Many of you may have seen my posting last August, indicating that the U.S. Department of Education’s office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) is looking for a writer/editor. Since that time, we’ve been approved to hire an additional person, so I wanted to share this posting again.

FSA is looking for an outstanding writer/editor with experience in developing, writing, and editing informational content for web, social media, print, blogs, video scripts, fact sheets, and/or infographics. Someone who also has "owned" and managed projects will be a good candidate. Ability to edit others’ work to a house style and explain your corrections with confidence and tact is a must. Understanding of the basics of SEO, agile methodology, and/or Jira would be a bonus.

Notes: The job is in Washington DC—or, if we find the perfect candidate and they don't live in DC, they MUST be based in one of the cities where we have regional offices (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City MO, Denver, San Francisco, and Seattle). This is an AD (administratively determined) permanent federal government position with pay equivalent to a GS-12. The job is not posted on USA-JOBS. You must be a U.S. citizen for this job. Anyone who's genuinely interested should send your resume to me at cindy.cameron@ed.gov by January 9, and I’ll be in touch with more info on or after the 10th. For an idea of the type of content we produce, just browse our website: StudentAid.gov

Thanks

Cindy Forbes Cameron
Lead Communications Analyst
Federal Student Aid
US Department of Education

For students: StudentAid.gov
For counselors: FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov
For everyone: 1-800-4-FED-AID

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Subject: Event and Sign Up Webpage sample?
From: CIV USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA) <MAIL.MIL>
Reply To: CIV USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA)
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2020 17:09:32 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/signed
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1290 bytes), smime.p7s (6 kB)
Looking for alternatives to AST for captioning needs. What are some other companies out there that are competitive and have a good track record? Thanks!
Hi Mike, hope you’re well! The FTC does a ton of workshops, and we create event web pages for each of them. Only a few require reservations, and we create a simple web form in Drupal to capture basic attendee info.

Here are few sample event pages:

**Accuracy in Consumer Reporting**
https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/events-calendar/accuracy-consumer-reporting-workshop

**The Future of the COPPA Rule**
https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/events-calendar/future-coppa-rule-ftc-workshop

**Made in the USA**
https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/events-calendar/made-usa-ftc-workshop

Regards,

Chris

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---Original Message-----
From: CIV USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (USA) <0000030841a0f145-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:10 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Event and Sign Up Webpage sample?

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Happy new year all!

For those of you who work for DoD, I have a quick favor to ask when you have a minute. Would you access https://www.cdse.edu/education/ and let me know if the YouTube video within that page loads on your DoD computer?

We recently began having issues accessing YouTube videos from our agency computers only and are trying to pinpoint how to resolve the matter.

Thanks,

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Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency
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@mail.mil

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Subject: Are we really doing early dismissal?
From: Kirsten Burgard <KBurgard@VOANEWS.COM>
Reply To: Kirsten Burgard <KBurgard@VOANEWS.COM>
Date: Tue, 7 Jan 2020 16:25:05 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1223 bytes), text/html (2703 bytes)


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Is this real DC feds...really?

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Re: [EXTERNAL] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Are we really doing early dismissal?

From: "Gillick, Larry" <larry_gillick@IOS.DOI.GOV>
Reply To: Gillick, Larry
Date: Tue, 7 Jan 2020 11:30:11 -0500
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2649 bytes) , text/html (5 kB)

Yep!

I just sent a test message to that effect. Real message to follow after management approval.

Larry

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Larry Gillick
Deputy Director of Digital Strategy
U.S. Department of the Interior
202-208-5141
Drupal Questions?

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 11:27 AM Kirsten Burgard <KBurgard@voanews.com> wrote:


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Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Subject: Re: Are we really doing early dismissal?
From: "Cochran, Darrell G" <CochranDG@STATE.GOV>
Reply To: Cochran, Darrell G
Date: Tue, 7 Jan 2020 16:30:36 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (5 kB), text/html (6 kB), image001.jpg (5 kB)

It seems unlikely that someone would hack the OPM website to post a hoax dismissal message. School systems around the region are closing early.

Darrell Cochran, PMP
Office of Global Web Platforms
U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Global Public Affairs
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From: Kirsten Burgard <KBurgard@VOANEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 11:25 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Hi colleagues,

To create an easier login experience, the U.S. Digital Registry will start using Login.gov today, January 9. Your U.S. Digital Registry accounts will all stay in place as they are, but the next time you log in to your administrative account, you’ll be prompted to log in using Login.gov.

Your usdigitalregistry.digitalgov.gov/admin login will still be tied to your government email address, so please set up your Login.gov account using that government email address.

If you've already created a Login.gov account using your government email address, you won’t have to do anything else.

If you have questions or need help, please email us at usdigitalregistry@gsa.gov.

Cheers!
Natalie

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U.S. General Services Administration

Natalie Davidson, CUA
User Experience
Technology Transformation Service

Mobile: (6)
Hello and happy new year!

Join us this Thursday, January 16, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30pm ET, for the first U.S. Web Design System (USWDS) monthly call of 2020. This month, Dan Williams, USWDS product lead, will be walking through the design system maturity model and will discuss how to use the maturity model to evaluate a project and plan for the future.

Come prepared to learn more about the design system and how to use it to build accessible, mobile-friendly government websites for the American public. There will be time for Q&A at the end of the session, too. Register today at http://go.usa.gov/xpt3A to confirm your participation!

We post a video of each call at Digital.gov/events shortly after the event. Watch the video from last month's call to learn more about the big questions the design system is trying to answer as 2019 ends and 2020 begins.

Connect with USWDS:

- USWDS website
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- Join the USWDS Public Slack
- Twitter
- Join our community
- Email

We look forward to seeing you!

Digital.gov
Hi everyone,

So, my question is how are you quantifying the section contents of your site?

I'd like to make a weighted and stacked bar chart that shows:

- % content for each section of our site (x-axis) and
- % of visits where the content was consumed (x-axis)

Goal: To get a sense of where the user's interest is vs. the distribution of content across the site.

The sticking point has been how to quantify each web section. Is it the number of nodes? Or the number of nested URLs?

For example, we have one web section that had the 2nd highest number of site page views and contained no additional nested content.

Scott Fontenot
EPA HQ, OECA
Office of Compliance
Enforcement, Targeting and Data Division
202-566-2236

How to Report an Error in ECHO
ECHO Quick Start Guide

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I hope everyone had a great break! Here we are; already grinding away in 2020. 😊

I am hoping to collect information. Curious, what is the size of your communications team, your mission, who you communicate to (audience/size, outputs), and your teams skills make up? We are a team of two government employees, GS14/13 with one FT graphics contractor and one contractor who supports all of our communication efforts. I’d like to find out if this is a narrow team for an agency of this size and its outputs.

Thank you and I hope some of you can help.

Office of Strategic Operations
Strategic Planning and Communications
Myers Briggs: ISFP

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We are relaunching Drupal4Gov webinars for the new year.

On January 23rd at 3 we will be hosting Debug Academy as they provide a webinar on twig! This webinar is ideal for folks transitioning from Drupal 7 to Drupal 8 and also folks new to Drupal in general. Even those looking at a D7 to D9 jump!


Starting in February we will be settling back into our Third Thursday at 3 webinar calendar and will announce the next webinar at the end of the session with Debug Academy.

Let me know if you have any questions and can't wait to see many of you online on the 23rd!

Happy Drupaling!

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Kirsten
If you’ve always dreamed of taking a trip to Paris to feast your eyes on some world-class art, you no longer need to book that plane ticket. Thanks to Paris Musées, a collection of 14 museums in Paris, there are now more than 150,000 high-resolution digital copies of works of art available online for free without restrictions. Their collections website includes works from well-known artists like Rembrandt, Monet, Picasso and Cézanne, as well as thousands of others.

https://lifehacker.com/paris-museums-have-released-more-than-150-000-images-of-1841016692

Although, I'm not sure how I could use a Rembrandt, Monet, Picasso and Cézanne in my government website.

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Caring for the land and serving people.

Thank you Dennis Lapcewich.

I think they did their art pretty well pre-CreativeSuite.

On the other hand, there's Nat Geo and the redwoods.

Take care.

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From: Lapcewich, Dennis -FS <00000478157fdb9c-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 11:28 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Free Digital Images

“If you’ve always dreamed of taking a trip to Paris to feast your eyes on some world-class art, you no longer need to book that plane ticket. Thanks to Paris Musées, a collection of 14 museums in Paris, there are now more than 150,000 high-resolution digital copies of works of art available online for free without restrictions. Their collections website includes works from well-known artists like Rembrandt, Monet, Picasso and Cézanne, as well as thousands of others.”

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Although, I'm not sure how I could use a Rembrandt, Monet, Picasso and Cézanne in my government website.
Hi Web Content Community,

The U.S. Department of Education’s office of Federal Student Aid is hiring a UX designer to join our innovative and collaborative team! Applications are being accepted via LinkedIn.

We’re in the midst of a fast-paced (but exciting!) digital transformation process that involves consolidating and improving our customer-facing websites, contact center platform/CRM, and marketing and communications tool with the goal of providing a personalized omni-channel experience for our customers and contact center representatives.

If you’ve ever filled out the FAFSA or repaid a student loan and are interested in making the experience better for those like you, we encourage you to apply. We are looking for applicants experienced in UX design, but it’s also important that applicants have strong project/people management skills, as 1) we are working on a tight schedule and 2) we are responsible for managing/overseeing teams of contractor staff who support our design services team.

Position opened January 13 and should be open for 30 days, but get your application in ASAP to be sure!

Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

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Subject: Anyone on Drupal 7
From: D.H.S@DHS.WISCONSIN.GOV
Reply To: - DHS
Date: Thu, 16 Jan 2020 17:42:33 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (12 kB), text/html (8 kB), image001.png (36 kB), image002.png (12 kB), image003.png (12 kB), image004.png (12 kB), image005.png (12 kB), image006.png (12 kB)

My agency's website is currently on Drupal 7. We are in the middle of project planning for our move to Drupal 8 and then Drupal 9. As part of our research, we want to talk to other agencies that have made this move or like us, are planning to. I was wondering if any of you have moved from Drupal 7 to 8. Please let me know if you agency has made this move or is in the planning stage. It would be helpful to get your agency name, link to your website, the current version of Drupal you are using, and contact information for someone on your web team. Thank you in advance for your help!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Hello!

I wanted to share the latest USAGov Blog post, introducing the USAGov Analytics Dashboard. If you're creating content and messaging for the public, you may be able to find out more about your audience by studying ours. With the dashboard, you can see what topics people are searching for on USA.gov and USA.gov/espanol, where they're from, what devices they're using, and more.

We're always learning new ways to use data and technology to connect people with their government. We'd love for you to learn along with us, and subscribe to the blog: https://connect.usa.gov/blog-email-sign-up-page.

Thanks,

nancy

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Nancy Tyler
Senior Editor
USAGov-- Your Guide to Government Information and Services

FAS Technology Transformation Services - TTS Solutions
U.S. General Services Administration
The Veterans Health Administration’s Office of Communications, Digital Media Office is hiring a GS-9 Visual Information Specialist (graphic designer) to work with web, social media, print and multimedia projects. The position is open to current and former federal employees, military spouses, and Veterans.

Duty station is 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington DC. Our building sits atop the McPherson Square blue line Metrorail station. This is not a virtual position.

Applications will be accepted through February 4, 2020, or sooner once we have received 150 applications. Please share this link with friends, families, and organizations who meet the eligibility requirements.

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/556760300

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Thanks,

Pam

Pamela Corey
IT Specialist / Information Coordinator
Physical Measurement Laboratory (PML)
NIST
301-975-2170
Good afternoon.
I am sending this on behalf of our SEC Recruitment Team. Please see below:

Greetings!

The U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission is currently seeking a Drupal Engineer. Should you or someone you know be interested in this opportunity, please review the qualifications and apply online via: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/556654900

SEC Recruitment Team
Office of Human Resources (OHR)
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
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Hi Pamela,

Depending on how many QR codes you need to generate, there are typically options online (QR Converters) [check with your IT staff first, as they may have a recommended option]. Depending on your CMS (Wordpress, Drupal, etc), it may have a QR code plugin.

I'm also curious about what you mean by "dynamic." The QR code will change when the URL changes. If printed, updating the QR code would entail an updated flyer. If on the web, perhaps a plain hyperlink would suffice.

On Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 2:12 PM Corey, Pamela L. (Fed) <00000732075202ac-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

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Ryan Wold
Innovation Specialist / Feedback Analytics
TTS / OPP
US General Services Administration

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Hi Ryan,

A dynamic QR code is changeable. But to make one you have to have an account with the vendor which then holds a database of your QR code. So if you put the QR code on a printed brochure and your URL changes you can change the QR code so that the brochure doesn’t need re-printed.

There are many companies that enable dynamic QR codes (see chart at https://scanova.io/blog/best-qr-code-generator/) but beyond prices I don’t know anything about them.

Pam

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Physical Measurement Laboratory (PML)
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301-975-2170

From: Ryan Wold - QQA <ryan.wold@gsa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Corey, Pamela L. (Fed) <pamela.corey@nist.gov>
Cc: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@listserv.gsa.gov
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] dynamic QR codes

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Whenever the subject of QR codes comes up I always like to reference DOI's guidance:
https://www.doi.gov/employees/drupal

Basically, they can easily be hacked so it's often better to find a different way of getting that link out there.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:46 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] dynamic QR codes

Hi Ryan,

A dynamic QR code is changeable. But to make one you have to have an account with the vendor which then holds a database of your QR code. So if you put the QR code on a printed brochure and your URL changes you can change the QR code so that the brochure doesn't need re-printed.

There are many companies that enable dynamic QR codes (see chart at https://scanova.io/blog/best-qr-code-generator/) but beyond prices I don't know anything about them.

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Good afternoon!

We are pro-memes, but anti-going-to-jail-for-copyright-infringement. I know there are some federal and state social media accounts that use memes liberally. Could anyone provide information on best practices or recommendations for meme generators? I tried to tell our attorney that we should get to do it because all of the cool kids are doing it, but he seems to want a few more details.

I appreciate any guidance you can offer!

Renee

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https://digital.gov/2013/02/14/qr-codes/

Maybe digital.gov should update this page?

Personally I would stay away from a ‘dynamic QR code’ and use the redirect feature if the URL changes for the page you want tied to the URL. That way you have a static QR code, that points to specific URL that you control and that you can ‘redirect’ as needed. Otherwise you are trusting this outside vendor to maintain this redirect when you have the resources and tools to do it already in place. I don’t believe there is such a thing as a ‘dynamic QR code’ on a printed document. It will always point to a specific URL location. But you can always redirect that to anywhere else you want it to go. It’s an interesting marketing term.
Subject: Anyone have a TOS for LinkedIn
From: "Maher, Mary - ERS" <mary.maher@USDA.GOV>
Reply To: Maher, Mary - ERS
Date: Thu, 23 Jan 2020 20:27:14 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1672 bytes), text/html (3989 bytes)

Do you have, and are willing to share, a Terms of Service Agreement with LinkedIn?

Thanks in advance for your help!!!

Mary Maher
Chief, Web Services Branch
Information Services Division
USDA's Economic Research Service
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It seems like Identity is the way forward here.

