

New Economy Resources and March Summary 2015

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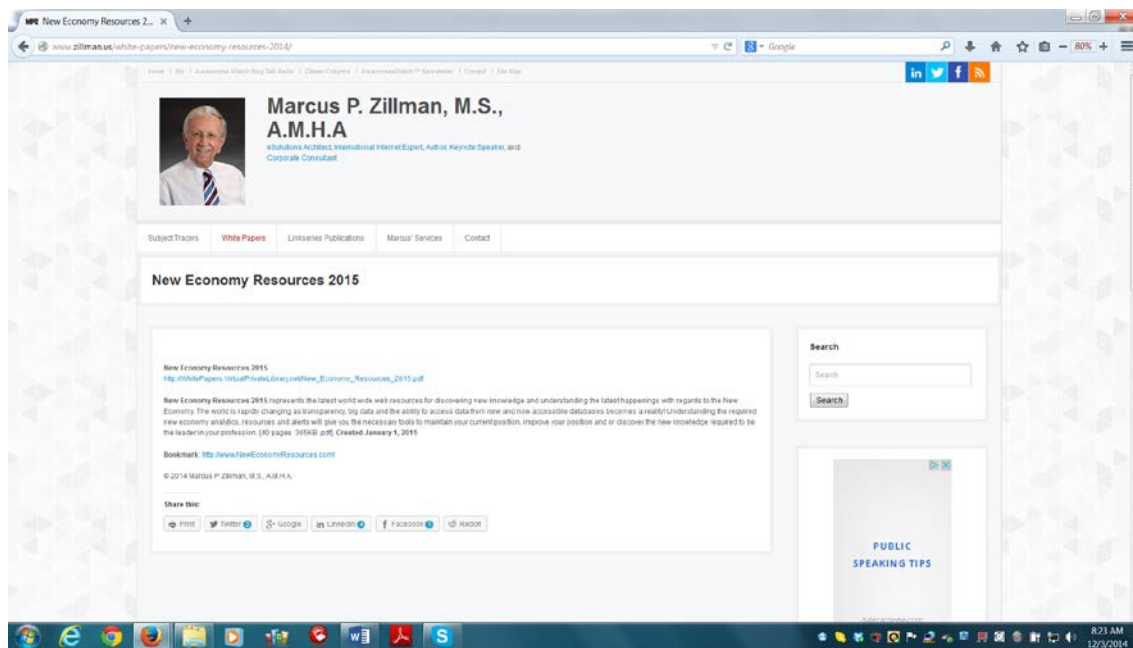


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March 2015 reports from the twelve Federal Reserve Districts indicate that economic activity continued to expand across most regions and sectors from early January through mid-February.

Summary

Six Districts noted that the local economy expanded at a moderate pace since the prior reporting period. Activity rose modestly in Philadelphia and Cleveland, while it increased slightly in Kansas City. Dallas noted a similar pace of growth as in the previous period, while Richmond reported that activity slowed from the modest pace seen in the prior period. Boston noted that business contacts were fairly upbeat this period, notwithstanding the severe weather. Consumer spending rose in most Districts, and contacts were generally optimistic about near-term sales. Travel and tourism also increased in the reporting Districts. Manufacturing generally posted gains across the Districts, although at varying rates. The demand for nonfinancial services also grew moderately on balance. Home sales increased in most Districts, while reports on residential construction were mixed. Commercial real estate market conditions remained stable or improved across the Districts. Banking conditions generally improved, and credit quality remained largely unchanged. Agricultural conditions generally worsened, and oil and natural gas drilling declined. Payrolls remained stable or expanded across the Districts, and contacts noted employment gains in a broad range of sectors. Wage pressures remained moderate and were limited largely to workers in skilled occupations. Most District contacts cited only flat to slightly increasing prices.

Consumer Spending and Tourism

Most Districts reported that overall consumer spending increased during the reporting period. The Kansas City District, however, reported that retail sales had declined since the previous survey, but were unchanged from one year ago. The Minneapolis, Atlanta, Kansas City, and San Francisco Districts reported growth in restaurant sales. Among retailers, the outlook was generally optimistic in the Philadelphia, Cleveland, Atlanta, Kansas City, and San Francisco Districts. Both the New York and Boston Districts reported that harsh winter weather negatively affected retail business in their Districts; however, the Boston and Cleveland Districts also reported increased sales of winter-related items such as winter apparel, rock salt, and snow shovels. The Minneapolis District noted that some apparel stores had difficulty selling winter clothing due to a relatively mild winter in December and January. Automobile sales rose in most Districts during the reporting period. The Richmond District reported that sales of cars and light trucks were flat. Reports from the Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, and San Francisco Districts indicated increased demand for trucks or SUVs. The New York,



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Cleveland, and St. Louis Districts noted higher sales of new vehicles during the reporting period. The Philadelphia, Kansas City, and Dallas Districts expressed optimistic outlooks for future automobile sales. Travel and tourism improved in the New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Kansas City, and San Francisco Districts. The Richmond District reported a typical seasonal slowdown in activity. The New York District noted that tourism has remained robust in recent weeks. The Philadelphia District noted that ski season tourism has grown at a healthy pace, similar to that of last year's good season. The Minneapolis District indicated that winter tourism was mixed.

Manufacturing and Other Business Activity

Manufacturing generally increased since the previous survey, although the rate of growth varied across the Districts and sectors. The Atlanta District noted that manufacturing rebounded during the current reporting period following a modest slowdown in December. According to contacts in the Chicago and San Francisco manufacturing rose moderately, while contacts in New York noted modest gains. Contacts in Kansas City indicated slow growth, contacts in Philadelphia reported slight increases, and contacts in Dallas noted flat to positive growth. Reports from factory contacts in Cleveland District were mixed, while contacts in Richmond noted that activity weakened. Manufacturers had generally positive outlooks going forward. Firms in Atlanta expect production levels to increase over the next three to six months, some firms in Chicago expect steady growth in shipments for 2015. Manufacturers in Boston, Cleveland, and Richmond reported positive outlooks. In contrast, New York District contacts have grown less optimistic about the near-term outlook. Automobile manufacturing output rose in the Cleveland, Chicago, and St. Louis Districts. Aerospace manufacturers in San Francisco expect 2015 to be a record year, and aerospace manufacturers in St. Louis reported plans to expand. Reports from primary and fabricated metals manufacturers were mixed. Firms in Chicago reported steady gains in new orders, firms in Dallas reported slower growth in demand, and firms in Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Kansas City reported weakness. In Cleveland, shipments for steel were softer than expected. Contacts in Cleveland, Chicago, and San Francisco cited increased competition from imports as a constraining factor for steel manufacturing. Industrial equipment manufacturing was mixed in Richmond and Dallas, while the Philadelphia, Chicago, and Minneapolis Districts reported gains in activity. Kansas City and San Francisco reported slower growth in machinery production. Electrical equipment manufacturers in Richmond reported no change in shipments and orders from the previous report, while contacts in Kansas City noted slower growth in electronics. Contacts in Philadelphia and Dallas reported an increase in the demand for electronic devices. Healthcare device manufacturers in Richmond noted reduced sales. Chemical producers in the Dallas District noted declining export demand and decreased refinery utilization rates, while chemical manufacturers in St. Louis announced plans to



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hire additional employees and expand operations. Food producers in Richmond, Kansas City, and Dallas noted increases in demand. Nonfinancial service activity increased in Philadelphia, Richmond, St. Louis, and Kansas City, and San Francisco. New York and Minneapolis noted an increase in activity at professional business firms. Demand for information technology services generally improved, with increases in activity cited in Minneapolis and Kansas City. However, firms in Boston noted that good business conditions were tempered by weakness abroad and firms in New York noted some weakening. Healthcare services utilization was mixed to slightly positive. Contacts in Boston, Cleveland, and St. Louis noted increasing demand for labor in healthcare, contacts in New York reported stable activity, and contacts in San Francisco noted mixed demand. Transportation demand generally improved. Contacts in Kansas City and New York noted increases in activity. Contacts in Atlanta and Philadelphia cited record shipping volume. Contacts in Cleveland and Richmond indicated that shipping volume has remained strong since the previous report. Contacts in Atlanta noted that disruptions at West Coast ports may be contributing to the increase in shipping volume. Drilling service firms in Minneapolis reported reduced demand due to lower oil prices, and oilfield services contacts in Dallas noted a sharp decline in demand.

