Open Government Partnership Engagement Session

Improving Access to Government Data, Research, and Information

September 2023

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Past Meetings & Engagement Rules

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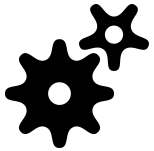

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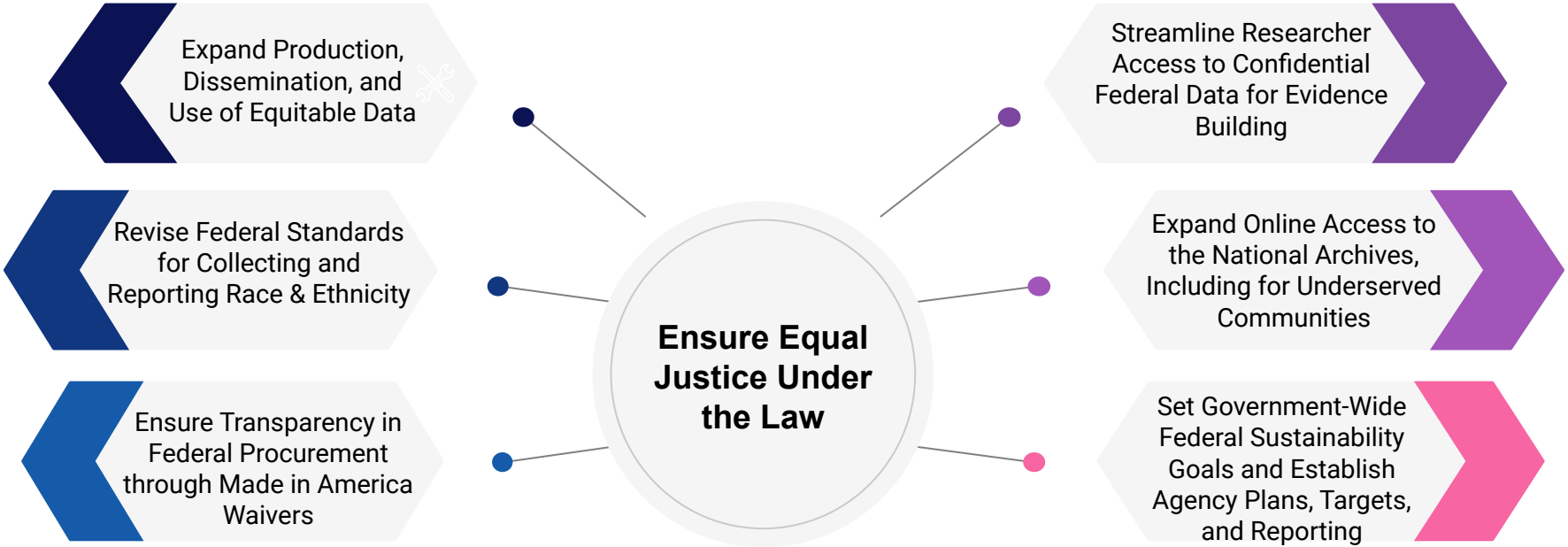
NAP5 Commitment Theme Overview: Improve Access to Government Data, Research, and Information

NAP Theme Overview



Link to NAP5 Commitment Theme

Agency Commitment Updates

Access to Federally-Funded Research Findings and Data

Agency: Office of Science and Technology Policy – Science and Society Team / National Science and Technology Council		
#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
116.1	Going forward, the Government commits to supporting access to Federally-funded science and data through several mechanisms, including through the National Science and Technology Council's Subcommittee on Open Science;	The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) continues to coordinate development of agency public access plans through the Subcommittee on Open Science. All agencies with over $100 million in annual research and development expenditures have submitted their updated public access plans for OSTP review, with several publicly posting their plans for community engagement and comment. •NIH Plan: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-23-091.html •AHRQ Plan: https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/policies/publicaccess/index.html •NASA Plan: https://www.nasa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/nasa-ocs-public-access-plan-may-2023.pdf •NSF Plan: https://nsf-gov-resources.nsf.gov/pubs/2023/nsf23104/nsf23104.pdf •DOE Plan: https://www.energy.gov/doe-public-access-plan •NIST Plan: https://www.nist.gov/open •USGS Plan: https://www.usgs.gov/media/files/public-access-results-federally-funded-research-us-geological-survey-scholarly •USDA Plan: https://www.nal.usda.gov/sites/default/files/page-files/USDA_Public_Access_Implementation_Plan_8_10_2023.pdf