I'm curious about instances where Anonymous (as opposed to Private) feedback is carved out.
And, I'm curious what other strategies are developing, or being explored.

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Hello,

In the past, this community (and the many of you who are Wikipedia editors/contributors) has been fantastically helpful when someone at my agency comes across incorrect information on Wikipedia. I'm again looking for a few contacts from the list who know much more about Wikipedia than I, and might be able to assist in submitting corrections.

Let me know if you might be able to help,

Laura Larrimore
Senior Digital Strategist
Office of the Chief Communications Officer
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Position is listed as a Management and Program Analyst (because… reasons?) - the vacancy announcement is at ST-10693804-20-LT and the position is a GS 13. Open to feds plus a few exceptions, closes on 2/6/20.

Please spread the word!

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Hi Carla,

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Enjoy!

U.S. General Services Administration
Camille Tucker
Senior Design Strategist
Office of Customer Experience
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Monsido has been aggressively courting us for some months. I’m frankly so busy as a web-team of one that I put them off for those months. Finally, they demoed the product to me in January. It appears to be substantially the same service as our existing SiteImprove (albeit simplified and maybe with fewer bells and whistles, but that may be a good thing for us).

I just wonder if anyone who switched (or considered switching) discovered any great deficit not immediately apparent in a casual demo.

We’re being quoted a price less than HALF of our current SiteImprove subscription.

We’d have to pay extra for heat maps (which have been of limited use to us), but the analytics module is part of the base package. (That’s a SiteImprove extra that we haven’t purchased.)
I did. Both are good, Monsido's cheaper. Web community talked me out of getting their services due to the poor customer service. We picked Siteimprove. So far, so good.
Hi Rigina,

Happy to share. Here’s the recap of the demo and pricing. (For comparison, we are paying over $10K per year for SiteImprove 10,000 pages and PDF scanning - which we are probably going to drop because scientists post a lot of old PDFs of work that just isn’t reasonable to ask they edit).

Pricing: based on the number of pages and documents being scanned - annual subscription
- up to 10,000 pages = $4,510/yr
- HeatMaps = $1200/yr
- PageAssist = $710/yr
- PageCorrect = $510/yr

Module Recap:
- Quality Assurance: broken links and images, misspellings
- SEO: On page SEO related to accessibility
- Statistics: Streamlined version of Google Analytics
- Policies: Create your own policies, rules, searches
- Heartbeat: Uptime and response time monitoring
- Prioritized Content: Most important pages/issues
- Inventory - find all pages, images, links, iframe, CSS, JS etc
- Accessibility

For Accessibility:
We provide:
- A comprehensive weekly scan of the entire website (all live pages & subdomains with on-demand scans and single page scans available)
- A scan for 180 issues for WCAG 2.1 A, AA, AAA
- Unlimited training and support at no additional cost for all accessibility errors and platform help
- Allow an unlimited amount of users
- A prioritized list of pages and issues to focus on
- Accessibility Help center
- Fast Track - a global review of the same issues across the site
- Google Chrome extension - visually see all issues on live pages

Add on’s:
- PDF accessibility scanning - CommonLook
- PageAssist - custom toolbar to change fonts, color themes etc
- PageCorrect - make corrections inside Monsido without going into your CMS
- HeatMaps

Please also have a look at our customer page where you can read case studies about how other companies have implemented Monsido:
http://monsido.com/customers

You may also want to visit G2 Crowd product reviews for additional insight on what users like about Monsido.

If you have any questions about the product or the quote, feel free to call or email any time!

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On Feb 5, 2020, at 9:45 AM, Pietrowski Rigina <Pietrowski.Rigina@pbgc.gov> wrote:

Hi there

This is perfect timing, we are looking at both vendors now and would love any insight you have. Can you tell me how much more the heat mapping was?

Thank you,

Rigina Pietrowski
Pietrowski.Rigina@pbgc.gov
202.229.6083

From: LBL.GOV
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:38 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] MONSIDO vs. SITEIMPROVE

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From: [b] (6) IOWA.GOV
Reply To: [b] (6)
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2020 12:35:20 -0600
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From: Bridget Serchak <BSerchak@VOANEWS.COM>
Reply To: Bridget Serchak <BSerchak@VOANEWS.COM>
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2020 18:59:49 +0000
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The simplest way to find out which agencies are located in any major city is to contact that city's Federal Executive Board. https://www.feb.gov/ and https://www.feb.gov/board-locations/  

There are two FEBs in CA: San Francisco and San Diego.  

Regards,  
Bridget  

PS VOA has offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles…

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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:22 PM  
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
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Hi Carla,

The Federal Real Property Public Dataset might be helpful. It contains (non-sensitive) agency-reported building inventories and locations and has a field for state. Note that civilian and non-civilian are in two different files.

Enjoy!

Camille Tucker  
Senior Design Strategist  
Office of Customer Experience  
Office 202-603-2666  

On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 12:10 PM Coolman, Carla <000000d2870c077d-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi,

Where can I find a good list of Federal agencies (a plus, if it includes military) located in California? Already tried GSA and Google. Alternatively, reply “we do” if your agency has a branch/office or even just a person in California.

Thanks everyone.

Carla

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Reply To: Jacquelyn Dolezal-Morales <jdolezalmorales@IAF.GOV>
Date: Wed, 5 Feb 2020 14:13:51 -0500
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Thanks for that succinct side-by-side comparison. You confirmed what I saw in the demo and I appreciate the insights on the interface.
May I also ask:

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- Do you find Monsido’s reporting easy to use? (SiteImprove offers very detailed reports, but until they introduced their group-level “dashboard reports.” I found them confusing and complicated to set up. I’ve now replaced all their “classic” reports with dashboard reports).

Sorry for all the follow-ups. If you can answer just one or two, I’ll take any insights you might offer.

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Web Content Manager  
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On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:30 PM <0000048c0e9200e9-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi,
Does anyone have any recommendations for automated 508/accessibility testing? We need a tool to do quarterly scans as well as ad hoc scans on pages and sites. We need the tool to be hosted on premises so we can test internal sites and sites/tools that are not live yet.

thanks!

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Hi

We use Compliance Sheriff. It's on prem and we can set it to be as frequent as we want (daily, weekly, monthly) for all our internal and external websites. Please feel free to reach out to me directly andrea.bouchard@dot.gov and we can get you more info. I think SiteImprove is easier to use, but Compliance Sheriff does the job.

Thanks,
Andrea

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Lapcewich, Dennis -FS
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 4:46 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 7:41 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Automated 508 Testing

we have just started to use Siteimprove. It detects all the 508 issues in PDFs and webpages as well as spelling mistakes, broken links and much more.

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On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:30 PM <00000048c0e9200b9-dmarc-request@listserv.osa.gov> wrote:

Hi,
Does anyone have any recommendations for automated 508/accessibility testing? We need a tool to do quarterly scans as well as ad hoc scans on pages and sites. We need the tool to be hosted on premises so we can test internal sites and sites/tools that are not live yet.

thanks!

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Register now to hear from the digital experts at Dept of Veterans Affairs talk about how they use digital platforms to reach America’s veterans!

When: Thursday, February 13, 2020 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET
Where: Virtual
Who: Learn more about the presenters!

We’ll have time for a Q&A, so if you have a question in advance please email it over to Gabbie Perret!

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Hi Content Managers!
Friday afternoon question - if you had ONE thing you could change/update/modernize in OMB M-17-06, Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services, what would it be, particularly in light of new laws such as 21st Century IDEA and Connected Government?

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts. Feel free to reply directly (rachel.flagg@gsa.gov).

Thanks!
-Rachel

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Hello Colleagues!

I'm excited to let you know that we have an amazing webinar planned for you. The Census Bureau will share their experience with multilingual survey design and how to involve users in the process by pretesting during the development phase.

When: Thursday, February 27th at 2:30 PM (ET)
Register and learn more about the session and the speakers

You won't want to miss this!

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On Monday, the Department of Homeland Security launched SchoolSafety.gov, a one-stop-shop for K-12 resources related to safety, security, and support in schools. From a web perspective, it’s using the US Web Design System and running on Drupal 8 (USWDS theme - https://www.drupal.org/project/uswds with a sub theme applied).

Can you help us spread the word? Banner image is attached – they also have a widget graphic at https://www.schoolsafety.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/school-safety-widget.png/. Press release is below.

Thanks!

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SchoolSafety.gov Launches to Help Educators, Administrators, Parents, and Law Enforcement Prepare for Threats

WASHINGTON – The Trump Administration today launched the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse website: SchoolSafety.gov. This website is a one-stop-shop of resources for Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) administrators, educators, parents and law enforcement to use to prepare for and address various threats related to safety, security, and support in schools. President Trump established the Federal Commission on School Safety to review safety practices and make meaningful and actionable recommendations of best practices to keep students safe.

“School safety is the number one priority of parents across the country, which is why the President directed DHS and other federal agencies to form a taskforce and provide schools, teachers, parents, and law enforcement with resources to identify, prepare for, respond to, and mitigate threats,” said Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. “The Department provided expertise and resources on a range of school safety issues including threat assessments, physical security, emergency planning, and trainings and exercises designed to help schools and local law enforcement prepare for incidents. With these resources, schools and law enforcement will be better equipped to handle a crisis.”

“All students deserve a safe learning environment, and the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse is an essential resource for information and best practices,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, chair of the Federal Commission on School Safety. “Because every school community has its own unique needs, SchoolSafety.gov equips decision makers with resources for developing, customizing, and implementing actionable school safety plans.”

“Every child should feel safe at school, and every parent should feel their child is safe each day, too,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “SchoolSafety.gov will help equip schools with the tools they need to create safe, healthy environments, including resources for how to provide mental health services in schools. This new one-stop shop complements the evidence-based technical assistance HHS provides to local communities around mental health treatment, and we hope to see more and more schools explore these opportunities.”

“The Department of Justice has no higher priority than making sure our schools are safe and secure for our nation’s students, teachers and administrators,” said Attorney General William P. Barr. “I am grateful for President Trump’s leadership in this cause and am honored to stand with the rest of the leadership of his Administration as we continue our efforts to promote school safety through schoolsafty.gov. The Department of Justice is deeply grateful for the sacrifice and commitment of our nation’s school resource officers and police officers who are on the front lines of keeping our schools and country safe every day.”

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Today's launch represents the first phase of SchoolSafety.gov and we look forward to continually expanding and refining resource materials in coordination with our partners and stakeholders.

The Federal School Safety Clearinghouse and SchoolSafety.gov were developed to fulfill one of the key recommendations from the Federal Commission on School Safety.

SchoolSafety.gov includes:

- The School Safety Readiness Tool, an assessment that assists users in evaluating their respective school’s safety posture across ten foundational elements of school safety. After completing the assessment, users are provided an action plan with task prioritization, options for consideration, aligned resources, and grant opportunities specific to individual needs;
- A Secure Information Sharing Platform for designated school personnel to share school safety ideas, practices, plans, and tactics in a protected environment; and
- A wide array of resources and best practices on key school safety topics to assist with building awareness within the school community to promote vigilance and build capacity to respond to incidents.

SchoolSafety.gov empowers districts and schools to improve safety and security. Following the school shooting in Parkland, Florida in March 2018, President Trump established the Federal Commission on School Safety by Executive Order to make meaningful advancements in keeping students safe. The Trump Administration and DHS also released the 2019 strategy for targeted violence that defines ways that the Department will enhance security with increased preparedness, promoting community readiness, and enhancing defensive measures. The Department will continue to develop new techniques in protective practices.

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Hello!

Join us this Thursday, February 20, from 2:30pm to 3:30pm ET, for the second U.S. Web Design System (USWDS) monthly call of 2020. This month, Dan Williams, USWDS product lead, will facilitate a cross-agency panel discussion about the experience of using the web standards, design principles, and USWDS maturity model. By sharing their own insights about USWDS adoption tactics, speakers will provide useful ways teams of all shapes and sizes can effectively use the design system for their own projects.

Come prepared to learn more about USWDS and hear from peers in the field about the successes and challenges they’ve experienced adopting the design system at their respective agencies. We’ll have time for a live Q&A session as well. Register today at https://go.usa.gov/xd5Ep to confirm your participation!

We post a video of each call at https://digital.gov/events shortly after the event. Watch the video from last month’s call to learn more about design system maturity.

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We look forward to seeing you!

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- The first post shows the Top USA.gov Queries from Google in 2019. These are the topics people searched for on Google that included USA.gov pages in the search results.
- The infographic in the second post features the Top Searches on USA.gov in 2019. These are the queries people typed when they were on USA.gov.

Take a peek--are you surprised by any of the results?

We're always learning new ways to use data and technology to connect people with their government. We'd love for you to learn along with us, and subscribe to the blog: https://connect.usa.gov/blog-email-sign-up-page.

Thanks,
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Site Improve 4-Month Review and Recommendation for Renewal
Angelica French 3-21-2017

Summary
Websites are a digital collection of frequently changing documents often authored by multiple distributed editors. The main public-facing website for SBCTC, http://www.sbctc.edu, is maintained by two web publishers, a technical support person and 25-27 editors with varying levels of web maintenance experience, comfort with web software, and interest. Although the site redesign, upgrade to a modern web Content Management System 2 years ago, and the creation of a Web Style Guide resulted in many improvements in the site, governance with sbctc.edu, as with any site with distributed authorship, remains a constant resource challenge.

At the same time, public-facing websites are coming under increasing scrutiny especially in the area of accessibility. Newly-issued WA State Policy #188 mandates that our site be accessible for all users.

Siteimprove has provided a means to discover/report on broken links inside our PDF files which is something that we have never had the means to do before. Our initial scan identified more than 300 documents with more than 800 broken links. Many of these documents that support the SBCTC within the site with distributed authorship, remains a constant resource challenge.

Siteimprove provides a daily site-wide check for broken links that aids in providing a better user experience for site visitors. While OU Campus can check at the point level for broken links, it does not provide a report of broken links site-wide after the page has been published. Siteimprove will show the broken link on the page in a visual manner by bordering it in red. The reporting feature also indicates how many days ago the broken link was found, thus adding a means of governance tracking that is not possible with other tools at our disposal. Siteimprove, integrating analytics with reporting, can also tell us how many pages view the page with the broken link has had in the last 30 days. This provides a unique opportunity to prioritize the order in which pages are fixed which is an important consideration, given the limited editor resources.

While I do have access to an inexpensive tool (InSite) that can run a site-wide check for broken links, that is all it does, and while it is running it slows down performance on my desktop computer to an extreme. It does not indicate the broken link or where it is located in the page. Siteimprove reports on broken links in PDFs.

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Spelling
Siteimprove provides a site-wide check for misspelled words. While there is a page-level spell check in OU Campus, it has proven to have short comings. Siteimprove catches these in its scan.

Readability
Siteimprove offers us the chance to identify those pages that could be edited to make them more readable to our different users.

Inventory
Siteimprove offers the ability to see a complete inventory, in a readable report format, of all items on our web server, providing file type counts and useful information about each one for example how many times a document has been downloaded in the last 30 days, when it was last modified, file size, how many pages are linking to it. It also provides a way to see which documents are missing the document title property - an important consideration for both accessibility and SEO.

One area of this report we haven't yet made use of is to optimize large PDFs in the hope of bringing file size down. Editors put un-optimized documents on the website without much accountability. The use of a single reporting tool, rather than multiple tools, results in more efficiency, depth, accuracy, as well as possible a lower total cost.