Real Estate and Construction

Residential real estate conditions were mixed across the Districts. Home sales and prices increased in most Districts; construction activity was mixed, with some Districts reporting disruptions due to severe weather. Residential sales increased in Boston, Philadelphia, Richmond, St. Louis, Dallas, and San Francisco. Sales fell in Cleveland and Kansas City. Contacts in New York, Philadelphia, and Cleveland partially attributed lower construction to inclement weather conditions. Contacts in Boston noted low levels of inventory due, in part, to inclement weather. Reports noted that low levels of inventory and lack of desirable lots continue to slow the market: Contacts in Boston, Cleveland, Kansas City, and San Francisco cited a lack of available inventory, while contacts in Cleveland and Richmond noted a lack of available lots. Single-family building permits increased in St. Louis and San Francisco. Contacts in Cleveland, Atlanta, Kansas City, and Minneapolis reported flat to declining real estate construction. Commercial real estate market conditions were stable or improving in most Districts. Commercial vacancy rates declined in Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City. In Dallas, contacts reported that commercial real estate had steadied or slowed since the previous report. The apartment market remained strong in most Districts. Apartment rental rates rose in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. Contacts in Cleveland noted an increased demand for multifamily housing. Contacts in Dallas noted that apartment demand remains strong. Commercial construction increased in most Districts. Contacts in New York, Richmond, Atlanta, St. Louis, and San Francisco noted stable to strong multifamily construction. Contacts in Chicago reported moderate growth



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in commercial real estate, driven mainly by industrial buildings. In Boston, contacts noted that speculative construction remains limited due to high construction costs.

Banking and Finance

Reports on banking conditions were mostly positive across the Districts. Overall loan demand increased in all reporting Districts, with the exception of Kansas City, where loan demand was mixed. Reports on the pace of increase varied from slight in Richmond and Dallas to strong in Atlanta and New York. Commercial real estate loan demand was strong in Philadelphia and Cleveland. Commercial loan demand increased in New York, was particularly strong in Cleveland and Atlanta, was steady in Kansas City, and was mixed in Richmond. Residential lending was positive at all reporting banks, with bankers in Cleveland, Richmond, Chicago, and San Francisco noting an increase in refinancing activity. Reports across the Districts indicated that credit quality has remained largely unchanged or has improved since the prior reporting period. Bankers in most Districts reported no change in their own lending standards. However, several bankers in the Richmond and St. Louis Districts reported relaxed standards. Bankers in the Philadelphia, Richmond, and San Francisco Districts noted that competition is lowering lending standards more generally.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Agricultural conditions worsened since the previous report across the Districts due to weak farm income, persistent drought, and declining exports. Prices for corn and soybeans fell over the reporting period in the Chicago, Kansas City, and Dallas Districts. A majority of contacts in the Minneapolis and Kansas City Districts noted that farm incomes had fallen from year-earlier levels. Kansas City noted that farmland values had leveled off after recent gains while ranchland values continued to rise due to strong demand. Input prices for the upcoming spring planting season were reported as stable in the Richmond and Chicago Districts. Contacts in the Dallas and San Francisco Districts noted that a stronger dollar was hurting agricultural exports. Furthermore, the Chicago and San Francisco Districts noted that labor disputes at ports along the West Coast have also had a negative impact on exports. Drought conditions improved but still persisted in some areas of the Atlanta and Dallas Districts, while drought conditions in the San Francisco District hurt yields and didn't show immediate signs of improvement. Oil and natural gas drilling declined in the Cleveland, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and Dallas Districts. In contrast, the Richmond District reported that natural gas production was unchanged. The number of drilling rigs for oil and natural gas declined sharply in the Cleveland, Minneapolis, and Kansas City Districts. Oil and gas producers in the Cleveland, Kansas City, and Dallas Districts anticipate cuts in capital expenditures during 2015. Coal production was unchanged in both the Cleveland and Richmond



Districts, while it increased modestly in the St. Louis District. Both the Cleveland and Richmond Districts reported lower coal prices.

Employment, Wages, and Prices

Employment levels remained stable or continued to grow in most Districts and across a variety of sectors. Contacts in several Districts noted strong labor demand and challenges filling a variety of skilled positions. Firms in the Philadelphia District reported positive employment trends in a broad range of sectors, with the majority of hires due to economic growth rather than replacement. Businesses in the New York District continued to increase employment. Contacts in the Boston and Cleveland Districts reported little change in hiring. The Cleveland, Atlanta, Richmond, and Dallas Districts reported increased hiring in manufacturing. In contrast, contacts in the gas and oil production and related industries in the Cleveland, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and Dallas Districts reported downsizing or layoffs. Wage pressures were moderate across most Districts, but some contacts reported increased wages to attract skilled workers for difficult-to-fill positions. In particular, service sector firms in the New York District noted increasingly widespread reports of wage hikes. Contacts in the Cleveland, Richmond, and Kansas City Districts noted increased wage pressure due to the difficulty in attracting and retaining truck drivers. A staffing firm in the Chicago District reported some companies were also willing to raise rates for unskilled workers to reduce turnover, and contacts in the Atlanta District noted increasing entry-level wages. Most Districts reported flat to slight increases in overall prices. Contacts in the Cleveland and San Francisco Districts noted lower fuel surcharges, but contacts in the Atlanta and San Francisco Districts also remarked that the decline in energy prices was seen mainly as an opportunity for businesses to improve margins. The Cleveland, Chicago, and San Francisco Districts indicated that prices of some construction materials rose during the reporting period. The Kansas City District cited modest increases in retail prices, and the Dallas District noted steady prices. Manufacturing firms in the Richmond and Kansas City Districts reported that their input costs climbed at a slower pace, whereas those in the Dallas District noted they were flat to lower. Transportation contacts in the Chicago District reported that shipping costs were pushed up due to delays at West Coast ports.

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American Economic Alert - Trade News and Opinions

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<http://yodel.yahoo.com/blogs/product-news/asking-america-4621.html>

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BankTracker - Investigating Reporting Workshop

<http://banktracker.investigativereportingworkshop.org/>

The unprecedented bet that many banks made on mortgages, real estate development and other real estate-related lending during the middle part of this decade has produced a payoff no one imagined just a few years ago -- a huge increase in loan defaults, a soaring number of foreclosures and a plunge in bank profits. And now, an analysis of bank financial statements by the Investigative Reporting Workshop and msnbc.com, sheds new light on just how dangerous conditions have become in many banks across the nation. The analysis is based on reports every bank is required to file each quarter with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the federal agency that protects deposits and is part of the bank regulatory system. The Investigative Reporting Workshop, a project of the School of Communication at American University, intends to address this fundamental issue for democracy in two important ways: a) By conducting significant investigative journalism projects on a national and international scale; and b) By researching and experimenting with new models for creating and delivering investigative projects.

Beige Book - Current Economic Conditions by Federal Reserve District

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/beigebook/default.htm>

Commonly known as the Beige Book, this report is published eight times per year. Each Federal Reserve Bank gathers anecdotal information on current economic conditions in its District through reports from Bank and Branch directors and interviews with key business contacts,

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economists, market experts, and other sources. The Beige Book summarizes this information by District and sector. An overall summary of the twelve district reports is prepared by a designated Federal Reserve Bank on a rotating basis.

