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What is Challenge.gov?

A central platform for government challenges, managed by the General Services Administration (GSA), where agencies can...

Launch contests (a.k.a. "challenges") easily

Invite the public to come up with innovative and creative solutions to problems

Reward solvers with prizes, which can be monetary or non-monetary

Why was Challenge.gov created?

GSA launched Challenge.gov in September of 2010 to support the President's Strategy for American Innovation. It allows government to tap into the creativity of the American people, so they can contribute their ideas to solve our nation's most pressing problems.

What types of challenges are on Challenge.gov?

You can find all types of challenges on the site.

There are challenges to create videos, games and mobile apps, write software, design innovative systems, and invent products that can solve the grand challenges of our time.

Why use Challenge.gov?

Government agencies can…

- Easily create and launch a challenge in just minutes on a platform that's policy compliant, secure, accessible and FREE
- Gain better solutions and pay only for results
- Reach large and diverse groups of people
- Showcase challenges being run on other platforms

The public can…

- Discuss and submit solutions to agencies' challenges
- Vote for their favorite solutions to challenges
- Find and show support for government challenges across government
- Share challenges with their friends via email and social media
- Win recognition or prizes

Where can I learn more?

- Visit HowTo.gov for guidance and best practices
- Join the Challenges listserv to collaborate with hundreds of your peers. E-mail karen.trebon@gsa.gov to subscribe.
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