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Siteimprove continues to impress with the depth and breadth of the issues it reveals on our site. The only thing I think Siteimprove can't determine programmatically is correct reading order in a document. We currently have no way of doing these checks en masse. To check one document at a time is very laborious indeed.

Service: Search Engine Optimization
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The Siteimprove governance suite is comprised of a set of so-called "services." They represent different areas of governance. They are covered below.

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Find Pages That Are Not In XML Sitemap
An XML sitemap is a file that lists the web page URLs of a site to inform search engines (like Google) about the organization of the site's content. Web crawlers like Googlebot read the file to more intelligently crawl a site. While the sitemap is not a factor in ranking, it does guarantee that the crawler will index all the pages in a site map.

Why is this important: During the publishing process publishers need to make a change in page properties that instruct OU Campus to include a new page in the sitemap, followed by generating a new site map. This piece of the workflow has not been happening as needed during the publishing process. Siteimprove, in its SEO reporting, flags pages that are not in our XML sitemap.

Analytics
Siteimprove provides analytic features that we could not get through the free Google Analytics. These include:
• Ability to segment out audience by IP address, thus allowing us to see SBCTC staff, system staff, etc.
• Ability to track campaigns (this may be available in Google Analytics)
• Web pages without any visits (this information is harder to determine for documents)
• Behavior mapping (we haven't made this of yet)

Service: Policy
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• Check spelling of bachelor's
• Check for U.S. (periods after each letter)
• The use of "CTC" not spelled out
• Check of source code for <span> tags which are brought into OUCampus from editor's copying/pasting
• Find repeated short words such as "the" or "it is". These don't show up as misspelled words in OUC
• Use of %" in body copy
• Spelling of "website" and "web pages", and many other stylistic spelling instances
• Incorrect usage of words: for example finding "public" instead of "public." Not a misspell, but the wrong word!

Basically Siteimprove policies provide a means of governing many aspects of our web style. Although I have only been acting upon policy infractions on web pages, Siteimprove does provide them in documents as well.

Service: Reports
Siteimprove provides ready-made report templates, but also supports building report templates from scratch. Reports can be archived as a means of showing improvement over time. They can be scheduled to run and emailed to stakeholders and they can be run for each of the Siteimprove services.

Helpful Features
Groups
Siteimprove can be set up to subdivide areas of a website into named groups that can then act as filters on reports. This allows editors assigned to view those groups to have reports narrowed down to just the area of content they are responsible for. Twenty-three groups have been created for sbctc.edu inside of Siteimprove.

Since Siteimprove does not charge a license for each user, sbctc.edu editors could be empowered to use Siteimprove as more convenient and direct means of governing the content for which they are responsible. One editor to date has been trained in Siteimprove to monitor/repair her own broken links in both pages and PDFs. She was very responsive and eager to learn this.

If SBCTC continues with Siteimprove, I would like to move forward with training for any editors that are interested. Doing so may contribute to their feeling of ownership and empowerment.

Dashboards
The main area of Siteimprove and each service within Siteimprove provides a summary landing page/dashboard. Using the dashboard allows a user to see the most pressing issues that need attention. Of particular note is a Priority Pages module that displays a list of pages with low ranking scores due to any type of issues on the pages. (Siteimproves ranks each page 1-10).

Issue Decisions/Exclusions
There are inevitable circumstances when it will be appropriate to accept an issue that Siteimprove has discovered without fixing it. Such circumstances might include:
• Not fixing a URL in a PDF because the content the link pointed to no longer exists
• The need for an exception to be allowed on a self-created policy item
• A title property that just cannot be shortened to the recommended length
• Etc.

In these instances it would be burdensome for the instance to keep showing up in reports. Siteimprove provides a way to issue a documented decision about these instances and to have them ignored in future scans. These can be set at the page level, document level, or even site-wide. These decisions can be viewed in a reporting page for review and can be reversed as needed.

One area where this feature is used in sbctc.edu is in the blog area. Blogs quickly end up with broken links in them. It was decided to only report on, and fix, broken links on pages published in the last month. Siteimprove allows specific folders within our site structure to be excluded.

Review Issues From Different Views
Siteimprove provides a way to come at issues from different starting points that can improve efficiency depending on the circumstances. One such example is the Broken Links reporting. A user can see a list of all the pages with broken links then deeper dive to see what the actual links are, or, they can see a list of all the broken links and then deep dive to see which page(s) the links appear on. This type of flexibility presents itself throughout Siteimprove.

Other Solutions and Options
Other Products
Siteimprove does have competitors. I found these, but they do not publish price information:
• Monsido
• Sitemorse

• Compliance Sheriff

More Thorough Check Before Publishing
It is possible that many issues could be caught during publishing if a very thorough review of each aspect of a page was made. Such a review might take as much as 10 minutes per page and is, in my opinion, a waste of the limited human resources of the Communications staff in the publishing role. It would undoubtedly still not uncover particular types of issues that cannot be found without evaluating the source code.

Page-by-Page Monitoring
Although it would be possible to create a more thorough review process outside of the publishing workflow, it would require a dedicated staff person with experience in all aspects of the governance issues and web development. The cost in human resources would far exceed the cost of an annual subscription to an automated governance suite like Siteimprove.
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Hi Content Managers,

File this under "better late than never."

In June 2019, several of you provided questions and feedback on the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (21st Century IDEA) via IdeaScale. GSA and the Federal Web Council have been referencing your feedback over these past months, as we worked to develop guidance around 21st Century IDEA.

Your feedback has influenced such things as the website standards, the US Web Design System (USWDS) maturity model, the "This Week's IDEA" series on Digital.gov, and analysis around potential modernization of federal web policy.

I’d like to share the report with you now (attached), and thank you for taking the time to provide such thoughtful feedback. I also want to thank Matt Harmon from DHS and Tom O'Neil from DOE for hosting and managing the IdeaScale instance, so we could gather this feedback.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to provide training on the USWDS through monthly calls, and publish more content to help you and your agency adopt the website standards and embrace the goals outlined in 21st Century IDEA. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities as specific projects are formed, and enjoy the long weekend!

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Findings and Recommendations, August 2019

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Definitions

Section 3 - Website Modernization
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Definitions

Clearly define key terms to create a shared understanding. Following are recommendations on proposed definitions for key terms in the law.

- **Digital format** (Sec. 4(b))
  - A form or service in digital format enables the customer to complete the entire process of filling out and submitting the form or request for service through an internet-enabled device. Nothing is required to be printed, physically signed, mailed, or delivered in person.

- **Digital services**
  - Currently defined in M-17-06 as including the delivery of digital information (e.g., data or content) and transactional services (e.g., online forms, benefits applications) across a variety of platforms, devices, and delivery mechanisms.
  - Recommend updating the M-17-06 definition to exclude third party web applications of any type because the government is not the platform owner.

- **Federal government customer experience**
  - Customer experience (CX) refers to a combination of factors that result from touchpoints between an individual, business, or organization and the Federal Government over the duration of an interaction and relationship. These
factors include ease/simplicity, efficiency/speed, and equity/transparency of the process, effectiveness/quality of the service itself, and the helpfulness of service delivery employees. Similar to their application in the private sector, these factors can drive the overall satisfaction and confidence/trust with the program, agency, and the government at large. (Source: OMB Circular A-11 Section 280)

- **Form**
  - For the purposes of this Act, a form is a standard information collection document approved by OMB with a control number and expiration date.
  - The Act does not refer to any other forms that might be used by an agency, like customer feedback or event registration forms.

- **Intranet**
  - Internal digital services designed to inform government employees and government contractors.

- **Non-digital format** (Sec. 4(a))
  - A form or service in non-digital format requires the customer to either 1) come to a location in-person, 2) fill out and sign paper forms, and/or 3) mail in forms, documents or checks. This includes online PDF versions of forms, if the customer is required to print out the form, sign it, and mail it in.

The following terms need further discussion to determine a recommended definition.

- **Commonality**
  - Clarify exactly what “commonality with other agencies” means, particularly around design and implementation.

- **Compliance**
  - Clarify what compliance means (see, for example, the US Access Board’s Q&A on Section 508)
  - Recommend further discussion with the Federal Web Council on what to measure and how to measure it
    - Do not provide individual “grade” assignments
    - Some things shouldn’t be required, but should be measured to inform where/how we should shift the direction of federal implementation
  - See flag below in Section 3 under scope

- **Customized digital experience**
  - Proposed definition:
    - The interaction a customer has on the internet with an organization.
    - This would benefit from a review by a Privacy Officer.

- **Digital conversion rates**
  - Clarify whether this mean the rate of customers moving from in-person/paper-based to digital services, or something else.

- **Most viewed**
  - Clarify what this means for the Congressional report required by 3(b)(2)(A).

- **Service**
  - This is so broad, how should it apply to 21st Century IDEA? How can we define what kinds of government services are covered, or not?

- **Shared service**
Potential definitions include:

- Promote standardization, reduce duplication, reduce operating costs, and increase customer satisfaction in the long-term.
- Leverage common technology or services offered by other agencies to improve service quality and performance, standardize processes, reduce the technology footprint, and reduce governmentwide operating costs.

**Standardization**

- Clarify whether the intent of the Act is to:
  - Standardize the look and feel of all federal government websites.
  - Incorporate similar elements (such as footer links) in a similar fashion.
  - Ensure consistency in look and feel amongst websites of a single agency (or some other interpretation).
- Recommend the Federal Web Council hold further discussions to determine a clear definition.

**Website**

- Currently defined in M-17-06 as "online information resources or services maintained in whole or in part by the departments and agencies in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Federal Government that are operated by an agency, contractor, or other organization on behalf of the agency."
- Recommend updating M-17-06 definition to:
  - Clarify whether the law applies to sites with credentialed/login access
  - Clarify that the law only applies to government-managed websites (for all hosting environments, including on-premise, remote, and cloud), and does not apply to websites managed by recipients of grants or cooperative agreements
  - Exclude:
    - Third-party web applications maintained by departments and agencies
    - Collaboration sites
    - Data-sharing (e.g., peer-to-peer community sites) and data-extraction sites
    - Training sites
  - Recommend the Federal Web Council crowdsource the sites that should be excluded.

**Section 3 - Website Modernization**

**Top Crowdsourced Ideas**

1. Define what it means to be "in compliance with the website standards of the Technology Transformation Services of the General Services Administration"
2. Clarify the definition of a “digital service”
3. Clarify the scope of sites covered under the Act
4. Define the threshold for a “redesign”
5. Develop an inventory of all web properties at each agency that are covered under the Act
Recommendations

- **Explicitly include requirements:** For Sec. 3(e) of this Act (compliance with website standards), we recommend that it include requirements in OMB memo M-17-06 and other federal laws and policies.
  - The U.S. Web Design System (USWDS) may serve as a tool for conformance with Sec. 7 of this Act (standardization), but should not be mandated, nor should it require uniformity amongst federal websites.
  - Recommend that GSA improve and update https://digital.gov/resources/checklist-of-requirements-for-federal-digital-services, and then establish that this page represents the “standards” described in 21st Century IDEA.
  - Recommend that the “standards” distinguish between requirements and recommendations, and that they include the USWDS as a possible solution after an examination of audience, purpose, etc.

- **Specify scope:** Identify exactly what’s covered (and not covered).
  - Consider shifting to the approach that agencies are covered by the Act regardless of the domain on which they’re hosted.
  - For .mil sites, we recommend checking with Council representatives from DOD (Carla Vorhees and Terry Davis), DHS (Matt Harmon) and other experts.
  - Is compliance required only for sites identified in the domain registry, or ALL sites? For example, does this guidance apply to hhs.gov only, or the additional 1,300 smaller sites managed by HHS?

- **Develop common reports and inventories:** We recommend further discussion with Federal Web and CIO Councils on how best to standardize reporting to Congress, as well as inventory report-outs to the public and to OMB.
  (Normative/non-normative approach)

- **No more redesigns:** Move away from a “redesign” model, to adopt a continuous innovation model.
  - Continuous innovation is defined as regular improvement and modernization of website features and functionality within an existing infrastructure and information architecture.

**Section 4 - Digitization of Government Services and Forms**

**Top Crowdsourced Ideas**

1. Stand up a forms best practices working group
2. Determine how to address workload considerations for both agencies, and OIRA, related to form redesigns and Paperwork Reduction Act reviews
3. Develop guidance on how to use journey maps and service maps, and develop SOPs to refine services

**Recommendations**

- **Best practices working group for government forms:** Stand up an interagency working group to develop and document best practices for digitizing paper forms, addressing such things as accessibility, design, user experience, and Paperwork
Reduction Act clearance.

- Broaden the idea from 'forms' to providing **digital access to services**. Provide a service to the user with a digital 'form' or process on the front end that then connects to our internal digital systems on the back end.

- Look at how online forms would handle **attachments like documents and photos** uploaded from desktops and smartphones.

- Some forms and services require **payment** (prev. made in-person or mailed in the form of a check). Instead of each agency paying for and coming up with their own online payment system, look into developing a govt-wide payment portal that agencies can utilize through MOUs. This helps users because they can go to one site to see a history of the fees they have paid to different agencies. Can link into existing online systems through a payment API / button that takes you to another site to pay, like with PayPal buttons on ecommerce sites.

- **Cybersecurity** is a huge concern for customers and agencies alike. How can agencies protect the massive increase of PII that will be sent through their online systems? How can we ensure the safety and privacy of customers’ data, and (re)gain the public’s trust in online services?

- Incorporate best practices from NARA and **records management**. Possibly create new records series.

- Few agencies have a good way for users to **check the status** of their form or application besides picking up the phone, which is extremely expensive for agencies, and isn’t accessible to all. myUSCIS is a great example of how to do it right. Provide agencies with guidance on both technical issues and workplace processes for how to implement online status checks.

- How can we effectively manage additional **customer support** for online forms and services? Many agencies have only a phone number and/or email address for users with questions or technical issues. In the private sector, live online chats with help desk representatives are standard, but this is likely out of reach financially and logistically for many smaller agencies. Is this a shared service that could be provided government-wide at a lower cost for agencies (like Federalist or Cloud.gov)? Could a **help desk support service** such as the Federal Service Desk (fsd.gov) be expanded (e.g., through embedded help buttons or live chats on .gov websites) to support this Act?

- Should there be a **common platform to accept form data** and route it to the appropriate destination, such as a central CRM? If so, how will blanket Privacy and Paperwork Reduction Act reviews be handled, and how would it be funded?

- **Paperwork Reduction Act / OIRA workload considerations**: Evaluate the number of forms each agency has, and the current Paperwork Reduction Act collections that would be affected, to better understand the workload burden and subsequent staffing or contact labor needs related to revision of every customer-facing form.

  - Request OMB/OIRA come up with a **process to meet the overwhelming volume** of new form approvals that are likely to be required for agencies that choose to use the move from analog to digital to improve the original form.

- **Use journey maps and SOPs to refine services**: Request or develop guidance on
how to leverage information such as customer journey maps, value chain maps, or standard operating procedures to digitize government services.

○ Before creating online forms, consider the customer experience, understand how the data will be used and how it will be accessed and processed by the government on the back-end.

○ The entire process should be reviewed to ensure the new form is needed, easily filled out by the customer, and information and the process can be used in an efficient way, and the data is secure.