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Business Dynamics Statistics, BDS

<http://www.census.gov/ces/dataproducts/bds/index.html>

The new Business Dynamics Statistics are a product of the Center for Economic Studies of the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual series describes establishment-level business dynamics along dimensions absent from similar databases including firm age and firm size. The new data series provides researchers with a tool to gain insight into the dynamics of a changing economy. Business Dynamics Statistics are created from the Longitudinal Business Database (LBD), a confidential database available to researchers throughout the network of Census Research Data Centers. The BDS was developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, and partially funded by the Kauffman Foundation. The BDS is unique in that its source data are longitudinal in nature and permit tracking establishments and firms over time. The public use files are created in an effort to make these data accessible to a broad range of data users. Other efforts currently under way include the creation of a fully synthetic microdata file based on the LBD. The BDS series provides annual statistics for 1976-2005 by firm age and firm size. Annual files are also provided at the state level, for Standard Industrial Classification sectors and for the economy as a whole.

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Census Bureau Economic Indicators

<http://www.census.gov/economic-indicators/>

A overall view of the latest economic indicators presented by the Census Bureau along with Economic Indicator Calendar and Census Bureau Economic Programs.

Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)

<http://www.cepr.net/>

The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) was established in 1999 to promote democratic debate on the most important economic and social issues that affect people's lives. In order for citizens to effectively exercise their voices in a democracy, they should be informed about the problems and choices that they face. CEPR is committed to presenting issues in an accurate and understandable manner, so that the public is better prepared to choose among the various policy options. Toward this end, CEPR conducts both professional research and public education. The professional research is oriented towards filling important gaps in the understanding of particular economic and social problems, or the impact of specific policies. The public education portion of CEPR's mission is to present the findings of professional research, both by CEPR and others, in a manner that allows broad segments of the public to know exactly what is at stake in major policy debates. An informed public should be able to choose policies that lead to an improving quality of life, both for people within the United States and around the world.

ChangeTracker - Tracking Change In Washington

<http://www.propublica.org/article/changetracker>

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CitySourced - Mobile Civic Engagement Platform

<http://www.citysourced.com/>

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ClearSpending - Making Sense of the Federal Checkbook

<http://sunlightfoundation.com/clearspending/>

They have taken data from other federal reporting systems and compared it with the data found in USASpending.gov across three categories: Consistency, Completeness and Timeliness. How close are the reported dollar amounts to the yearly estimates? How many of the required fields are filled out in each record? And how long did it take the agency to report the money once it was allocated to a project?

Congress.gov

<http://www.congress.gov/>

The beta version of the site contains legislation from the 107th Congress (2001) to the present, member profiles from the 93rd Congress (1973) to the present, and some member profiles from the 80th through the 92nd Congresses (1947 to 1972). Congress.gov is in an initial beta phase with plans to transform the Library of Congress's existing congressional information system into a modern, durable and user-friendly resource. Eventually, it will incorporate all of the information available on THOMAS.gov. (To compare the scope of legislative information on THOMAS.gov versus the scope of legislative information on the beta

Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports Repositories

<http://archive-it.org/collections/1078>

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<http://datacatalogs.org/>

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DataMasher - State Data - Mash It

<http://www.datamasher.org/>

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Debategraph - The Global Debate Map

<http://debategraph.org/>

Debategraph helps groups collaborate in thinking through complex issues by building and sharing interactive maps of domains of knowledge from multiple perspectives. Their public service goal is to make the best arguments on all sides of any public debate freely available to all and continuously open to challenge and improvement by all. Debategraph is a wiki debate visualization tool that lets you: a) map the strongest case on any issue that matters to you; b) openly engage and learn from opposing views in a transparent, multi-perspective dialogue; c) create and reshape maps of the conversation as it develops, make new points, rate and filter the arguments; d) keep track of the maps via email and RSS feeds; and, e) share and embed the maps around the web.

Deep Web Research and Discovery Resources 2015 LLRX Feature Article and Deep Web Research and Discovery Resources 2015 White Paper

<http://zillman.blogspot.com/2015/01/llrx-deep-web-research-and-discovery.html>

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Docket Wrench – Uncover Influence and Similarities in Federal Regulatory Comments

<http://docketwrench.sunlightfoundation.com/>

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Econbrowser - Analysis of Current Economic Conditions and Policy

<http://econbrowser.com/>

The Econbrowser analyses current economic conditions and policies and is written by James D. Hamilton, Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego; and Menzie Chinn, Professor of Public Affairs and Economics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Economic and Financial Crisis Resources

http://guides.library.msstate.edu/economic_crisis

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EconomyWatch.com - Largest Online Economics Community in the World

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EconomyWatch.com is the largest online economics community in the world. Every month, close to one million users come to the site, read their newsletters, come to their Facebook page or follow them on Twitter. Since their beginnings as a small portal in 1999, they have become a trusted reference source, cited by everyone from the World Bank to the Economics Network of academics in the UK, and from the BBC to the Huffington Post. On EconomyWatch.com, you will find a comprehensive mix of news, analysis, reference, articles, data, charts and tools. These have been provided both by their core team, by freelance contributors, and by members of our extended community

eFinancialBot.com – Your Global Financial Search Engine

<http://www.eFinancialBot.com/>

eFinancialBot.com - Your Global Search Engine for Financial Resources searches 74+ selected financial meta search engines over the Internet and is powered by Google. It has been created by Internet expert and guru Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A. and utilized the sources and resources of the Subject Tracer™ Information Blogs of the Virtual Private Library.

eGovernment Interest Group (eGov IG)

<http://www.w3.org/egov/wiki/>

The mission of the eGovernment Interest Group (eGov IG) is to explore how to improve access to government through better use of the Web and achieve better government transparency using open Web standards at any government level (local, state, national and multi-national). The eGov IG is designed as a forum to support researchers, developers, solution providers, and users of government services that use the Web as the delivery channel, and enable broader collaboration across eGov practitioners.

eGovMon - Methodology and Software for Quality Evaluation of eGovernment Web Services [Archived Project]

<http://tingtun.no/research-archive>

The eGovMon project developed methodology and software for quality evaluation of web services, in particular eGovernment services, concerning four areas: a) Accessibility, b) Transparency, c) Efficiency, d) Impact.



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eHealthcareBot.com – Search Engines for Healthcare Resources

<http://www.eHealthcareBot.com/>

Searches selected healthcare resources and sources taken from various Subject Tracers and resources from the Virtual Private Library. Created and compiled by Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A. . Currently over 147 healthcare meta search engines and resources are accessed simultaneously.

Entrepreneurial Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.EntrepreneurialResources.info/>

Entrepreneurial Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog constantly monitors the Internet for the latest entrepreneurial resources and sources available and then lists them alphabetically in an ongoing information blog with a direct link to the source.

Ethics.Data.gov

<https://explore.data.gov/ethics/>

Ethics.Data.gov brings records and data from across the federal government to one central location, making it easier for citizens to hold public officials accountable. Enter a name and see every record of that person across the entire collection of ethics data—including campaign finance, lobbying, and White House visitor records. Ethics.Data.gov brings together datasets from across the government to help citizens easily access this information, empowering Americans to hold government accountable.

Federal Business Opportunities

<https://www.fbo.gov/>

Federal Business Opportunities is the United States Government's one-stop virtual marketplace. Through this single point-of-entry, commercial vendors and government buyers are invited to post, search, monitor, and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community.

Federal IT Dashboard – FY 2015 Edition

<https://www.itdashboard.gov/>

The IT Dashboard provides the public with an online window into the details of Federal information technology investments and provides users with the ability to track the progress of investments over time. The IT Dashboard displays data received from agency reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), including general information on over 7,000 Federal IT investments and detailed data for nearly 800 of those investments that agencies classify as "major." The performance data used to track the 800 major IT investments is based on milestone information displayed in agency reports to OMB called "Exhibit 300s." Agency CIOs are responsible for evaluating and updating select data on a monthly basis, which is accomplished through interfaces provided on the website.

