex Internet sites."

FederalReporting.gov was deployed on August 17, 2009, allowing state governments, businesses, non-profits, universities and other Recovery recipients to register in advance of the initial reporting period. Version 2.0 of Recovery.gov was launched on September 28, just days before the initial reporting period began.

The White Paper can be found on Recovery.gov at:
http://www.recovery.gov/About/Documents/TheBuildingofFederalReportingandRecoveryGov.pdf.

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