○ Emphasize that the customer experience doesn’t start with opening the form and end with hitting submit. Consider:
  - How is the customer able to find and access the form/service and evaluate whether it’s what they need?
  - How can the customer check the status after they hit submit?
  - How does the agency communicate with customers as their form/application moves through the process?

○ Guidance on how to manage privacy concerns throughout the user journey. While many users might love to have their information saved and auto-filled when they submit new forms, others will not want us to save their data, and would prefer to fill out all the information from scratch each time.

### Section 6 - Customer Experience and Digital Service Delivery

#### Top Crowdsourced Ideas

1. Stand up a shared services working group
2. Standardize high level measures & metrics for CX
3. Clarify internal agency authorities and governance for digital experience and customer experience
4. Synchronize 21st Century IDEA CX requirements with the [CX CAP Goal](#) and [OMB Circular A-11 Section 280](#)
5. Identify best practices for internal agency governance and coordination on 21st Century IDEA implementation

#### Recommendations

- **Shared Services Working Group**: Document the scope, membership, and other requirements for a technology shared services working group, as it relates to implementation of 21st Century IDEA; ensure coordination with similar working groups already in existence, including the Sharing Quality Services and Customer Experience CAP Goals, and the CX CoP.
  - Define “shared services” in the context of digital service delivery.
    - Possible definition for implementation in this context:
      - Centralized technical capabilities that deliver the benefits of scale and standardization for use by multiple federal agencies.
  - Recruit people on the front lines of this work at any level, including members of the Web or CX Communities of Practice, working at the bureau/agency
level, up through Departmental Web Directors
  - Piggyback on CX CAP goal work so we’re not duplicating, and loop in web managers where it makes sense
  - Rotate agency membership to maintain a broad perspective, and account for use cases from across government
  - Consider joint meetings with Web, CIO, and other Councils, sub-councils, or groups doing related work, to improve cross-agency coordination and collaboration
  - Reward and acknowledge agencies that are doing the right thing (for example, agencies that have appointed a Chief Customer Officer or Chief Digital Experience Officer)

- **Standardized Measurement**: Coordinate with the CX CAP Goal team on cross-agency work to improve the digital government customer experience
    - Measure customer satisfaction in seven domains:
      - Overall: (1) Satisfaction, (2) Confidence/Trust
      - Service: (3) Effectiveness/Quality
      - People: (7) Employee Helpfulness
  - Develop an approved question bank to measure areas not addressed in the OMB guidance.
    - Gather sample questions that already have OIRA approval, to streamline PRA clearance and make it easy to rotate approved questions in & out of individual surveys.
  - Develop and promote standardized best practices for survey implementation, data analysis and action planning/follow-up.
    - Explore how to use existing tools such as [Feedback.usa.gov](https://feedback.usa.gov) for common measurement and reporting.
    - Reference Forrester and GSA CX Indices, [existing resources](https://www.digital.gov), the [Customer Experience Toolkit](https://www.digital.gov) on Digital.gov, etc.
  - Develop and share talking points to help agency web and CX managers explain the value of this work.

- **Authorities and Governance**: Identify best practices for internal agency governance and coordination of the digital customer experience.
  - Develop a resource similar to the [PRA guide](https://www.digital.gov) for IDEA implementation
  - Develop a sample web/digital governance plan for federal agencies, including specifics on 21st Century IDEA implementation
  - Work with OPM to create and classify standard Position Descriptions for positions influencing the digital customer experience.
    - Create a new “Digital Communications” job series, including:
      - Chief Customer Officer
      - Chief Digital Experience Officer
      - Digital Communications Strategist
      - Agency Web Manager
Section 7 - Standardization

Top Crowdsourced Ideas

1. Establish a Cross Agency CX/DX/UI 'Experience' Working Group
2. Develop consistent PDs and contract documents for UX/DX
3. Clarify whether the intent of the Act is to standardize the look and feel for all federal government websites
4. Create a Maturity Model
5. Reference architectures with approved COTs applications

Recommendations

- **Working Groups**: Take advantage of existing Digital.gov Communities of Practice (rather than creating a new group), and target communications to relevant groups on a regular basis about:
  - Available resources, to ensure new members are aware of existing support/tools/resources/training.
    - The PL CoP does this well (model their approach)
  - Collaboration opportunities to work together to improve the experience for customers of digital government services.
    - Recommend GSA work with CoP managers to coordinate and implement.

- **Ease Contracting Burden**: Develop shared templates and sample language for contracts to support digital government work.
  - Potentially expand the Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART) (or develop a new system) to help ensure that all IT contracts contain proper requirements language to ensure contract deliverables comply with federal IT law and policy.
  - Share sample procurement documents on government-only collaboration sites such as MAX or the Acquisition Gateway
  - Align contracting results in ways that allow one agency to conduct security and privacy clearances that can be accepted/used by any department/agency
    - Investigate partnering with CIO and CISO councils to develop a system
  - Expand the Federal Supply Schedule by establishing a government-wide vehicle with a large number of pre-competed vendors of various sized companies to support work covered by 21st Century IDEA, such as user testing or web development.
    - Key here is the requirement of “adherence to best practices,” as it’s a
best practice to consider audience/customer base and purpose when designing a web experience. A federal supply schedule that failed to take this into account would fail to meet the Act’s mandate.

- **Standardization and shared services**: Clarify exactly what “standardized” and “shared services” mean, in the context of 21st Century IDEA.
  - “IT shared services” typically refer to infrastructure items, rather than stylesheets. As an example, DOI’s Drupal Platform-as-a-Service hosts seven websites on this common platform, yet each site maintains a distinct look and feel, designed around the needs of each unique customer base. Would each site on this platform need to move to a common look and feel?
  - Encourage increased use of, and collaboration around, common tools, including content management systems such as Drupal or Federalist.
    - Encourage creation and use of centralized code repositories or tools developed by federal agencies on commonly-used platforms (e.g., GitHub, Drupal, USWDS).
    - Consider creation of federal government “verified” tools that are secure, accessible, 508 compliant, etc. (create once/use many), and have designated “maintainers” such as DHS routinely monitor to ensure code works well and is secure; focus on content management systems that are the most widely used across the federal government.
    - Formalize crowdsourcing and code sharing efforts to increase efficiency and eliminate “reinventing the wheel.”
      - Establish a shared Drupal repo for government shared services, and encourage government developers to help maintain Drupal.org projects for tools developed by agencies (such as Interior’s Drupal video player).
  - Tap into expertise at agencies across the federal government.
    - GSA should not try to create “one size fits all” solutions for everything; instead, establish partnerships to develop tools that could be used widely across both government and the private sector, and tailor them for large, medium, and small agencies.
      - For example, DAP is required, but many large agencies also run their own analytics, in addition to DAP, because they require additional capability that DAP doesn’t provide.
  - **Create a Web/Digital Experience Maturity Model (lower priority)**
    - Build on the work done for the CX CAP goal to develop a web maturity model, to help agencies improve internal coordination around how they manage and deliver digital services.
    - Beware of the risk in how this could be used; can’t be a “stick,” must be a “carrot.”

Thank you for your attention. Please contact the Federal Web Council co-chairs, Rachel Flagg (rachel.flag@gsa.gov) and Matt Harmon (hq.dhs.gov), with questions.
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Hello Monsido users,

Can you confirm the info below:

- heat mapping as an extra. How much?
- Limit number of re-scans or "on-demand scans"
- Unable to customize reports for different teams.

Appreciate your help!

Thank you,

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Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] MONSIDO vs. SITEIMPROVE

Hi:

Fiscal Service had SiteImprove for a few years, but we switched to Monsido this year to save money and we have been very happy with it. It does everything we need at a lower cost. Our web developers like Monsido better also.

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Agreed, please share! I am relatively new at my agency and starting to look for companies that provide automated 508/accessibility testing. This discussion is extremely valuable for me at this stage of the process.

Best,
Jacquelyn

On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 1:58 PM <000005e20fcd22e6-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

This is an excellent and very timely discussion. Please do share information. I was screening four companies for about two months. Again, Siteimprove took the cake because of the multiple positive reviews.

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On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 1:35 PM <000005e20fcd22e6-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

I'm surprised because Monsido's customer service with the State of Iowa has been quite good for the year we've been using them. Perhaps it helps that we purchased an Enterprise-level contract to cover all state agencies (we're a small state but that makes the contract a big one for Monsido). We made the switch from Siteimprove about two months before I started this job. I'm trying to catch our e-Government Services Coordinator to get the official rationale for why we made the switch. I'll share whatever I can for the good of the group as soon as I get it.

On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 11:47 AM <000005e20fcd22e6-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

I did. Both are good, Monsido's cheaper. Web community talked me out of getting their services due to the poor customer service. We picked Siteimprove. So far, so good.
On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 12:42 PM [b] (6) lbl.gov[/b] wrote:

Has anyone done a side-by-side comparison?

Monsido has been aggressively courting us for some months. I’m frankly so busy as a “web-team” of one that I put them off for those months. Finally, they demoed the product to me in January. It appears to be substantially the same service as our existing SiteImprove (albeit simplified and maybe with fewer bells and whistles, but that may be a good thing for us).

I just wonder if anyone who switched (or considered switching) discovered any great deficit not immediately apparent in a casual demo.

We are being quoted a price less than HALF of our current SiteImprove subscription.

We’d have to pay extra for heat maps (which have been of limited use to us), but the analytics module is part of the base package. (That’s a SiteImprove extra that we haven’t purchased.)
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Hello - Sharing a post from the W3C blog, "Free Online Course "Introduction to Web Accessibility" with key information below:

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE) are announcing a new online course "Introduction to Web Accessibility" scheduled to start on 28 January 2020. This course provides a strong foundation for making websites and apps work well for people with disabilities, meet international standards, and enhance the user experience for all web users. It is designed for technical and non-technical audiences, including:

- developers
- designers
- content authors
- project managers
- people with disabilities
- others

Optional course material helps you learn more about the topics you are most interested in. It covers:

- What is Web Accessibility (2 sections)
- People and Digital Technology (5 sections)
- Business Case and Benefits (2 sections)
- Principles, Standards, and Checks (5 sections)
- Getting Started with Accessibility (2 sections)

The course is designed for **4 weeks** of about **4-5 hours effort per week**. It is self-paced so you can complete it in a shorter or longer time frame. This version of the course is **open through 30 April 2020**.

The course is free. The **free “audit” option** gives you access to all of the main content; the audit option does not include the graded assessments. With the audit option, you have access to the course for **4 weeks** from when you “enroll”.

Thank you, and have an accessible day!

~Michael

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Don't miss this unique opportunity, our friends from the Census Bureau will host a webinar on Survey Translation and the Inclusion of End Users in the Process on Thursday, February 27 at 2:30 PM.

Learn more about the webinar and register.

See you there!
Laura

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Hello friends & colleagues!

It's possible that I haven't been paying enough attention to GA policy, lately. Whoops. New location, new standup desk, new opportunities to play catch-up!

Are we still using anonymized Google Analytics? Is it by rule or guidance these days – or perhaps just strong social pressure?

Asking for myself. ;-)  

Larry

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Larry (Ignore my email address) Gillick  
Chief, Web & Digital Strategy  
Farm Production and Conservation Business Center  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Phone: 202-720-4024  
Email – lawrence.gillick@usda.gov
Subject: Links diverting to wayback machine
From: OAG.STATE.MD.US
Reply To: 
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2020 14:49:17 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (125 kB) , text/html (4 kB) , image001.png (125 kB)

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Not me. The first few times I tried the wayback machine it failed to help me. Since then, I have accepted a different perspective … on the past … in the web. Same for philosophy(s) on copies and backups.

Happy Tuesday,
ITS III, Dept. of Taxation, State of Hawaii

From: OAG.STATE.MD.US
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:49 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Links diverting to wayback machine

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Ding Ding Ding- we have a winnah! It was somehow coded into links in a sharepoint web part. No idea how it got in there, but it is gone now.

Thanks Chip!

Crazy! Sure enough is. No idea how that happened. Thanks so much Chip!

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Good afternoon. Hoping to reach someone from the Census Bureau. There have been a couple of census countdown clock widgets on the Census Bureau site. Both have been blocked from embed for security reasons. I have reached out directly through the site to have the nc.gov domain white listed so we could use the clock widget on our census site at https://census.nc.gov/.

These are the embed codes I’ve found over the past year:

1) This was initially available, then blocked, then no longer found:

2) This is currently blocked:
   `<p><iframe height="220" src="https://www.census.gov/census-countdown/clock.html" width="375"></iframe></p>

I’d appreciate any insight. We’re just a month away. What are others using for their countdown clocks?

Thanks so much,

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Good afternoon Web Content Community Members,

Join us at 2:00 p.m. ET, Wednesday, March 11th webinar where Katherine Spivey will show how she did a readability audit on a set of pages, describe the decisions she had to make, and explain unexpected results.

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Hope you can join us!

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I am actually researching tools now. We are looking into PageFreezer, ArchiveSocial and Smarsh.

Eric Erickson  
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Arva

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We archived our CMS (not WordPress) website using SiteSucker. It basically creates a local copy. NB: It only runs on Macs.

https://ricks-apps.com/osx/sitesucker/

Good luck!

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I've used HTTRACK and also wget

This is a pretty good tutorial on how to write the script you'll need to do the scrape.

https://youtu.be/dbybH_h4ICs

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Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Archiving web content

I like HTTRACK.

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Hello, a new resource for health/medical/life sciences/etc. analytics people who are able to run Python code projects...

The URL below leads to a lightweight, "Minimum Viable Product" set of scripts for putting your search log data (both search engine and site search logs) into topic-oriented buckets, that can be matched up to the topic areas your subject matter experts are working within. It uses the Unified Medical Language System and semantic network. This allows your SME's to drill down on the information customers are asking for within her/his topic area to see how the customers ask for what they want. This knowledge could lead to improvements in your navigation, search engine optimization, site search interface, trend spotting and trend tracking, etc.

In the pilot site, we could classify ~70 percent of our search volume automatically, after manual work processing ~4 months' worth of data. Such a project needs a person who can run basic Python and a person who knows your organization and your site's information architecture. The work goes faster if this can be the same person.

An inbound or outbound mail scanner is giving me a warning message about a my URL (I think it doesn't like the text string "class"), so I'm breaking apart the URL to try to stop it from being removed, so you will need to re-unite...

Start of URL,

github.com/NCBI-Codeathons/

Use-UMLS-and-Python-to-classify-website-visitor-queries-into-measurable-categories/wiki

End of URL.

Happy to hear from anyone working in this area about next steps.

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Happy Monday!

Since there was so much interest in last Thursday's Census Bureau's webinar, I wanted to share that the video is now posted to YouTube. If you participated in the session, which covered a lot of information, or you missed the session you can now watch it at your convenience.

Also, you may want to check out the multilingual YouTube channel for videos of previous sessions covering a wide range of topics.

Please excuse the multiple emails if you subscribe to several listservs.

Have a great week!