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Federal Register - Daily Journal of the United States Government

<https://www.federalregister.gov/>

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) jointly administer the FederalRegister.gov website. The OFR/GPO partnership is developing an unofficial XML-based edition of the daily Federal Register on this site. In this edition, Federal Register documents are organized and displayed in an easier to read format; they have also added various web tools and user aids designed to help people find material relevant to their interests.

FedSpending.org - A Project of OMB Watch

<http://www.fedspending.org/>

The purpose of the FedSpending.org database is to give journalists, analysts, government officials, and regular citizens easy access to information on federal spending. Broader access to this information should foster the development of a better informed, active citizenry that has more power to hold elected officials accountable. FedSpending.org is limited to information contained within the [FPDS](#) and [FAADS](#) government databases (See [here](#) for data that is not included on FedSpending.org).

Financial Markets and Portfolio Management (FMPM)

<http://www.fmpm.ch/>

The official publication of the Swiss Financial Analysts Association, Financial Markets and Portfolio Management (FMPM) addresses all areas of finance, concentrating on financial markets, portfolio theory and wealth management, asset pricing, risk management, and regulation. The journal serves as a bridge between innovative research and its practical applications. FMPM publishes academic and applied research articles, shorter "Perspectives," book reviews, and survey articles dedicated to current topics of interest to the financial community.

Financial Sources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.FinancialSources.info/>

Financial Sources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog constantly monitors the Internet for the latest financial resources and sources available and then lists them alphabetically in an ongoing information blog with a direct link to the source.

FinancialStability.gov - Comprehensive Financial Stability Plan and Related Resources

<http://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/financial-stability>

This site displays all the information related to the comprehensive financial stability plan from the United States Government initially issued on February 10, 2009. This site will be the starting point for transparency of all financial stability resources and sources being developed and



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implemented by the United States Government Department of Treasury. The Financial Stability Plan Fact Sheet is available by clicking [here](#).

FindTheBest - American Reinvestment & Recovery Act

<http://open-grants.findthebest.com/1/22790/Recovery-Act-American-Recovery-and-Reinvestment-Act-ARRA-Tribal-Transit-Program-FTA-09004-TPM-TRTR>

FindTheBest's American Recovery & Reinvestment Act App organizes grant, loan and contract recipients of the recovery program by several filters including Recipient Name, Project City, Project Name, Project Status, Funding Agency Name, Award Type, Award Amount, Jobs Reportedly Created, Cost/Job and Total ARRA Received. For quick sorting, just click on any category to list recipients by that feature. If you want to sort by city, click on the Project City filter for an alphabetical list of the project cities.

FiscalNote Prophecy - Search, Track, Analyze and Predict Federal and State Government Information

<https://www.fiscalnote.com/>

FiscalNote is a real-time government analytics platform. Their mission is to unlock government data and make it useful across industries. They use cutting-edge technology and a beautiful interface to engineer products that connect organizations to the data and analytics they need. Their vision is to make FiscalNote mission-critical to every office and organization. They hope to foster a transparent political and legal system through the use of open data.

FOIAonline - Freedom of Information Act Online

<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gives you the right to access information from federal agencies. FOIAonline allows you to submit FOIA requests to all participating agencies from this website, track the status of requests, search for requests submitted by others, and generate up-to-the-minute reports on FOIA processing. FOIAonline participating agencies include: the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Commerce (except the US Patent and Trademark Office), Office of General Counsel of the National Archives and Records Administration, Merit Systems Protection Board, Federal Labor Relations Authority, and the Department of the Treasury's Departmental Offices (headquarters), Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), and United States Mint. Please note that the Internal Revenue Service, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration are not participating in FOIAonline. Moreover, Treasury only participates in FOIAonline to the extent of allowing submission of requests; Treasury manages processing in a separate system. A chart provides further details on the information available in FOIAonline by participating agency. Requests under the Privacy Act must be sent directly to the appropriate agency.



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Follow the Unlimited Money - Super PACS

<http://reporting.sunlightfoundation.com/outside-spending/super-pacs/>

This resource shows all independent expenditure-only committees--better known as super PACS--that have raised at least \$10,000 since the beginning of 2011. Click on the FEC filings links to see the original filings on the Federal Election Commission's web site. Click on each super PAC's name in the left column to see breakdowns of their spending, including aggregate amounts spent supporting or opposing individual candidates, and a chronological list of all their individual independent expenditure filings with the Federal Election Commission.

FORA.tv - Videos On People, Issues and Ideas Changing the Planet

<http://fora.tv/>

FORA.tv helps intelligent, engaged audiences get smart. Their users find, enjoy, and share videos about the people, issues, and ideas changing the world. They gather the web's largest collection of unmediated video drawn from live events, lectures, and debates going on all the time at the world's top universities, think tanks and conferences. They present this provocative, big-idea content for anyone to watch, interact with, and share --when, where, and how they want. With their community of savvy users and an extensive, growing library of smart videos, FORA.tv is at the forefront of the ongoing integration - and transformation - of the traditional media, TV, cable, and online industries from mass-market to high-quality, high-value content. FORA.tv was founded in 2005 and is funded by a select group of investors including William R. Hearst III and Adobe Ventures.

Free Government Information (FGI)

<http://freegovinfo.info/>

Free Government Information (FGI) is a place for initiating dialogue and building consensus among the various players (libraries, government agencies, non-profit organizations, researchers, journalists, etc.) who have a stake in the preservation of and perpetual free access to government information. FGI promotes free government information through collaboration, education, advocacy and research.

GovFresh - Government 2.0

<http://govfresh.com/>

GovFresh is a live feed of official news from U.S. Government Twitter, YouTube, RSS, Facebook, Flickr accounts and more, all in one place.

govpulse - The Federal Register At Your Fingertips

<http://www.govpulse.us/>

Each day agencies release hundreds of proposed rules and regulations, meeting notices, final rules, and changes to existing rules in the form of the Federal Register. However in their current format they are difficult to find and to process in meaningful ways. GovPulse was built to



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address this problem and open the doors of government to the people they work for. By making such documents as the Federal Register searchable, more accessible and easier to digest, GovPulse seeks to encourage every citizen to become more involved in the workings of their government and make their voice heard on the things that matter to them, from the smallest to the largest issues.

GovTrack.us - Tracking the U.S. Congress

<http://www.govtrack.us/>

GovTrack.us is an independent tool to help the public research and track the activities in the U.S. Congress, promoting government transparency and civic education through novel uses of technology. You'll find here the status of U.S. federal legislation, voting records in the Senate and House of Representatives, and information on Members of Congress, as well as congressional committees and the Congressional Record. The site is a research tool, but also a (totally free) tracking service. Pick up Trackers throughout the site to make a personalized feed or get email updates.

GovTwit - The Government Twitter Directory

<http://govtwit.com/>

This website hosts the world's largest list of government agencies on Twitter, tracking state/local, federal, contractors, media, academics, non-profits and government outside of the U.S.

GPO's Federal Digital System Search (FDsys)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) provides public access to Government information submitted by Congress and Federal agencies and preserved as technology changes. GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) is an advanced digital system that will enable GPO to manage Government information from all three branches of the U.S. Government. FDsys is available as a public beta during migration of information from GPO Access. The migration of information from GPO Access into FDsys will be complete in 2009, until this time GPO Access will contain all content.

Grant Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.GrantResources.info/>

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Guide to Opening Government

<http://www.opengovguide.com/>

The Guide to Opening Government has been developed by the Transparency and Accountability Initiative to support governments and civil society organizations working together to make governments better, through the Open Government Partnership.

Guide To Privacy Resources 2015

http://WhitePapers.VirtualPrivateLibrary.net/Guide_To_Privacy_Resources_2015.pdf

This freely available publication titled **Guide To Privacy Resources 2015** by [Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A.](#); Executive Director of the [Virtual Private Library](#) is a 36 page .pdf document 275KB. This guide is one of the most comprehensive listing of privacy resources currently available on the Internet. These include associations, indexes, search engines as well as individual websites and sources that supply the latest technology and information about privacy and how it relates to you and the Internet. This is a **MUST** reference guide for today's [New Economy](#) where privacy and security have become major issues!!

Guide to the Global Economy

<http://www.theglobaleconomy.com/>

This website can be used by college, Masters and high school students with some or no economics background. In fact, that is one of their objectives: to make knowledge of the global economy accessible to non-experts. Also, the website can be used in the U.S. and internationally which fits with our second objective: to make this knowledge available to anyone anywhere. They use data provided by the World Bank to show the main economic indicators of all countries. Each indicator is presented in comparison to several other countries and in terms of changes over time. They discuss the definitions of the various indicators and provide information about the ways in which one can interpret them.

i360Gov- Federal Government News

<http://www.i360gov.com/>

i360Gov provides government business and technology leaders with important federal government news and analysis regarding government's largest and most important initiatives in an interactive, online environment. Comprised of six topic-specific news channels each functioning as its own web site, the i360Gov network delivers daily federal government news and analysis pertaining to the following topics: a) Policy and Business, b) Information Technology, c) State and Local Government, d) Defense/Intelligence, e) Healthcare Policy and IT, and f) Energy Policy and Technology.



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Influence Explorer

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Influence Explorer is a project of Sunlight Labs, the technology arm of the Sunlight Foundation. Our data is provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Institute for Money in State Politics, Taxpayers for Common Sense, the Project On Government Oversight, the EPA and USASpending.gov. For more information on how we use this data, see our campaign finance, lobbying, lobbyist bundling, earmarks, federal spending and EPA ECHO methodology pages. Influence Explorer provides an overview of campaign finance, lobbying, earmark, contractor misconduct and federal spending data. To search the underlying records or download the data in bulk, visit the Data section of Influence Explorer.

International Monetary Fund Alerts

<https://www.imf.org/external/cntpst/index.aspx>

Sign up to receive free e-mail notices when new series and/or country items are posted on the IMF website.

Internet Alerts

<http://www.InternetAlerts.info/>

InternetAlerts.info is a Subject Tracer™ Information Blog from The [Virtual Private Library](#). It is designed to bring together the latest resources and sources on an ongoing basis from the Internet covering alerts.

Intrapreneurial Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.IntrapreneurialResources.info/>

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LegiStorm - Transparency's Sidekick

<http://www.legistorm.com/>

LegiStorm helps bring transparency to the U.S. Congress by disseminating public documents and nonpartisan information over the web. Based on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, LegiStorm's first information product was a database of congressional staff salaries but we have now added other valuable information, such as the most comprehensive database of all privately financed trips taken by members of Congress and congressional staffers. The information is provided in a strictly factual, non-partisan fashion. They have no political affiliations and no political purpose except to make the workings of Congress as transparent as possible. They expect this resource to be useful to journalists, researchers, lobbyists and current and would-be staffers - as well as regular citizens who simply want to know how their representatives spend public money. You can be sure that there are more such legislative resources to come from LegiStorm.

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LittleSis - Free Database Detailing Connections Between Powerful People and Organizations

<http://littlesis.org/>

LittleSis is a free database detailing the connections between powerful people and organizations. They bring transparency to influential social networks by tracking the key relationships of politicians, business leaders, lobbyists, financiers, and their affiliated institutions. All of this information is public, but scattered. They bring it together in one place. Their data derives from government filings, news articles, and other reputable sources. Some data sets are updated automatically; the rest is filled in by their user community.

Making Sense of the Federal Reserve

<http://www.stlouisfed.org/inplainenglish/index.cfm>

A personal tour to the Federal Reserve one of the most complex but effective institutions in the United States.

Manifesto of the New Economy

<http://www.springer.com/economics/economic+theory/book/978-3-642-21276-5>

A new book named Manifesto of the New Economy “Institutions and Business Models of the Digital Society” by Alexander Dolgin, Professor of Moscow State School of Economics, has been published. As Alexander Dolgin says in his book, a new economy is principally the economy of clubs, i.e. different associations of people founded on base of their interests. In such clubs one can find comfortable social habitat for unique personalities living in the society. A person`s quality of life depends on people around him and the way they deal with each other. From the point of view of the economy, the club allows to produce collective goods with reasonable expenses of production. It gives premise for productive joint activities. This concerns different aspects of life, big or small issues: from the problems of a condominium and economically favourable collective purchases to superior forms of cultural and political activities. That is why the club becomes a key form of society being. A society is as good as it can successfully produce different and accessible clubs. From this point of view the new economy brings great positiveness.

MAPLight - U.S. Congress Campaign Contributions and Voting Database

<http://maplight.org/>

MAPLight.org, a groundbreaking public database, with offices located in Berkeley, California, illuminates the connection between campaign donations and legislative votes in unprecedented ways. Elected United States officials collect large sums of money to run their campaigns, and they often pay back campaign contributors with special access and favorable laws. This common practice is contrary to the public interest, yet legal. MAPLight.org makes money/vote connections transparent, to help citizens hold their legislators accountable. MAPLight.org combines three data sets: a) Bill texts and legislative voting records; b) Supporting and opposing

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interests for each bill; and c) Campaign contribution data from the Center for Responsive Politics and the National Institute on Money in State Politics. Combining this data makes visible key information that could never before be determined easily.

Metagovernment Project

<http://www.metagovernment.org/>

The mission of the Metagovernment project is to support the development and use of Internet tools which enable the members of any community to fully participate in the governance of that community. They are a global group of people working on various projects which further this goal. They expect governance software to be adopted first in small communities, and then to spread outward with the potential to gradually replace many institutions of representative democracy with a new kind of social organization called collaborative governance. They conceive a world where every person, without exception, is able to substantively participate in any governance structure in which they have an interest. They envision governance which is not only more open, free, and democratic; but also which is more effective and less fallible than pre-Internet forms of governance.

Mobile Government

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/101571>

Mobile technology is changing the way people find and use information and services. How does government interact with the public in this anytime, anywhere world? This Making Mobile Gov Project is helping agencies work together to make a more open, innovative government to meet 21st century citizen expectations.

MuckRock - Government Tool Powered by State and Federal Freedom of Information Laws

<http://www.muckrock.com/>

MuckRock is an open government tool powered by state and federal Freedom of Information laws, a generous grant from the Sunlight Foundation, and you. They make tools to keep our government transparent and accountable. Requests are based on your questions, concerns and passions, and you are free to embed, share and write about any of the verified government documents hosted there.

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

<http://www.nber.org/>

Founded in 1920, the National Bureau of Economic Research is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works. The NBER is committed to undertaking and disseminating unbiased economic research among public policymakers, business professionals, and the academic community. Over the years the Bureau's research agenda has encompassed a wide variety of issues that confront our



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society. The Bureau's early research focused on the aggregate economy, examining in detail the business cycle and long-term economic growth. Simon Kuznets' pioneering work on national income accounting, Wesley Mitchell's influential study of the business cycle, and Milton Friedman's research on the demand for money and the determinants of consumer spending were among the early studies done at the NBER. The NBER is the nation's leading nonprofit economic research organization. Sixteen of the 31 American Nobel Prize winners in Economics and six of the past Chairmen of the President's Council of Economic Advisers have been researchers at the NBER. The more than 1,000 professors of economics and business now teaching at universities around the country who are NBER researchers are the leading scholars in their fields. These Bureau associates concentrate on four types of empirical research: developing new statistical measurements, estimating quantitative models of economic behavior, assessing the effects of public policies on the U.S. economy, and projecting the effects of alternative policy proposals.