Laura Godfrey
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Reply To: Ellison, Ben A
Date: Tue, 3 Mar 2020 18:48:16 +0000
Content-Type: text/plain
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (89 lines)

Splitting hairs, but yes. WARC isn't "approved" but it is listed by NARA as one of the two "acceptable" formats for web records and also in their (outdated) best practices guide for capturing social media. https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/policy/transfer-guidance-tables.html#webrecords

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From: [b] (6) <(b) (6) NC.GOV>  
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 1:55 PM  
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Census Countdown Clock Widget

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From: Bruce Bailey <Bailey@ACCESS-BOARD.GOV>
Reply To: Bruce Bailey <Bailey@ACCESS-BOARD.GOV>
Date: Wed, 4 Mar 2020 18:10:49 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2289 bytes) , text/html (5 kB) , image001.png (5 kB)

Please pass along!
The person will be working on our website, but that is not the primary focus.

From: United States Access Board <access-board@service.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Bruce Bailey <Bailey@Access-Board.gov>
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From the perspective of a color blind person, some colors are impossible to distinguish. Sim Daltonism lets you visualize colors as they are perceived with various types of color blindness.

Move the Sim Daltonism window over something on the screen and see what it looks like with a color blindness. With this app you can check the accessibility of websites and other user interfaces, make your visual designs better for color blind people, or just play around to better understand how various color blindness types affect color perception.

The Filter Window

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Morning –

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in coordination with the Office of the Vice President (OVP) and the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Web Council are establishing a lane of communication structure for federal web and digital communications related to the disease. This authority for this action comes from Emergency Support Function 15 of the National Response Framework.

Please forward this message as necessary.

For those not familiar with the lane structure, the idea is to eliminate cross-posting of information among agencies and, instead, have everyone provide links to centralized “lanes” of information. So, for example, Energy might post a press release related to Energy activities... and instead of every other agency trying to keep up with adding that link to their site as well, a link to the Energy release is added to one or two centralized pages.

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Lanes of Communication:

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
https://www.coronavirus.gov

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has established a landing page on CDC.gov with the latest information from CDC and the overarching medical community on COVID-19. The page is currently promoting information on how it spreads, symptoms, prevention and treatment, stigma and COVID-19, what to do if you are sick, and frequently asked questions. The page is located at https://www.coronavirus.gov.
What the U.S. Government is Doing
https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus
Spanish: https://gobierno.usa.gov/coronavirus

GSA has created a landing page on USA.gov for government-wide information related to COVID-19 activities. The page is being populated now – **if you have materials from your agency that need to be added to the page**, please email joanne.mcgovern@gsa.gov and she will coordinate posting. USA.gov can support both English and Spanish content. The page is located at https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus and the Spanish page is at https://gobierno.usa.gov/coronavirus.

**Social Media Guidance:**

For social media, we are currently asking folks to follow and retweet the following handles:

Twitter: @CDCgov
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CDC
Instagram: @CDCgov

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Thanks, and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to either myself or Stacey Palosky (Stacey.Palosky@hhs.gov) at HHS.

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Hello,

This email is to serve as a correction to our earlier email. The USWDS call for March 2020 is scheduled for **next** Thursday, March 19th. We apologize for any initial confusion this might have caused and hope to see you next week.

Best,

On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 4:17 PM DigitalGov University <digitalgovu@gsa.gov> wrote:

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Are you interested in how to write accessible web content? Then join TTS’s Content and Accessibility Guilds for a special presentation featuring 18F Content Strategist, Ryan Johnson about how you can effectively write accessible web content.

Do you create content for a website or digital product? Do you contribute documents, text, or images that end up on a website or digital product? Regardless of your role in government, you’re a content creator.

We all communicate with each other and the public in the course of our duties. And yet, accessibility is often viewed through the lens of software development or visual design. This presentation will be held next Friday, March 20 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET and will focus on what we can all do to design content that is accessible to everyone. Register now for free http://go.usa.gov/xdFNp!

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Best,
Cole
Good morning Cole,
I am the individual responsible for archiving at HHS. If you have any comments or questions regarding how we handle archiving please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully,

Kelley

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To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Here are three public impacts to us, our customers, and operations currently:

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   Regards,

   Chris

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Hi Christine,

Voice of America (one of the five networks – and one of the two federal networks - of the independent federal agency, the U.S. Agency for Global Media (formerly the Broadcasting Board of Governors)) issued a news release on Friday announcing that our studio tours are suspended indefinitely. My office, VOA Public Relations, manages hundreds of tours for thousands of visitors annually. The tours are led by our journalists, broadcast operations staff and VOA PR team members.

The news release is here: https://www.insidevoa.com/a/5328072.html

The tour closure notice is here: www.voatour.com.

Regards,

Bridget

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Does anyone from the Census Bureau happen to be on this list? We've received requests for help from the public with the 2020 Census (somewhat understandable as the Archives has lots of resources on researching past census records), but are unsure where to redirect these inquiries. The my2020census.gov site which they were asking about doesn't appear to have any help or contact information that I was able to find. I located a contact # on 2020census.gov/en/help.html but wasn't sure if that was the most appropriate for issues with the my2020census.gov site.

Many thanks!

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Hello Web Content Managers Community Members!

Join us at **2:00 p.m. ET, Tuesday, March 31st** for a virtual workshop with the Cloud Foundry ambassador, Steve Greenberg, where he will demonstrate the basics of using the Cloud.gov platform as a developer.

Register here: [https://digital.gov/event/2020/03/31/intro-cloud-foundry-on-cloudgov/](https://digital.gov/event/2020/03/31/intro-cloud-foundry-on-cloudgov/)

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Hi colleagues -

The U.S. Digital Registry will be migrating to a different hosting environment and not available to process your account additions or modifications starting Friday, March 20, at 12PM ET (Noon) until Monday, March 23, at 12PM ET (Noon).

Thanks for your cooperation,
Natalie

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U.S. General Services Administration

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Webinar: Conformity is Necessary??

This Thursday, March 19 at 3pm EDT, we will be hosting Beyond Motivation as they take us through *Conformity is Necessary??*

We live in a world filled with opinions, thoughts and ideas, often creating a hostile environment for teams. In order for teams to work together there must be agreement, which often requires for those that don't agree to conform. This is why you must learn the art of dissent as a means of being able to efficiently and effectively express your thoughts, ideas and disagreements. As teams are trained to think critically and holistically communicate, you will find that a natural flow of conformity occurs.

During this webinar, we will...

- Explore the necessity of conformity to achieve greater productivity, creativity and innovation
- Understand the art of dissent in facilitating conformity and agreement
- Recognize when we should conform or seek to persuade and/or gain consensus for the conformity of others

Register for Conformity is Necessary?? Webinar

Drupal Camps... Online this Weekend!

Instead of sessions taking place in physical rooms for NERD Summit and MidCamp this weekend, they will take place in Zoom rooms. A Zoom link will be provided for each room. And you can attend, too.

DO NOT forget to make plans for **Drupal GovCon 2020: July 28 - July 31, 2020** -- and find local Drupal events in your area, too!

Get Your NERD Summit Ticket

Also, super sad about Drupalcon having to be canceled or rescheduled. I'm hoping we'll be able to put Drupal GovCon on this July.

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Hello Web Content Manager Community Members!

Join us at **2:00 p.m. ET, Wednesday, March 25th** the DAP Community of Practice will host a virtual workshop, where we will address how to think about justifying an analyst role on your team, and talk about the role's many hats, as well as making the business case to your leadership team.


Hope you can join us for this event!

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Afternoon –

We have a few updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for U.S. Government Websites and Social Media.

Details are below, but here is the super-short version up front:

1. With the launch of the revamped Coronavirus.gov (that happened moments ago), we are expanding to three lanes of communication – Coronavirus.gov, CDC.gov/coronavirus, and USA.gov/coronavirus.
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3. If agencies have agency-specific information, they should create a centralized landing page on their site at >https://www.agency.gov/coronavirus< and put all of their agency-specific materials on that page. Forward the link of this page to usagovemergency@gsa.gov.
4. When posting information about the Coronavirus to an agency website, agencies should remember to “stay in your lane” and only post agency-specific information – for everything else, link to authoritative sources (Coronavirus.gov, CDC.gov and USA.gov first, then others).
5. If you add a significant news release or update to the public, forward the URL of the article to usagovemergency@gsa.gov.
6. Do not create a logo for the virus

Details are below, but before I get into that, HUGE kudos to HHS, CDC, and USA.gov for their MONSTER coronavirus work! I think we can all agree that they’re doing lion’s work during trying times and knocking it out of the park. Great job – keep it up!

So here are the details:

**Authority**

In response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and in conjunction with the White House, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Federal Web Council, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is issuing guidance for the coordination of Federal web and social media communications related to this incident.

This authority for this action comes from Emergency Support Function 15 (ESF-15 - Public Affairs – Annex R) of the National Response Framework where, during incidents of national significance, DHS has the authority to coordinate all USG communications.


**All Federal agencies are required to follow this guidance.** Please forward this message as necessary.

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- Link to any (or all) of the three lanes elsewhere on your agency website as appropriate.
- If your agency has agency-specific coronavirus information (where you “own” that lane), promote that specific information on your homepage BEFORE promoting the three lanes. It doesn’t make sense for Coronavirus.gov or usa.gov/coronavirus to send people your way to have the public be first presented a link back to coronavirus.gov.
- If your agency does not have agency-specific coronavirus information to present, include a link to Coronavirus.gov on the homepage of your agency website. Prominence of display and additional locations to place the link is at agency discretion and should be based on user analytics (focus on where your users would be looking for this kind of information).

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**Lanes of Communication**

**Coronavirus.gov**
https://www.coronavirus.gov

This is a primary lane of information for the public regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). It is a portal for public information that is curated by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force at the White House, working in conjunction with CDC, HHS and other agency stakeholders. Coronavirus.gov will link to the appropriate Federal agency website as the authoritative source for that information as necessary.

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) landing page on CDC.gov is the latest public health and safety information from CDC and for the overarching medical and health provider community on COVID-19. The site contains consumer and medical information on how the virus spreads, symptoms, prevention and treatment, stigma, cases and what to do if you are sick, along with frequently asked questions.

**What the U.S. Government is Doing**
https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus
Spanish: https://www.usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus

Landing page on USA.gov that is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). USA.gov can support both English and Spanish content.

**Social Media Guidance**

Follow the following handles and retweet/share information relevant to your agency.

Twitter: @CDCgov
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CDC
Instagram: @CDCgov

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Thanks, and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to either myself or Stacey Palosky (Stacey.Palosky@hhs.gov) at HHS.

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Good morning!

I hope everyone is doing well.

Some folks have contacted me about translation resources and I wanted to share the National Language Service Corps (NLSC) snapshot in case you need to translate COVID-19 resources into other languages and don't have in-house capabilities.

**Reminder: NLSC, a program of the Department of Defense, can only work with federal agencies.**

Thanks,
Laura

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How Can Your Agency Leverage NLSC Support?

The National Language Service Corps (NLSC) enables Federal agencies to fill capability gaps through low-cost access to Government investments in language skills. Administered by the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO) within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSD P&R), the NLSC enables Federal agencies to leverage a full range of language capabilities, including interpretation, translation, instruction, and cultural support.

How to Request NLSC Support

1. Verify that a support agreement is established.
2. Inform the NLSC/DLNSEO of your language requirements.
3. Approve the cost estimate generated by the NLSC.
4. Obligate funds to the NLSC.

NLSC Achievements to Date

We are authorized by law to serve across the Federal Government, providing a full range of language support within the DoD and beyond.

- Members Worldwide: 10,579+
- Members Languages: 441
- Hours Worked: 48,947.25+
- Missions Completed: 58
- Agencies Supported: 10

Our global and focused recruiting efforts serve partner request trends and mission-specific requirements.

The NLSC’s current partnerships span the gamut of organizations and echelons.

Legislation

The FY13 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorized a permanent NLSC, and 50 U.S. Code Chapter 37 provides a firm legislative foundation. In FY16, DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1110.02 was approved, and the NLSC was codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. The FY18 NDAA House of Representatives Conference Report noted “the significant contributions of the National Language Service Corps and commend[ed] their efforts to respond rapidly to assist U.S. departments and agencies to fulfill a wide range of foreign language needs.”
SNAPSHOT for Partners

NLSC Mission Capabilities

The NLSC offers Federal Government partners flexible and efficient full-spectrum linguistic services.

Interpretation
- Simultaneous
- Consecutive
- Interpretation Skill Set Training

Translation
- Technical Translation
- QA/QC Editing Process
- Classified Document Translation

Instruction
- All Levels of Language Instruction
- Tutoring and Group Sessions
- Phone Instruction

Cultural Support
- Cultural Sensitivity Education
- Cultural Advising
- Document Screening

NLSC Mission Readiness

To support rapid activations, the DoD has authorized a portion of our members to become federalized as a ready reserve. When activated, our federalized members serve as temporary Government employees.

Our Federalized Component
- 1,227 members
- 257 languages
- Some hold clearances
- Many are DLPT/OPI tested
- Ready for rapid activation

All Members
U.S. citizens over 18 years old, professionally proficient in languages

Federalized
Ready for rapid activation and deployment

Activated
Serving on a mission at home or abroad

NLSC Support Process

To ensure members have what they need to succeed, NLSC provides support before, during, and after missions.

1 888 SAY NLSC (729–6572)
support@nlscorps.org
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Hello

Does anyone have contact information for a google representative that they'd be willing to share? I'm looking for a tech person (analytics or gmail) rather than a sales person.

Thanks!

Kelly

Kelly A. Harmon  
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From: Bridget Serchak <BSerchak@VOANEWS.COM>  
Reply To: Bridget Serchak <BSerchak@VOANEWS.COM>  
Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2020 14:55:58 +0000  
Content-Type: multipart/related  
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Larry,

Voice of America broadcasts in 47 languages so we have 47 separate newsrooms that are responsible for their respective websites. Here is a link to them: https://www.insidevoa.com/navigation/allsites

We currently use a content management system called Pangea that was developed by our sister network, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Prague, but VOA is moving to a new system that is Drupal based, however only a few of the 47 newsrooms are up on the new system at this time.

Happy to connect you with folks here at VOA with your specific questions.

Also, I assume you are aware of the other GSA listserv on multilingual communities in the federal government: https://digital.gov/communities/multilingual/

VOA is active on that listserv too and you would probably get a lot of good responses to your query there as well.

Thanks, Bridget  
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301-837-0294
Web Branch Chief | Office of Innovation
National Archives and Records Administration
We support 196 overseas mission websites in 70 languages (at last count) using Wordpress.

Some posts manage all their content in both English and the host-nation language (in a few cases more than one local language) and for those we set up a completely separate instance for each language. Others publish only selected content in the local language and those can toggle to the templates for their language. In both cases there are crosslinks to the translated content on individual pages. We also manage separate search indexes on USA.gov for those posts with a full language site.

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Hi all,
DOJ launched a redesigned LEP.gov in Drupal 8 less than a week ago. The site provides content in over 20 languages.

We’re particularly proud of the language picker in the upper right corner which will get users to content in their language quickly.

Content is tagged with a language tag and then presented in views based on those tags.

Happy to answer any questions.

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Hi Content Managers!

The USAGov Contact Center recently added more interactive voice response (IVR) messaging. We wanted to help callers get answers to basic questions more quickly and wanted to save money and free-up our contact center agents to handle more complicated questions. Learn about it in our latest blog post.

We’re always experimenting and learning new ways to use data and technology to connect people with their government. Learn along with us, and subscribe to the blog: https://connect.usa.gov/blog-email-sign-up-page.