NationBuilder - The Essential Toolkit for a New Generation of Leaders and Creators

<http://nationbuilder.com/>

NationBuilder provides both a website and a CRM in one integrated service designed specifically for organizing communities. It's especially useful for political campaigns and non-profits who used to have to pay thousands of dollars for outdated tools and the techies required to keep it all working. It's also useful for anyone organizing a community -- online or offline -- from PTAs to sports fan sites. The Internet makes it possible for independent leaders and creators to build their own base of support outside the traditional gatekeepers like political parties, publishing houses, film studios, etc.

New Economy Analytics, Resources and Alerts

<http://www.NewEconomyAnalytics.com/>

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New Rules for the New Economy

<http://kk.org/books/KevinKelly-NewRules-withads.pdf>

New Rules to the New Economy eBook by Kevin Kelly.

NextGov.com - Technology and the Business of Government

<http://www.nextgov.com/>

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Nextgov.com provides news, interaction and research for government and contractor executives and managers in the information technology community. Their readers are high-ranking civilian and military officials who are responsible for providing IT support to those who defend the nation and carry out the many laws that define the government's role in our economy and society. Nextgov.com's essential editorial mission is to cover the IT and business processes that the federal government deploys to meet agency missions – dozens of which dwarf the largest institutions in the private sector. They aspire to serve the people who manage these huge agencies and programs in much the way that large consumer and business-to-business technology magazines serve private-sector managers.

NYC Stimulus Tracker

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/ops/nycstim/>

With the NYCStat Stimulus Tracker, New Yorkers can track the City's use of federal stimulus/recovery funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This funding includes federal tax cuts, expansion of unemployment benefits and other social welfare provisions, and domestic spending in education, health care, energy efficiency and infrastructure. The stimulus money for New York City will be used to ensure continued vital City services, provide assistance to New Yorkers in need, and stimulate the City's economy.

OECDdirect

<http://www.oecd.org/oecddirect/>

A free and time-saving e-mail alert service. Once you've selected the themes that interest you, choose to receive personalised e-mails announcing new publications, statistics updates and free newsletters related to your topics of interest.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

OMB's predominant mission is to assist the President in overseeing the preparation of the federal budget and to supervise its administration in Executive Branch agencies. In helping to formulate the President's spending plans, OMB evaluates the effectiveness of agency programs, policies, and procedures, assesses competing funding demands among agencies, and sets funding priorities. OMB ensures that agency reports, rules, testimony, and proposed legislation are consistent with the President's Budget and with Administration policies. In addition, OMB oversees and coordinates the Administration's procurement, financial management, information, and regulatory policies. In each of these areas, OMB's role is to help improve administrative management, to develop better performance measures and coordinating mechanisms, and to reduce any unnecessary burdens on the public.



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Open311 - Collaborative Model and Open Standard for Civic Issue Tracking

<http://open311.org/>

Currently, the most developed function of Open311 technologies is to report and track non-emergency issues in public spaces. Common issues include potholes, broken streetlights, garbage, vandalism, and other problems that compromise public spaces and infrastructure. Using a mobile device or a computer, someone can enter information (ideally with a photo) about a problem at a given location. This report is then routed to the relevant authority to address the problem. What's different from a traditional 311 report is that this information is available for anyone to see and it allows anyone to contribute more information. By enabling collaboration on these issues, the open model makes it easier to collect and organize more information about important problems. By making the information public, it provides transparency and accountability for those responsible for the problem. Transparency also ensures that everyone's voice is heard and in-turn encourages more participation.

OpenCongress - Track Bills, Votes, Senators, and Representatives in the U.S. Congress

<http://www.opencongress.org/>

OpenCongress brings together official government data with news coverage, blog posts, comments, and more to give you the real story behind what's happening in Congress. Small groups of political insiders and lobbyists already know what's really going on in Congress. They think everyone should be an insider. OpenCongress is a free, open-source, non-profit, and non-partisan web resource with a mission to make Congress more transparent and to encourage civic engagement. OpenCongress is a joint project of the Sunlight Foundation and the Participatory Politics Foundation.

Open CRS Network - Congressional Research Reports for the People

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congressional_Research_Service

American taxpayers spend over \$100 million a year to fund the Congressional Research Service, a "think tank" that provides reports to members of Congress on a variety of topics relevant to current political events. Yet, these reports are not made available to the public in a way that they can be easily obtained. A project of the Center for Democracy & Technology through the cooperation of several organizations and collectors of CRS Reports, Open CRS provides citizens access to CRS Reports already in the public domain and encourages Congress to provide public access to all CRS Reports.



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Open Government

https://github.com/oreillymedia/open_government/tree/master

Open Government was published in 2010 by O'Reilly Media. The United States had just elected a president in 2008, who, on his first day in office, issued an executive order committing his administration to "an unprecedented level of openness in government." The contributors of Open Government had long fought for transparency and openness in government, as well as access to public information. Aaron Swartz was one of these contributors (Chapter 25: When is Transparency Useful?). Aaron was a hacker, an activist, a builder, and a respected member of the technology community. O'Reilly Media is making Open Government free to all to access in honor of Aaron.

Open Government Guide

<http://www.rcfp.org/open-government-guide>

The Open Government Guide is a complete compendium of information on every state's open records and open meetings laws. Each state's section is arranged according to a standard outline, making it easy to compare laws in various states.

OpeningParliament.org - Opening, Monitoring and Supporting the World's Parliaments and Legislative Institutions

<http://www.openingparliament.org/>

OpeningParliament.org is a forum intended to help connect the world's civic organizations engaged in monitoring, supporting and opening up their countries' parliaments and legislative institutions. Parliamentary monitoring organizations (PMOs) are working to create strong, open and accountable parliaments, through enhancing citizen participation in the legislative process and bringing parliaments closer to the people they represent. OpeningParliament.org provides a forum for international collaboration on efforts to improve access to parliamentary information and share experiences and good practices among PMOs. It also serves as the home of the Declaration on Parliamentary Openness, a set of shared principles on the openness, transparency and accessibility of parliaments developed by the international PMO community. The Declaration On Parliamentary Openness is available by clicking [here](#).

OpenPlans - Open Government and Livable Streets

<http://openplans.org/>

At OpenPlans, they think cities can work better. They think it should be easier for public agencies in one place to adopt good ideas and good software from other places. They think opening up data and inviting citizens into the civic process is a good thing. And they are helping make it happen. OpenPlans is a non-profit technology organization focused on open government and livable streets. They build open source software. They help agencies open up their data. They report on urban issues.



OpenSecrets - Money in Politics - See Who Is Giving and Who Is Getting

<http://www.opensecrets.org/>

OpenSecrets.org is your nonpartisan guide to money's influence on U.S. elections and public policy. Whether you're a voter, journalist, activist, student or interested citizen, use their free site to shine light on your government. Count cash and make change.

Open States – Discover and Follow All State Legislatures

<http://openstates.org/>

Open States allows anyone to discover more about lawmaking in their state. With Open States, you can track state bills, get campaign and contact information for legislators and follow all the action across 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Open Up Government Data - Wired HowTo Wiki

http://howto.wired.com/wiki/Open_Up_Government_Data

A how to wiki by Wired Magazine on opening up government data. This wiki analyzes the problem, delineates solutions and offers areas of involvement as well as highlights the government datasets .. the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Constantly kept up to date with the latest developments and requirements to open up government data. Data.Gov is coming and lets help build it!

Peers - The Sharing Economy

<http://www.peers.org/>

Peers is a member-driven organization that supports the sharing economy movement. They believe that by sharing what we already have — like cars, homes, skills and time — everyone benefits in the process. The sharing economy is helping us pay the bills, work flexible hours, meet new people or spend more time with our families. They think it's how the 21st century economy should work, so they are coming together to grow, mainstream and protect the sharing economy.