Thanks,
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In our case, all translations are done by locally employed staff at the embassies. They aren't employed just to do that, but managing the content in both English and their local language(s) is part of their regular duties, so there's no additional overhead associated.

Darrell Cochran (Remote)
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https://youtu.be/YOaWaWpsxWU

Also TAOTI (DC local digital experience shop) has also done some multi-lingual sites and teach on steps to getting started.
https://youtu.be/HRl1RRbDTOg

We also have https://www.voakorea.com/ (as Bridget noted earlier) the content for our language sites is through the language services, including this one for Korean language.

https://www.voakorea.com/

Hope this helps Kevin. BTW, if you don’t know this, but Kevin works for hands down the most POPULAR gov't agency in Missouri. I went to flyover camp and met one of the team there and person after person came up to him to thank him for his service to the state. Total rock star for the work they do. Check them out https://mdc.mo.gov/

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Plain language FTW!

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Hi Digital Community,

HHS Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs has an opening for someone looking to join a fast-paced, energetic and innovative office. This is a position in the center of communicating policy and educating the American public on key issues involving their health and safety. We are currently on the front lines of the Coronavirus pandemic. You would be joining a strong digital team that does a huge amount of collaborating with all of HHS.

If this sounds like a good fit, please apply. And please share broadly with your friends.

We will be sharing this posting across all of the HHS divisions as well, so several agencies will be using this cert to hire.

**Announcement Number:** HHS-ASPA-DE-20-10780843  
**Request Number:** 314144  
**Position Title:** Public Affairs Specialist (Digital Information Specialist)  
**Pay Plan-Series-Grade:** GS-1035-13  
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Good afternoon –

First, thanks to everyone for following the Coronavirus Guidance and “staying in your lane” – everyone is doing a great job and it’s making a difference. Please continue to send your significant releases and updates to usagovemergency@gsa.gov, reach out to either myself or Stacey Palosky (Stacey.Palosky@hhs.gov) at HHS if you have any questions… and if you need a refresher on the guidance, see below.

Here are a few additional resources that the White House Coronavirus Task Force is amplifying. While not required, feel free to promote on your websites and tweet, etc. as appropriate:


- **Frequently Asked Questions** ([https://faq.coronavirus.gov](https://faq.coronavirus.gov)) – An interagency website, organized by the White House Coronavirus Task Force, for definitive information on the public’s most frequently asked questions. The site currently features content from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, the Department of the Treasury and the Small Business Administration.

- **Small Business Resources** ([https://www.coronavirus.gov/smallbusiness/](https://www.coronavirus.gov/smallbusiness/)) – The White House Coronavirus Task Force has provided this information on various assistance programs available to small businesses.

- **FEMA Rumor Control** ([https://www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control](https://www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control)) – Helping the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. A great resource for social media – if you see a rumor, reply back with the correct answer and link to the FEMA Rumor Control page.


Thanks and stay safe out there –

All Federal agencies are required to follow this guidance. Please forward this message as necessary.

Web Guidance

First, when standing up a page on your website specific to COVID-19, please FOLLOW THE REQUESTED URL STRUCTURE to the best of your ability: https://www.agency.gov/coronavirus

Second, STAY IN YOUR LANE. Only post information directly related to your agency on your agency's Coronavirus page.
- Once your agency's page is live, please FORWARD THE LINK to usagovemergency@gsa.gov for inclusion on the “What the US Government is Doing” lane on USA.gov.
- If you add a significant news release or update to the public, please FORWARD THE URL OF THE ARTICLE to usagovemergency@gsa.gov for inclusion as well.

Third, LINK TO THE PRIMARY LANES OF COMMUNICATION for the disease (below).
- Link to all three lanes from all publicly-released materials related to COVID-19
- Link to all three lanes prominently on your agency's Coronavirus page
- Link to any (or all) of the three lanes elsewhere on your agency website as appropriate.
- If your agency has agency-specific coronavirus information (where you “own” that lane), promote that specific information on your homepage BEFORE promoting the three lanes. It doesn’t make sense for Coronavirus.gov or usa.gov/coronavirus to send people your way to have the public be first presented a link back to coronavirus.gov.
- If your agency does not have agency-specific coronavirus information to present, include a link to Coronavirus.gov on the homepage of your agency website. Prominence of display and additional locations to place the link is at agency discretion and should be based on user analytics (focus on where your users would be looking for this kind of information).

Fourth, at this point, please DO NOT CREATE A LOGO or any other distinct visual treatment for COVID-19. To provide for some level of consistency of presentation, a high-resolution copy of the image that CDC has been using can be found at https://phil.cdc.gov/Details.aspx?pid=2871.

Lanes of Communication

**Coronavirus.gov**
https://www.coronavirus.gov

This is a primary lane of information for the public regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). It is a portal for public information that is curated by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force at the White House, working in conjunction with CDC, HHS and other agency stakeholders. Coronavirus.gov will link to the appropriate Federal agency website as the authoritative source for that information as necessary.

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) landing page on CDC.gov is the latest public health and safety information from CDC and for the overarching medical and health provider community on COVID-19. The site contains consumer and medical information on how the virus spreads, symptoms, prevention and treatment, stigma, cases and what to do if you are sick, along with frequently asked questions.

**What the U.S. Government is Doing**
https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus
Spanish: https://www.usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus

Landing page on USA.gov that is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to Coronavirus (COVID-19).
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Social Media Guidance

Follow the following handles and retweet/share information relevant to your agency.

Twitter:  @CDCgov I @FEMA I @FEMA_Pete
Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/CDC I https://www.facebook.com/FEMA/
Instagram:  @CDCgov I @FEMA

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Morning all –

During an emergency, it is more important than usual for all people to have equal and timely access to urgent communications. Emergencies often disproportionately impact individuals with disabilities, so take extra care to ensure that your digital content conforms to Section 508.

The following tips will help you to create accessible digital content and can also be found at https://section508.gov/blog/making-agency-communications-accessible-everyone.

Huge thanks to the Federal CIO Council’s Interagency Accessibility COP Leadership Team and GSA’s Government-wide IT Accessibility Program for pulling this together.

Agency Official Communication

Review Section E205.3 of the Revised 508 Standards for a full list of the types of documents classified as agency official communication. All of these must be accessible.

Electronic Documents

- Use a strong color contrast and avoid pattern backgrounds.
- Structure content in a layout that is easily read from left to right. When possible, avoid using text boxes, layout tables, and data tables.
- If data tables are used, ensure column and row headings are included and informative.
- Choose a font that is clear and easy to read; font size should be at least 10 points for standard text.
- Use built-in heading styles, such as Title, Heading 1, Heading 2, etc., to create a structured document. This will help readers understand document flow, and the sections relate to one another.
- Organize content into bulleted and numbered lists, using built-in styles, to organize content and make it more reader-friendly.
- When using images that convey information, provide alternative text (ALT text) descriptions that explain the purpose of the image. Avoid using color as the only means to convey information.
- Use digital signatures instead of handwritten signatures. Scanned documents are not inherently accessible, and they require additional time to make accessible.
- PDF documents must be tagged and structured per the above guidelines. PDFs of scanned documents (image only) are not accessible without additional effort.
- Provide equivalent text versions of inaccessible documents via accessible HTML, an alternative file format, or within the body of an email.
- Visit www.section508.gov/create for “how-to” guides, training videos, and a checklist on creating accessible electronic documents.

Webpages

- Publish content in HTML, rather than in an electronic document, whenever possible. It is typically easier to create accessible content in a web page, and easier for readers, particularly people with disabilities, to view.
  - [Editor’s note: if you HAVE to publish a PDF, make sure you use the Accessibility toolset available in Acrobat to ensure Section 508 conformity]
- Use native HTML and proper tagging to create content and page structure (headings, lists, etc.). Basic HTML that follows the HTML specification is accessible.
- Avoid using only color to convey information.
- Avoid creating elements with scripting.
Associate a descriptive label with each field in a form.
Linked text should be unique, meaningful, and explain what the reader will get if they click. Avoid non-descriptive links such as “read more” and “click here.” Clearly labeled hyperlinks improve search engine optimization.
Describe meaningful images by including alternative (ALT) text with an equivalent description (or use ALT="" where an image is ornamental).
Include column and row headings on data tables.
The US Web Design System can also help you create more accessible customer experiences.

Videos and Virtual Meetings
Captions are required for information provided by speech or sound. Consider using FedRelay solutions, such as Relay Conference Captioning (RCC), to caption your conference call or webinar.
Include descriptions of visual content in speaker narration. Otherwise, provide audio descriptions for information provided through graphics and pictures.
Make sure the media player controls are keyboard accessible.
Review this Video, Audio and Social guidance for more information.

Social Media
Verify that your chosen platforms allow for the addition of captions on images or videos.
For images without ALT text, caption the images in the text of the post.
For inaccessible videos, include a link to an accessible version of the video on your agency website.
Review this Video, Audio and Social guidance for more information.
Please contact us at Section.508@gsa.gov if you have questions or need additional assistance.

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What a crazy time to be alive…

In the midst of it all, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is keepin’ on (as we have for 250+ years) issuing patents and registering trademarks -- and we are even hiring! BUT I need your help in getting the word about this position located in my office. Please share this info with those you think are a good match -- the full job description on USAJobs (links below) doesn’t quite do it justice.

It’s a really cool hybrid leader, editor, trainer, web&UX-savvy type position. You’d oversee content on uspto.gov, train and coach ~100+ Drupal user community to deliver awesome web pages using our CMS, and advise an Agile web development team on what to improve or develop next. You are deeply embedded in and supported by various cross-unit teams at the agency like the Web Executive Council, Press team, and Education and Outreach team. There is also a lot of high-level people-wrangling, so diplomacy is a must.

In a single day, you may brief the highest executives at our 13,000 person agency, troubleshoot a CMS problem and escalate it to our dev team, and then lead a meeting with a UX specialist, graphics designer, and web developer on our next big project (like our Journeys of Innovation series, or this award-winning site recognizing the 10 Millionth Patent).

Getting the right person into this position is so important for helping our agency continue to develop as a user-friendly government resource. Plus, helping some of the nation’s most innovative people and companies (who probably need our support now more than ever) is, in my opinion, pretty cool.

Website Editor-In-Chief – DE (All US Citizens)
Vacancy#: OUS-2020-0004
Open: 03/31/2020
Close: 04/14/2020
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/564395200

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I wanted to ask to ask 2 questions of the group. Feel free to answer 1, 2, or both, or none!

1. We, like most govs, use Drupal. Currently we run the 7 version and are moving to 8 in the summer. Is there a mapping module that anyone is using that they would recommend? If it has both 7 and 8 versions that would ease our migration path, of course. Otherwise, if it strictly 8, then we would look to push our map module implementation until after the migration. Some of the ones that come to mind are leaflet (7&8) geolocation field module (8), Gmap, Openlayers, Get location, etc. I found this page too. www.drupal.org/node/1704948 but wanted to hear from my group of peers.

2. Is anyone hosting Adobe Captivate files outside of a Learning Management System (LMS)? We are hosting several captivate files that support courses for some of our new hires. This is hosted on our site but not in an LMS. We are trying to figure out how to incorporate Google Analytics (GA) into Captivate. Has anyone done something like this successfully? If so, would you be willing to share what you did with us here at CBP?

That’s all for now. Please stay safe and healthy!

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Good afternoon – I hope that everyone is safe, well – and sane through this pandemic. (I never thought I would miss my interaction with work colleagues, until the REQUIREMENT to telework).

Looking forward in the future, and in the case we may need to continue our “virtual” operations (or one fine day, we will be able to return to our normal gathering of operations), has anyone had any experience with the use of Whova, the event management tool, for any of your agency events or conferences? In not Whova – what are you using to register, engage, and share event information?

I’m interested in knowing advantages/disadvantages, your likes/dislikes, and any feedback from participants/registrants in using the tool. We’ve used EventBrite in the past to register participants for events/conferences. But, we are looking for a solution that is a little more interactive and engaging for participants.

Any feedback is appreciated.
Be Safe, Stay Well,

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Would it be stating the obvious to suggest Box? It is FedRAMP certified (moderate) and offers metatagging, archive automations, detailed revisions history, and great commenting capabilities (esp. for video). If you have an enterprise-level account, you can add on an optional workflow automation module that lets you build automated workflows. I’ve never used the workflow module, but have seen a demonstration and it seems like it would be very useful for internal reviews or group projects, such as collateral, a website, or other design, photography, or video project.

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GSA uses Federalist to host many websites. Assets are stored in GitHub, which is great for managing digital files, given it is a Version Control system. Version control allows for management of the assets distinctly from the presentation of those assets, which I find to be a great advantage, helping to avoid vendor (or content) lock-in --- where valuable data is pushed into a Content Management System, but difficult to migrate or refactor away from.

Git LFS (large file system) exists to support larger files like hi-res images and videos.

Ultimately, managing content requires alignment of technical and social processes. No silver bullet here, but plenty of powerful tools and patterns exist that can be leveraged to manage content in a sustainable, shared way.

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Our primary lesson learned is that any system is only as good as its indexing, so use some of your funding to hire an indexer to develop, maintain, and apply taxonomies/metadata (if you don't have this expertise in-house). It doesn't matter how great the technology is if users can't find the assets!

Thanks,

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Yalçın – TY for the link to WAND! I didn’t realize there were companies out there that specialized in just this thing (I should have… just never crossed my mind).

--Ben

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Hope this helps.

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Great stuff!

And: WHOOPS!

Sorry – “Don’t Make Me Think” is by Steve Krug, not Jared Spool. Spool’s articles are still great, but I goofed on the book’s author.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:18 PM
To:  <uscis.dhs.gov>
Cc: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Usability resources

Awesome -- thanks, Jeffrey!!

Adding one more for Gerry McGovern ~ he did a "Deep Dive" session with us in April 2018; you all can watch the video here:

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Try booktv.org, Sat Apr 4, 2020, Samuel Woolley "The Reality Game". He suggests, reading the whole thing. This will be my next book purchase.

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If your agency is interested in participating, please do the following:

1. Email workforce@opm.gov so we can invite you to a virtual information session

2. Post details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments to Open Opportunities (Note: You will need to create a user profile account on OpenOpportunities.gov in order to post a detail
3. Use the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). For detailed instructions, see the attached Program Overview.

If you have questions on next steps, please email workforce@opm.gov or mary.robertson@opm.gov.

All the best!

Lisa Nelson, OPM
USAJOBS Engagement Manager
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Surge Response Program

Overview and Background

In response to the National Emergency declared for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), federal agencies will have opportunities for federal employees to support the overall response to COVID-19.

The **COVID-19 Surge Response Program** will use Open Opportunities, which is a governmentwide platform offering professional development opportunities to current federal employees, as a central location for federal agencies to post details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments.

Current federal employees, with applicable skills, will have the opportunity to apply for these opportunities so they can assist with the federal response to COVID-19. To apply, federal employees must have supervisory approval, in writing, and need not be in a like or related position to qualify for the detail, microdetail, and/or temporary rotational assignment. The supervisory approval may be in the form of an email message from the supervisor. During this National Emergency, supervisors are encouraged to approve, when feasible.