Performance.Gov - Driving Federal Performance

<http://performance.gov/>

Responding to the President's challenge to cut waste, save money, and better serve the American people, Performance.gov provides a window on the Obama Administration's approach to improving performance and accountability. Performance.gov shows progress on the Administration's efforts to create a government that is more effective, efficient, innovative, and responsive. Reforming how Washington works is an ongoing effort that demands vigilance and leadership.



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Poligraft

<http://poligraft.com/>

Feed in a news article, blog post or press release, and Poligraft will present you with an enhanced view of the interconnections between the people, organizations and relationships described in the piece.

Politwoops – Archive of Deleted Tweets From U.S. Politicians

<http://politwoops.sunlightfoundation.com/>

Politwoops is the only comprehensive collection of deleted tweets by U.S. politicians. From minor messaging changes to major gaffes, Politwoops offers a window into what they hoped you didn't see.

POPVOX - Bridges the Gap Between Public Wants and Congress Want and Need to Receive

<https://www.popvox.com/>

POPVOX bridges the gap between the input the public wants to provide and the information Members of Congress want and need to receive. Constituent communications are flooding and overwhelming Congressional offices. POPVOX verifies, aggregates, and simplifies communication with Congress on an open and trusted (and nonpartisan) common ground. Advocacy organizations, trade associations, unions and other groups send their members to POPVOX to take action on bills pending before Congress.

Publications.USA.gov - United States Publications

<http://publications.usa.gov/>

For more than 40 years, the Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) has been a trusted one-stop source for answers to questions about consumer problems and government services. FCIC, part of the General Services Administration's Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies, has traditionally provided publications to consumers via the publications distribution center in Pueblo, Colorado. The Pueblo.GSA.gov website was where consumers could go to find information and order publications on a variety of topics from the federal government. Publications.USA.gov replaces the former Pueblo.GSA.gov. The new site provides better navigation; search; shopping experience; and now some of your favorite publications in popular e-reader formats. Additionally, they will use social media channels to keep you informed of new publications.

RAND Corporation - Congressional Resources

<http://www.rand.org/congress.html>

RAND informs policymakers with research and analysis that is relevant to current Congressional agendas, providing knowledge that is trusted for its objectivity, comprehensiveness, and enduring value.



Recovery.gov - Monitoring New World Government Spending

<http://www.Recovery.gov/>

Monitor the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to see how and where your tax dollars are spent. Recovery.gov is a website that lets you, the taxpayer, figure out where the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is going. There are going to be a few different ways to search for information. The money is being distributed by Federal agencies, and soon you'll be able to see where it's going -- to which states, to which congressional districts, even to which Federal contractors. As soon as they are able to, they will display that information visually in maps, charts, and graphics. An oversight board will routinely update this site as part of an unprecedented effort to root out waste, inefficiency, and unnecessary spending in our government.

RFE: Resources for Economists on the Internet

<http://rfe.org/>

This guide is sponsored by the American Economic Association. It lists more than 2,000 resources in 97 sections and sub-sections available on the Internet of interest to academic and practicing economists, and those interested in economics. Almost all resources are also described.

Scout - Get Alerts When Congress or Your State Capitol Talks About Issues You Care About

<http://scout.sunlightfoundation.com/>

Scout is a free service that provides daily insight to how our laws and regulations are shaped in Washington, DC and our state capitols. These days, you can receive electronic alerts to know when a company is in the news, when a TV show is scheduled to air or when a sports team wins. Now, you can also be alerted when our elected officials take action on an issue you care about. Scout allows anyone to subscribe to customized email or text alerts on what Congress is doing around an issue or a specific bill, as well as bills in the state legislature and federal regulations. Researchers can use Scout to see when Congress talks about an issue over time.

SeeClickFix - Report Non-Emergency Issues and Receive Alerts in Your Neighborhood

<http://www.seeclickfix.com/>

SeeClickFix allows anyone to report and track non-emergency issues anywhere in the world via the internet. This empowers citizens, community groups, media organizations and governments to take care of and improve their neighborhoods.



Show Us the Data - The Most Wanted Federal Government Documents [Archived]

<http://www.showusthedata.org/>

Is the federal government putting the information you need online? Are there categories of unclassified documents or data that you know exist—on paper or in government computers and databases—that would be of value to the public if posted and regularly updated on an agency's Web site? If so, then help Open The Government and the Center for Democracy and Technology identify the 10 Most Wanted Government Documents, Reports or Data Sets that should be available on the Web. Use this site to tell them what data you want and who has it.

Social Informatics Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.SocialInformatics.net/>

Social Informatics Subject Tracer™ Information Blog constantly monitors the Internet for the latest social networks, communities, resources and sources available and then lists them alphabetically in an ongoing information blog with a direct link to the source.

Socrata – Open Data Solutions for Government Innovation

<http://www.socrata.com/>

Socrata is the leading developer and provider of Open Data Services, a category of cloud-based Web 2.0 solutions that enable federal, state, and local governments to dramatically improve the reach, usability and social utility of their public information assets. The Socrata Social Data Platform™ is a turnkey information delivery platform that reduces lifecycle management costs for government customers while boosting their ability to disseminate relevant information and data-driven services to a wide range of audiences including citizens, civic application developers, researchers, journalists and internal stakeholders. The cloud-based Socrata platform transforms information assets – tabular data, geospatial data, unstructured content and real-time data from government transactional systems – into a consumption-optimized and socially-enriched experience, that is automatically accessible across multiple channels of interaction, to enhance governments' ability to accomplish their mission at a reduced cost.

SubsidyScope

<http://www.pewstates.org/projects/subsidyscope-329244>

Subsidyscope aimed to raise public awareness about the role of federal subsidies in the economy. Pew's Subsidyscope Project completed its four-year effort to provide data and analysis to make federal government spending and subsidies more transparent in 2012.

Sunlight Labs - Developers and Designers Opening America's Government

<http://www.sunlightlabs.com/>

Sunlight Labs is part of the Sunlight Foundation a non-profit, non partisan Washington, DC based organization focused on digitization of government data and making tools and websites to make it easily accessible. Sunlight Labs is an open source community of thousands dedicated to



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using technology to transform government. They focus on transparency- the idea that government can be more effective, more honest, and more accountable when it makes data about its process, operations, and influences available to the public. Their work revolves around opening up government data of all forms. Paid staff of Sunlight Labs are employees of the Sunlight Foundation a 501c(3) non-partisan non-profit organization. The Sunlight Foundation is: a) A think-tank that develops and encourages new policies inside the government to be more transparent and accountable; b) A campaign to engage citizens to change government's transparency policies; c) An investigative organization that uses the data and applications to demonstrate why we need those policies; d) A grant giving institution that gives grants to organizations using technology to further our mission and create community; and e) An open source technology community that revolves around the Sunlight Foundation's core mission.

The Economy - Global Economic Crisis Special Coverage and World Market Analysis

http://www.thrall.org/special/economy.html#Global_Economic_Crisis

Middletown Thrall Library Special Coverage: The Economy - Global Economic Crisis, News, Statistics, Economic Indicators, Credit, Energy, Food, Housing / Mortgages / Subprime, & Related Resources. This is a comprehensive site created by the Middletown Thrall Library offering continued special coverage on the Global Economic Crisis with World Market Analysis. Additional resources on this Global Economic Crisis are available [here](#) as well as the [eFinancialBot](#) Global Financial Search Engine.

The Fiscal Barometer

<http://snipurl.com/29fvu7w>

The Fiscal Barometer tracks trends in federal, state and local spending, revenues, and employment. It shows ten indicators, including the Fiscal Impact Measure, a gauge of the contributions that government makes to the near-term pace of economic growth. These indicators highlight the important role of state and local government policies, sometimes overlooked in the Washington debate over federal taxes and spending. The fiscal impact measure shows how much federal, state, and local government taxes and spending added to or subtracted from the overall pace of economic growth. Between 2008 and 2011, fiscal impact was positive, indicating that government policy was stimulative; in recent years, it has been negative, indicating restraint.

Third Party Websites That Transform Government Data

http://www.opencongress.org/wiki/Third_Party_Websites_That_Transform_Government_Data

This wiki page contains a list of websites generated by third parties that make available raw government information. The categories include: a) Legislative Information (with focus on U.S. Congress); b) Federal Law and Regulations; c) The Courts; d) Money and Influence; e) Freedom of Information Act; f) Political Party Information; g) Business Information; h) Other Useful Websites; i) Other Meta-Lists of Third Party Government Data; and j) International Websites.



This We Know: Explore U.S. Government Data About Your Community

<http://www.greenriver.com/work/this-we-know/>

Their mission was to present the information the U.S. government collects about every community. By publishing this data in an easy to understand and consistent manner, they sought to empower citizens to act on what's known. In this first phase of development, they focused on a handful of nationwide data sets from six different agencies in the data.gov catalog. They picked data sets that each had a spatial component. All the data sets were converted to RDF and loaded into a RDF database that served as the foundation for this website. **This project is no longer being actively maintained.**

THOMAS (Library of Congress)

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>

THOMAS was launched in January of 1995, at the inception of the 104th Congress. The leadership of the 104th Congress directed the Library of Congress to make federal legislative information freely available to the public. Since that time THOMAS has expanded the scope of its offerings to include the following features and content: a) Bills, Resolutions; b) Activity in Congress; c) Congressional Record; d) Schedules, Calendars; e) Committee Information; f) Presidential Nominations; g) Treaties; and h) Government Resources.

TIGER - Tracking Indices for the Global Economic Recovery

<http://www.brookings.edu/research/reports/2010/05/economic-recovery-prasad>

The new Brookings Institution-Financial Times index is designed to track the global economic recovery across emerging and advanced markets. The index, which covers the G-20 economies, is composed of three types of variable: indicators of real economic activity, such as GDP, imports and exports; financial indicators, such as stock market indices and capitalisation; confidence indicators, both business and consumer. Combined these variables can deliver a snapshot of the world economy and individual economies. Explore the index to gain a picture of how the world economy is bouncing back.

Transparency Data (Now known as Influence Explorer)

<http://data.influenceexplorer.com/>

Transparency Data is a central source for federal lobbying disclosure, federal grants and contracts, earmarks and federal and state campaign contributions. Here you can begin your search, find the information you need, and then download records of what a candidate has received, what an individual has given, how much an organization has spent on lobbying, and many other queries.



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Transparency Project - Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)

<https://www.eff.org/issues/transparency>

Knowing “what the government is up to” is often the first step in ensuring that the government respects the civil liberties of its citizens. Transparency is especially important given the government’s increasingly secretive use of new technologies for law enforcement and national security purposes. From cell phone location tracking, the use of surveillance drones, secret interpretations of electronic surveillance law, and the expanding use of biometrics, EFF wants to hold the government accountable and uphold your digital rights. To that aim, EFF’s Transparency Project is dedicated to using federal and state freedom of information laws, the courtroom, and their megaphone to shine light on government activities. While emerging technologies give the government new tools that threaten citizen civil liberties, technology also has the potential to create a more democratic relationship between public institutions and the citizens they serve.

Twitter Fan Wiki - U.S. Government

<http://twitter.pbworks.com/w/page/1779986/USGovernment>

This page includes people and agencies of the U.S. government, organized according to the executive branch, legislative branch, and related sections.

UK Government Open Data Site

<http://data.gov.uk/>

The UK Government's open data website, data.gov.uk, developed with the help of Tim Berners-Lee (W3C Director) and John Sheridan (Linked Data Lead for data.gov.uk and co-Chair of the W3C eGovernment Interest Group). Like data.gov in the United States, the UK site reflects a growing awareness inside and outside of government that standards-based open data is a key enabler of government services and a building block for new information services across government and industry. Additionally, this new site showcases Semantic Web and Linked Data technologies.

USAspending.gov - Track USA Spending

<http://www.usaspending.gov/>

This is a searchable database of federal government assistance awards and contract awards. You may search by contractor, recipient, state, Congressional district, federal government agency/department/program, type of product or service. Data from FY 2000 to present. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act) requires a single searchable website, accessible by the public for free that includes for each Federal award: 1) The name of the entity receiving the award; 2) The amount of the award; 3) Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, etc; 4) The location of the entity receiving the award; and 5) A unique identifier of the entity receiving the award.



U.S. Global Health Budget

<http://kff.org/interactive/budget-tracker/landing/>

This resource provides regularly updated information on U.S. government funding for global health. It includes historical trends and tracks funding levels throughout the appropriations process. Data can be customized by U.S. Agency, Program Area, and Initiative. Watch KFF's global health team demonstrate how to use the Budget Tracker to analyze funding data.

U.S. Government RSS Directory

http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/Libraries/RSS_Library.shtml

An extremely comprehensive directory of United States Government RSS feeds for the following areas: 1) Business and Economics RSS Feeds; 2) Consumer RSS Feeds; 3) Defense and International Relations RSS Feeds; 4) Education and Employment RSS Feeds; 5) Environment, Energy, and Agriculture RSS Feeds; 6) Family, Home, and Community RSS Feeds; 7) Health RSS Feeds; 8) Money RSS Feeds; 9) Public Safety and Law RSS Feeds; 10) Reference and General Government RSS Feeds; and 11) Science and Technology RSS Feeds.

World Bank Data

<http://data.worldbank.org/>

The World Bank Group provides free, open, and easy access to its comprehensive set of data on living standards around the globe—some 7,000 indicators, including hundreds that go back 50 years. The data are available in Arabic, French, and Spanish in addition to English.

XML Federal Register - Bulk Data and Daily Files

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/bulkdata/FR>

The White House, U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) and the National Archives' Office of the Federal Register (OFR) achieved a breakthrough in making Government information available and usable by the public. GPO converted the text of the Federal Register (2000-2009) into XML (extensible markup language) and placed it online in numerous Federal Government portals, which include: GPO's Federal Digital System (www.fdsys.gov), The Federal Register Web site (www.federalregister.gov) and the Government's new portal for Government data (www.data.gov). For direct access to Federal Register bulk data files, go to:

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/bulkdata/FR. This project began when President Barack Obama challenged Federal agencies to create a more open and transparent Government. The change supplements the official publishing formats with XML, a form of text that can be manipulated in virtually limitless ways with digital applications. For example, people who want to know about the workings of the Executive branch of the Federal Government no longer need to sift through the Federal Register in its traditional Department-by-Department and Agency-by-Agency format. In this new format users can rearrange the Federal Register's contents in personalized ways to match their particular interests. It is now possible, for example, to download the Federal Register



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and easily see what proposed actions might affect one's community or region, or what actions might have an impact on one's profession or business interests.

YourEconomy.org (YE)

<http://youreconomy.org/>

YourEconomy.org (YE) is designed to be a practical tool for researchers, business and community leaders, and economic-growth professionals. It provides timely, detailed - yet quick and easy-to-access - information about businesses, agencies and organizations (establishments), and jobs at the national, state, metropolitan (MSA), and county levels. The site also gives policymakers and journalists the benefit of being able to look at regional economies and their business and industry activities in a new way. YourEconomy.org (YE) is a free business census containing 22 million active establishments (over 44 million total) providing unique aggregate information about the performance of businesses through time from a local to a national perspective. YE lets you view businesses through their composition, growth, rankings, and summary graphs showing companies in your community.



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