**Stakeholders:**
- Federal Employees
- Federal Agencies
- CHCO Council

**Process:**
1. Federal Agencies develop and submit COVID-19 related details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments*
2. Details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments are posted to Open Opportunities
3. Federal agencies and employees are informed of the details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments and the application process
4. Federal Employees apply to the detail, microdetail, and/or temporary rotational assignment
5. Federal Agencies review applications and select individuals for the details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments

*Details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments should include:
- Series
- Title
- Grade Level
- Open Period
- Position Type
- Duration
- Number of Openings
- Location
- Responsibilities
- Qualifications
- Application Process
- Security Clearance requirement
Key Considerations:

- CHCOs and the offices posting opportunities are encouraged to work together to identify meaningful details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments related to COVID-19.
- Details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments between competitive service agencies do not require prior OPM approval.
- Details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments between excepted service agencies and competitive service agencies require prior OPM approval before the detail can be effective.
- The detail, microdetail, and/or temporary rotational assignment is non-reimbursable and can last up to one year.
- To apply, federal employees must have supervisor approval, in writing, and need not be in a like or related position to qualify for the detail, microdetail, and/or temporary rotational assignment. The supervisory approval may in the form of an email message from the supervisor.
- During this National Emergency Supervisors are encouraged to approve, when feasible.
- Memorandum of Understanding will be completed between host agency and home agency (or component, where individual rotates within their home agency).

For additional questions, contact workforce@opm.gov.
1. OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 Surge Response Program provides details, microdetails, and/or temporary assignments so current federal employees, with applicable skills, have the opportunity to assist with the federal response to COVID-19. The program will enable Federal employees to expand their competencies, skills and abilities, broaden their organizational experiences, and foster networks they can leverage in the future.

2. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the agreement for:

- (the “Participant”) to complete a non-reimbursable (no-cost) assignment to
- (the "Host Agency") from
- (the “Home Agency”).

3. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

The terms and conditions described are effective from ____________

4. SCOPE OF WORK/ASSIGNMENT

Position Title: ______________________

During this developmental detail (between 9-12 months) the participant will be responsible for:

5. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Home Agency will:

- Maintain records for the participant, including official time and attendance, performance evaluations, and related formal discussions; coordinate with Host Agency regarding approvals of leave.
- Remain actively engaged and proactively seek performance input from the host supervisor
- Be clear with the participant about how their performance will be evaluated during detail assignment (performance elements or standards in annual plan)
- Make arrangements to transition the participant’s work during the detail assignment
- Stay available to participant and continue to maintain all records
- Support the participant’s transition back to their home agency
- Pay for travel related to a participant relocating for detail assignment
The Host Agency will:

- Alert participant to any security requirements/procedures, conflicts of interest, confidentiality issues, etc.
- Provide a work space, computer, phone, building access, travel/training expenses required to achieve assignment objectives, meeting availability, etc.
- Agree on work schedule and flexibilities (i.e. AWS, telework)
- Be prepared to support the participant’s development throughout the entire detail assignment
- Conduct a helpful onboarding experience to accelerate the participant’s ability to perform on the job
- Assist in developing the participant’s Individual Development Plan for this detail assignment;
- Craft meaningful developmental assignments, tasks, and duties based on the competencies and skills identified by the participant and the Home supervisor; and evaluate his/her progress throughout the term of the detail assignment
- Give frequent feedback/coaching to participant and supply performance review input to home supervisor and participant upon completion of the detail assignment.

The Participant will:

- Ensure work transition and continuity in home office
- Complete the Detail Assignment Agreement
- Ensure that your annual performance plan includes goals for detail assignment
- Prepare for the detail assignment including research the host organization
- Create an Individual Development Plan specific to this detail assignment, with the host supervisor
- Identify the competencies and skills he/she will develop and/or enhance during the detail assignment; and remain proactive in ensuring the rotational experience is meaningful and meets his/her developmental needs
- Work with host supervisor to develop a plan to maintain contact with the home organization (i.e. keep home supervisor informed of your progress, ensure home agency timekeeper is aware of leave taken, etc.)
- Participate in all activities related to detail assignment
- Alert home agency supervisor if problems/issues occur
- Establish relationships and expand your network
- Remember that you are an ambassador for your Department/Agency
- Be prepared to participate in a comprehensive evaluation of program
- Document experience for individual professional use and as examples for those who follow
- Do your part to make it a great experience!

6. SECURITY CLEARANCE (IF APPLICABLE)
This agreement is contingent upon the participant’s successful adjudication and receipt of any security clearances required to conduct work at host agency.

Note: There are processes available may enable individuals to begin working while investigations are being conducted. Reciprocity policies to support the movement of cleared individuals from one job to another are available. See 5 CFR 731 and Executive Order 13764 for exceptions and details.
7. CONTACT INFORMATION
Please provide the contact information for home agency supervisor and host agency supervisor.

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8. SIGNATURES
The following individuals approve this detail assignment:

__________________________________________  ____________________________
Home Agency Supervisor                      Date

__________________________________________  ____________________________
Host Agency Supervisor                        Date

__________________________________________  ____________________________
Participant                                    Date
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Surge Response Program
Sample Email to Federal Employees

In response to the National Emergency declared for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), federal agencies have details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments available to federal employees. The **COVID-19 Surge Response Program** is designed for federal employees to have an opportunity to support the federal response to COVID-19.

The **COVID-19 Surge Response Program** will use [Open Opportunities](http://www.OpenOpportunities.gov), a governmentwide platform offering professional development opportunities to current federal employees. The platform provides a centralized location where federal agencies can post details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments.

Follow these steps to learn more about the program and how to apply:

1. Visit the [COVID-19 Surge Response Program](http://www.OpenOpportunities.gov) on OpenOpportunities.gov

2. Read about the details, microdetails, and/or temporary rotational assignments

3. Apply to a detail, microdetail and/or temporary rotational assignment
   - You will need to create a user profile account on OpenOpportunities.gov in order to apply to a detail, microdetail, and/or temporary rotational assignment.
   - To apply, federal employees must have supervisory approval, in writing, and need not be in a like or related position to qualify for the detail, microdetail and/or temporary rotational assignment. The supervisory approval may be in the form of an email message from the supervisor.

4. Federal Agencies review applications and select individual(s) for the detail, microdetail, and/or temporary rotational assignment

5. Prior to starting the detail, microdetail, and/or temporary rotational assignment a [Memorandum of Understanding](http://www.OpenOpportunities.gov) will be completed between host agency and home agency (or component, where individual rotates within their home agency).

Thank you for supporting the federal response to COVID-19.

<insert signature>
Opportunity Creation Process

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

ASK YOUR SUPERVISOR if it’s okay to post an opportunity—you need their approval.

CREATE A PROFILE if you don’t already have one—you must have a profile to create and post an opportunity.

1. CREATE YOUR OPPORTUNITY

1. Sign into Open Opportunities and click Create opportunity.
2. Choose your audience. Then fill out as much information as you can—the more info you give, the better chance you’ll get the right people.
3. Click Preview to review the opportunity—make sure it has enough detail and there are no spelling or grammatical errors.
4. Click Submit when you’re ready to post the opportunity. Or, click Save for later if you’re not ready to post—we’ll save it as a draft. You can find your drafts under Created opportunities on your home page.
5. The administrators will review your opportunity after you click Submit. They’ll send you an email when it’s approved and goes live. Or, email you if you need to make changes.

2. GET PARTICIPANTS

1. Advertise your opportunity
   Use our email template and the Share link to let people know about your opportunity.
2. Review applicants
   • You’ll get an email every time someone applies to your opportunity.
   • Click on an applicant’s name to review their profile.
   • Call or email the applicant to learn more about their skill set, interests or to get a better idea if they’re the right person for the work.
3. Assign participants
   • Are they a fit? Click + to assign participant(s)—once done, click Next Step.
   • We’ll send an automatic email to participants telling them they’re selected.
   • Call or email the applicant to learn more about their skill set, interests or to get a better idea if they’re the right person for the work.

Your opportunity is now In Progress! Turn the applicant toggle back on if you want more applicants.

3. CONTACT PARTICIPANTS

Email assigned participants to get them started on their tasks. We’ll email the applicants you didn’t select.

Keep in touch with participants to track status.

4. WRAPPING UP

Is your opportunity done?

1. If your participants have completed their tasks, click Task complete.
2. When your opportunity is complete, click Complete opportunity when all of the work is done—this will close out your opportunity and you’ll get credit for the work.

Need more time?
Edit your opportunity to change due dates, tasks and more.

Need to cancel?
You can cancel your opportunity at any time by clicking Cancel this opportunity.

Don’t forget to thank your participants for a job well done!
Subject: FW: [SM-COP] Sign up now! Crisis Communications “Ask Me Anything” (FCN + Partnership for Public Service)
From: Bridget Serchak <BSerchak@VOANEWS.COM>
Reply To: Bridget Serchak <BSerchak@VOANEWS.COM>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2020 20:28:13 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (3720 bytes) , text/html (11 kB) , image003.jpg (11 kB)

Just cross-posting.

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From: SM Community of Practice <SM-COP@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Gabrielle Perret - ZMA
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:52 PM
To: SM-COP@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [SM-COP] Sign up now! Crisis Communications “Ask Me Anything” (FCN + Partnership for Public Service)

Hey everyone! FCN and the Partnership for Public Service are hosting an AMA (“Ask Me Anything”) with Dean Boyd, Chief Communications Executive for the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, and Brian Hale, Assistant Director for the Office of Public Affairs at the FBI, next Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 1-1:30 PM ET!

Register here: https://ourpublicservice.org/events/crisis-communications-ask-me-anything/?utm_source=Partnership+for+Public+Service+emails&utm_campaign=eaae70c2c4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_07_24_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3aed0f55fc-eaae70c2c4-
Collaboration drives outcomes

Did you hear about GSA's recent big news? Click here to find out.

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Hello friends & colleagues!

Because you demanded it (and even if you didn’t) – the lowdown on both of these excellent positions ([https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/565651700](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/565651700))!

- They’re real.
- They’re GS-14 gigs.
- They’re both in my new office – just not physically inside the same room.

Ideally, one position is for a big-picture social media visionary with a proven track record of both doing and vision-ing. The other is for a big-picture website guru with a similarly proven track record. Both need to play well with others – and with each other. This is a pretty big organization and every job comes with plenty of responsibility.

I like it here. Good people, good work, good food. If you’re ready, please apply.

Larry
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Hi folks,

The Department of Education is staffing up our new Digital Media & Creative Services Division which includes the Department’s web, social and studio services. We have three open vacancies right now – please consider sharing with folks who may be interested! All 3 are also advertised publicly.

Social Media Strategist (GS13): https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/564298900


Sally Harris
Director, Digital Media & Creative Services
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education
Morning all –

Again, thanks to everyone for following the Coronavirus Guidance and “staying in your lane”. Please continue to send your significant releases and updates to usagovemergency@gsa.gov, reach out to either myself or Stacey Palosky (Stacey.Palosky@hhs.gov) at HHS if you have any questions… and if you need a refresher on the guidance, see below.

Like the last update, here are a few additional resources that the White House Coronavirus Task Force would like for us to amplify on our websites and social media channels. While not required, please feel free to promote as appropriate:

- **Schema.org 7.0 tags for Coronavirus Pages**: The White House and key Federal agencies are working alongside Schema.org to help ensure Coronavirus resources are prioritized with online search engines. Schema.org has released new standard tags for webpages and instructions are available here.

- **CARES Act**: The Treasury Department is hard at work implementing the CARES Act in order to provide relief for hard working American families, small businesses, and various industries impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19). This site includes valuable resources for these groups.

- **Coronavirus Tax Relief**: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is offering Coronavirus Tax Relief for individuals, businesses, tax-exempt organizations and others affected by coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes information on Economic Impact Payments going to millions of people.

- **OPM Open Opportunities**: The OPM COVID-19 Response Program is using Open Opportunities as a central location for federal agencies to post details and temporary assignments related to coronavirus (COVID-19). Open Opportunities is a government-wide platform offering professional development opportunities to current federal employees. If your agency is interested in participating:
  - Email workforce@opm.gov so we can invite you to a virtual information session
  - Post details assignments to Open Opportunities

Thanks and stay safe out there –

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**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for U.S. Government Websites and Social Media**

Digital.gov/coronavirus

In response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and in conjunction with the White House, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Federal Web Council, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is issuing guidance for the coordination of Federal web and social media communications related to this incident.

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This authority for this action comes from Emergency Support Function 15 (ESF 15) Public Affairs Annex R) of the National Response Framework where, during incidents of national significance, DHS has the authority to coordinate all USG communications.


All Federal agencies are required to follow this guidance. Please forward this message as necessary.

Web Guidance

First, when standing up a page on your website specific to COVID-19, please FOLLOW THE REQUESTED URL STRUCTURE to the best of your ability: https://www.agency.gov/coronavirus

Second, STAY IN YOUR LANE. Only post information directly related to your agency on your agency's Coronavirus page.

- Once your agency's page is live, please FORWARD THE LINK to usagovemergency@gsa.gov for inclusion on the “What the US Government is Doing” lane on USA.gov.
- If you add a significant news release or update to the public, please FORWARD THE URL OF THE ARTICLE to usagovemergency@gsa.gov for inclusion as well.

Third, LINK TO THE PRIMARY LANES OF COMMUNICATION for the disease (below).

- Link to all three lanes from all publicly-released materials related to COVID-19
- Link to all three lanes prominently on your agency’s Coronavirus page
- Link to any (or all) of the three lanes elsewhere on your agency website as appropriate.
- If your agency has agency-specific coronavirus information (where you “own” that lane), promote that specific information on your homepage BEFORE promoting the three lanes. It doesn’t make sense for Coronavirus.gov or usa.gov/coronavirus to send people your way to have the public be first presented a link back to coronavirus.gov.
- If your agency does not have agency-specific coronavirus information to present, include a link to Coronavirus.gov on the homepage of your agency website. Prominence of display and additional locations to place the link is at agency discretion and should be based on user analytics (focus on where your users would be looking for this kind of information).

Fourth, at this point, please DO NOT CREATE A LOGO or any other distinct visual treatment for COVID-19. To provide for some level of consistency of presentation, a high-resolution copy of the image that CDC has been using can be found at https://phil.cdc.gov/Details.aspx?pid=2871.

Lanes of Communication

Coronavirus.gov
https://www.coronavirus.gov

This is a primary lane of information for the public regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). It is a portal for public information that is curated by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force at the White House, working in conjunction with CDC, HHS and other agency stakeholders. Coronavirus.gov will link to the appropriate Federal agency website as the authoritative source for that information as necessary.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) landing page on CDC.gov is the latest public health and safety information from CDC and for the overarching medical and health provider community on COVID-19. The site contains consumer and medical information on how the virus spreads, symptoms, prevention and treatment, stigma, cases and what to do if you are sick, along with frequently asked questions.

What the U.S. Government is Doing
https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus

State, local, tribal and territorial governments are the first responders in the nation’s homeland security and emergency management efforts. In times of national emergency or disaster, the President of the United States, through the Secretary of Homeland Security, leads the Federal government’s response efforts. The Federal government supports state, local, tribal and territorial activities in four response phases – mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery – with the ultimate goal of ensuring that communities are on the road to recovery as quickly as possible.

Governments at all levels rely on the Federal government for support to quickly and effectively respond to, and recover from, incidents and disasters that are beyond the capabilities of local communities or states alone. The Federal response to incidents or disasters is guided by the National Response Framework (NRF), a national, all-hazards approach to emergency management that strengthens and simplifies the Federal role while also emphasizing the important contributions that states, localities, tribes, territories, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations can and do make in emergency management.

The NRF’s three core principles are: leadership, coordination and mutual aid. The NRF is designed to provide a clear framework for joint Federal and non-Federal decision-making and to ensure that all levels of government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations are prepared for and able to respond to incidents and disasters. The NRF, which was designed to support the existing local and state emergency management processes, is intended to provide the “umbrella” under which faster, more effective and efficient response and recovery can be achieved.

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Spanish: https://www.usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus

Landing page on USA.gov that is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). USA.gov can support both English and Spanish content.

**Social Media Guidance**

Follow the following handles and retweet/share information relevant to your agency.

Twitter: @CDCgov | @FEMA | @FEMA_Pete
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CDC | https://www.facebook.com/FEMA/
Instagram: @CDCgov | @FEMA

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Thanks, and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to either myself or Stacey Palosky (Stacey.Palosky@hhs.gov) at HHS.
Join us and help protect public health! The USDA/Food Safety and Inspection Service is hiring Web Content Managers on our Digital and Executive Communications Staff in the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Education. Two positions are open, and these opportunities close on 4/20/20. Details and application are on USAJobs. Be a part of a great organization of committed public servants helping save lives every day.

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for all your great work supporting your agency’s mission and your colleagues across the government, especially in the most recent weeks!

As schools continue to provide essential services to the communities they serve (e.g., nutrition services, teaching and learning), families are key members of this response. To raise awareness and promote safety, security, emergency management and preparedness (safety), we will have 2 Twitter initiatives to support
Share Your #SchoolSafetySelfie

Post on Twitter or our Community of Practice. Tag @remstocenter!

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Hi Content Managers,

One of the things we love most at USAGov is getting to work with agency partners to help them bring their information and special initiatives to more people.

In our latest post on the USAGov blog, learn about the different types of partner meetings we hold and consider partnering with us!

Thanks,

Nancy

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Join Drupal4Gov in the next edition of its Webinar series.

April 23rd, 3pm EST
This Is Not A Place Of Honor: Learning From Messy Content Models
We've all picked up a CMS built by some other team, at some other time, and asked, “How did this happen?” Improving on the past doesn't just mean building something new — it requires learning the right lessons from what's already been built. In this talk we'll visit a handful of “found content models” from real-world projects, chuckle at their idiosyncrasies, and learn how to extract valuable lessons without repeating the same mistakes.

Read more about this webinar and sign-up to attend!
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drupal4gov-webinar-series-this-is-not-a-place-of-honor-content-modeling-tickets-103087150442

Interested in presenting as part of our webinar series? We would love to hear from you - please respond and I'll get you connected!

Drupal4Gov webinars are held monthly on the third Thursday at 3pm EST.

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Has anyone used Active Campaign or Constant Contact for your email management system?

If so, do you mind sharing your experiences with them?

Thank you,

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Subject: web application: receiving photo submissions from the public
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Does anyone have a web page or application that receives photo submissions from the public?

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Good morning,

I was wondering who used Splunk and if you could share log forwarding examples.

Thank you,

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Subject: Yep, they're still real -- but...
From: "Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC"
<Lawrence.Gillick@USDA.GOV>
Reply To: Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2020 15:43:16 +0000
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Hello friends & colleagues!

Thank you for applying to the two GS-14 positions in my previous post.

You probably noticed the typo in question 12 of the application. Our HR office also took notice – and now we’re re-posting the positions: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/566393300

Just to be super-clear:
- You need to re-apply.
- Sorry about that.

Quick review of the gigs: Ideally, one position is for a big-picture social media visionary with a proven track record of both doing and vision-ing. The other is for a big-picture website guru with a similarly proven track record. Both need to play well with others – and with each other. This is a pretty big organization and every job comes with plenty of responsibility.

I (still) like it here. Good people, good work, good food. The cafeteria/dining facility is a tourist stop. Really.

If you’re ready for the challenge, please apply (again).

Larry
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On April 15th, the White House announced that key federal agencies are working alongside Schema.org to help ensure that US government Coronavirus (COVID-19) information (a.k.a. “critical authoritative resources”) displays prominently in online search engine results.

Since this effort is so new, we wanted to take a second to highlight a few resources – that way everyone can use these new tags on their coronavirus content:

- Bing Webmaster special announcement specifications
- Google Search Console best practices for health websites
- Google tips on adding structured data to COVID-19 announcements
- Google Rich Results Tester
- Schema.org SpecialAnnouncement

I wish I could tell you that I’m able to answer all of your questions on this… but I’m not. 😊 I do know that Google has set up a technical support group to help people get this sorted out and there’s a signup link that can be found on https://developers.google.com/search/docs/data-types/special-announcements#troubleshooting. Hope that helps.

Thanks and stay safe out there -
Subject: FW: OPM Virtual Leadership Podcast Series----Looking for Volunteers
From: Bridget Serchak <BSerchak@VOANEWS.COM>
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Help us improve by letting us know how we're doing!
Hi everyone.

I have some news: I’m leaving USCIS for the State Department. I’ve loved my 5 ½ years here working on immigration, and I’ll miss my work family dearly. However, our agency is moving out of DC to the end of the Green Line, and it would have made my commute on Metro 90 minutes in each direction.

I’ll be the new web director there. I’ve heard great things about the team, and I’m excited to learn a whole new agency and mission. If you’re at State (and especially if you’ll be my colleague there!), please say hi!

My last day at USCIS is May 1. Then I’ll enjoy a week off (planning to visit such exotic locales as the back right corner of my yard!) before joining State on May 11.

I’ll remain on this list until next Friday, and I’ll resubscribe after I arrive at State.

Stay healthy and safe!

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Hi all,

I hope everyone is well and managing through these challenging times okay.

We are exploring Tier 3 usage of web analytics tools, like Qualtrics, and I'm wondering if anyone has privacy policy and/or privacy impact assessments that allow for collection of PII. I've been reviewing HHS privacy guidance and PIAs and so far it doesn't look like anyone has tackled Tier 3 yet, so I thought I'd reach out to this community and check. I've included some examples and links of HHS guidance below as reference.

Please let me know if you have any guidance or questions. Thanks in advance. Be well!

- HHS provides this guidance on the “tiers” here:
  https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/asa/ocio/cybersecurity/implementation-of-omb-m-10-22-and-m-10-23/index.html

  OMB M-10-22 defines Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 uses. Tier 1 is defined as any use of a single-session Web measurement and customization technology. Tier 2 refers to any use of multi-session Web measurement and customization technology when no PII is collected (including when the agency is unable to identify an individual as a result of its use of such technologies). Tier 3 refers to any use of a multi-session Web measurement and customization technology when PII is collected (including when the agency is able to identify an individual as a result of its use). For the purposes of this memorandum, Web measurement and customization technologies that fall into the Tier 3 category are referred to as “a Tier 3 multi-session technology.”

- HHS Privacy Impact Assessments for “third party” web analytics tools:
  https://www.hhs.gov/pia/index.html#Third-Party

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Hello!

Join us for a special event, this Friday, May 1, 2020 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST.

The event, *The Current State, Past Progress, and Future Prospects of Web Accessibility*, features Jared Smith, the Associate Director of [WebAIM](https://webaim.org).

Smith will focus on WebAIM Million’s analysis of the home pages for the top one million websites (plus many other interior pages) to provide a powerful perspective on the current state of web accessibility and its progress over the last year. He will explore the critical findings of this research with a focus on government websites and the most impactful issues for users with disabilities, as well as data-driven recommendations for improving web accessibility in the future.

To register for the event visit: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/103740657098](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/103740657098)

Please note that all login and dial-in information will be provided 24 hours and 1 hour prior to the event’s start time.

We hope you can join us for this event!

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Afternoon all –

The White House Coronavirus Task Force would like for us to amplify the following information on our websites and social media channels. While not required, please feel free to promote as appropriate:

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On April 27th, President Trump announced the Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts.
  - https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/
  - Imagery attached, can also be found at https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/themes/whitehouse/assets/css/microsites/opening-america-logo-2x.png

Again, thanks to everyone for following the Coronavirus Guidance and “staying in your lane”. Please continue to send your significant releases and updates to usagovemergency@gsa.gov, reach out to either myself or Stacey Palosky (Stacey.Palosky@hhs.gov) at HHS if you have any questions... and if you need a refresher on the guidance, see below.

Thanks and stay safe out there –

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**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for U.S. Government Websites and Social Media**

Digital.gov/coronavirus

In response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and in conjunction with the White House, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Federal Web Council, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is issuing guidance for the coordination of Federal web and social media communications related to this incident.

This authority for this action comes from Emergency Support Function 15 (ESF-15 - Public Affairs – Annex R) of the National Response Framework where, during incidents of national significance, DHS has the authority to coordinate all USG communications.


*All Federal agencies are required to follow this guidance.* Please forward this message as necessary.

**Web Guidance**

First, when standing up a page on your website specific to COVID-19, please **FOLLOW THE REQUESTED URL STRUCTURE** to the best of your ability: https://www.agency.gov/coronavirus

Second, **STAY IN YOUR LANE**. Only post information directly related to your agency on your agency's
Coronavirus page.

- Once your agency’s page is live, please **FORWARD THE LINK** to usagovemergency@gsa.gov for inclusion on the “What the US Government is Doing” lane on USA.gov.
- If you add a significant news release or update to the public, please **FORWARD THE URL OF THE ARTICLE** to usagovemergency@gsa.gov for inclusion as well.

Third, **LINK TO THE PRIMARY LANES OF COMMUNICATION** for the disease (below).

- Link to all three lanes from all publicly-released materials related to COVID-19
- Link to all three lanes prominently on your agency’s Coronavirus page
- Link to any (or all) of the three lanes elsewhere on your agency website as appropriate.
- If your agency has agency-specific coronavirus information (where you “own” that lane), promote that specific information on your homepage BEFORE promoting the three lanes. It doesn’t make sense for Coronavirus.gov or usa.gov/coronavirus to send people your way to have the public be first presented a link back to coronavirus.gov.
- If your agency does not have agency-specific coronavirus information to present, include a link to Coronavirus.gov on the homepage of your agency website. Prominence of display and additional locations to place the link is at agency discretion and should be based on user analytics (focus on where your users would be looking for this kind of information).

Fourth, at this point, please **DO NOT CREATE A LOGO** or any other distinct visual treatment for COVID-19. To provide for some level of consistency of presentation, a high-resolution copy of the image that CDC has been using can be found at https://phil.cdc.gov/Details.aspx?pid=2871.

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**Lanes of Communication**

**Coronavirus.gov**
https://www.coronavirus.gov

This is a primary lane of information for the public regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). It is a portal for public information that is curated by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force at the White House, working in conjunction with CDC, HHS and other agency stakeholders. Coronavirus.gov will link to the appropriate Federal agency website as the authoritative source for that information as necessary.

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) landing page on CDC.gov is the latest public health and safety information from CDC and for the overarching medical and health provider community on COVID-19. The site contains consumer and medical information on how the virus spreads, symptoms, prevention and treatment, stigma, cases and what to do if you are sick, along with frequently asked questions.

**What the U.S. Government is Doing**
https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus
Spanish: https://www.usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus

Landing page on USA.gov that is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). USA.gov can support both English and Spanish content.

**Social Media Guidance**

Follow the following handles and reweet/share information relevant to your agency.

Twitter: @CDCgov | @FEMA | @FEMA_Pete
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CDC | https://www.facebook.com/FEMA/
Instagram: @CDCgov | @FEMA

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Thanks, and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to either myself or Stacey Palosky (Stacey.Palosky@hhs.gov) at HHS.
Hi everyone,

Please see below for some (free) upcoming leadership webinars from OPM!

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From: CLD Connect <CLDConnect@opm.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:46 PM  
Subject: OPM Webinars: How can Feds lead in a virtual world?
OPM WEBINAR

Visualizing Complexity: Making a Case for Expressing Yourself Visually

Can sketching help you solve complex challenges for your team or agency?

April 30, 2020 | 2 p.m. EST

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OPM’s Leadership Webinar Series

Let us help you continue your leadership development.

Dear Federal Colleagues,

Our organization’s mission to develop visionary leaders to transform government is more crucial now than ever. Leading a telework-focused workforce brings forth new challenges, yet also offers opportunities for creativity and innovation.

Let us help you navigate this evolving environment with a series of complimentary webinars on resilience, leading in challenging times, adaptive leadership, and related topics to promote your continued development. **Space is limited, so register today!**

Impact of Mindset in Relationships

Learn how to focus on and respond to others’ needs when routines have changed.

**May 14 | 2 p.m. EST**

Exercising Leadership During a Crisis

How can leaders navigate a crisis with a greater sense of “agency?”

**May 21 | 2 p.m. EST**
Celebrate PSRW with OPM’s Free Webinar Series

In honor of Public Service Recognition Week, OPM’s Center for Leadership Development is offering a free webinar series on contemporary leadership topics. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to develop your skills as a federal employee.

The webinars are open to all federal employees but are limited to 475 participants for each webinar, so register today!

**REGISTER**

**What Successful Leaders Do in Challenging Times**

What is successful leadership? How can leaders help employees do their best during challenges?

May 4 | 11 a.m. EST

**The ‘Write’ Way: How HR Professionals Can Get Results**

Learn how critical thinking and targeted messaging can increase your effectiveness

May 6 | 1 p.m. EST

**Will Design for Six Sigma (DFSS) Work for Government Processes?**

How critical is the ability to shift time and energy from low-value to high-value work for individual and organizational advancement?

May 8 | 12 p.m. EST
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From: Gabrielle Perret - ZMA <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
Reply To: Gabrielle Perret - ZMA <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
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Join SocialGov, the federal government's social media community of practice, for our virtual Spring Session this **Wednesday, April 29**!

In this session you will hear from the digital experts at Census, GSA, the Department of Interior, the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of State.

**When:** April 29 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM EDT  
**Where:** Virtual (link provided after registration)  

**Federal employees register now:**  
[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/socialgov-virtual-spring-session-registration-102573907318](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/socialgov-virtual-spring-session-registration-102573907318)

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**Collaboration drives outcomes**  
*Did you hear about GSA’s recent big news? Click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/socialgov-virtual-spring-session-registration-102573907318) to find out.*

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SocialGov

Spring Virtual Session

April 29
Hi folks,

The Department of Education is staffing up our Digital Media & Creative Services Division which includes the Department's web, social and studio services. Below is another vacancy that just hit the street. Please consider sharing with those who may be interested.

The position is also open to the public.

Sally Harris
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Office of Communications and Outreach
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Hi folks.

I've seen a lot of job openings recently, all at the GS-13 or GS-14 level. There seems to be a lack of opportunities at GS-12.

I noticed it because we have several GS-11s who are ready for more senior-level work. They've all topped out in their GS-7/9/11 jobs, but offer years of experience.

I'd like to put in a plug to consider hiring at the GS-12 level, particularly for a GS-12/13/14 ladder. You'll likely get candidates who have a few years of experience and are both ready for more responsibility and also eager for a higher-level career ladder.

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