Access to Federally-Funded Research Findings and Data

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#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
116.2	The Government commits to supporting access to Federally-funded science and data… by permitting researchers to include publication and data sharing costs in their research budget proposals to Federal grant programs;	Included in the 2022 OSTP Public Access Memo is the language: “In consultation with OMB, federal agencies should allow researchers to include reasonable publication costs and costs associated with submission, curation, management of data, and special handling instructions as allowable expenses in all research budgets.” Agencies are now working on their public access policies that allow for these reasonable costs. These policies are expected to be publicly posted by December 31, 2024 and will go into effect by December 31, 2025.

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#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
116.3	The Government commits to supporting access to Federally-funded science and data… by launching programs aimed at awarding more grants to early-stage researchers as well as encouraging a diverse pool of award applicants;	In January 2023, the White House declared 2023 a Year of Open Science, a multi-agency initiative coordinated through the Subcommittee on Open Science to advance national open science policies (see links below). Several activities center on engaging early-stage researchers and researchers from historically excluded backgrounds, including a series of listening sessions with early career researchers to understand and elevate their needs, priorities, and experiences in advancing open science. •https://open.science.gov/ •https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/ostp/news-updates/2023/01/11/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-actions-to-advance-open-and-equitable-research/ •NASA Boosts Open Science through Innovative Training | NASA https://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/news/releases/2023/nasa-boosts-open-science-through-innovative-training •NSF Invests in Ten Open Science Research Coordination Networks to Promote Open Science: https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/advancedSearchResult?PIId=&ProgRefCode=121Z

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116.4	The Government commits to supporting access to Federally-funded science and data… by exploring new incentive structures to recognize institutions and researchers who are supporting public access to data and research.	As part of a Year of Open Science, Government agencies continue to engage with their stakeholder communities on strategies to advance incentives to recognize and reward open science practices. OSTP hosts listening sessions with the early career researcher community: https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/ostp/news-updates/2023/07/11/readout-of-ostp-open-science-listening-sessions-with-early-career-researchers/

Expand the Production, Dissemination, and Use of Equitable Data

Agency: Office of Science and Technology Policy – Tech Team		
#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
113.1	The Federal Government commits to implement 5 recommendations from the Equitable Data Working Group, including by rechartering the Equitable Data Working Group as a subcommittee of the Office of Science and Technology Policy's National Science and Technology Council.	Sec. 9 of President Biden's February 16 Executive Order on Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government codifies the role of the Subcommittee on Equitable Data: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/02/16/executive-order-on-further-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/ Progress toward implementing the 5 recommendations of the Equitable Data Working Group can be found in the following report: https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Progress-on-Equitable-Data-Mar2023.pdf
113.2	The Subcommittee on Equitable Data will commit to publishing a public report synthesizing its findings on how Federal agencies can better collaborate with members of the public, especially from underserved communities, in collecting, analyzing, and using equitable data.	The Subcommittee on Equitable Data is reviewing their findings with Federal agencies and preparing to make them publicly available.

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Agency: Office of Science and Technology Policy – Tech Team (Continued)		
#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
113.3	The Subcommittee on Equitable Data commits to creating a government-wide community of practice, including a listserv, learning assets such as “how to” guides, and regular webinars to share lessons learned across agencies.	The Equitable Data Community of Practice was started in January 2023 and the listserv has ~530 members. The Community of Practice has held 6 learning sessions, has initiated a newsletter for agencies, and continues to foster collaboration among government agencies.
113.4	To pilot data feedback loop strategies, over the next year the Subcommittee on Equitable Data commits to sharing public recommendations to individual Federal agencies received through past Requests for Information, and then sharing back publicly whether agencies can implement the recommendations and any relevant barriers to doing so.	The Subcommittee on Equitable Data piloted a new approach to feedback loops with the public. The results of that pilot are expected to be released in Summer 2023 along with a narrative about the results.
113.5	The Subcommittee on Equitable Data commits to publishing a progress report in early 2023 on agency adoption of the recommendations of the Equitable Data Working Group, including agency case studies and recommendations to reduce barriers and accelerate equitable outcomes.	The Subcommitteee on Equitable Data released the progress report in March 2023. The link for the report is: https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Progress-on-Equitable-Data-Mar2023.pdf

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113.6	Further, the Subcommittee on Equitable Data Interagency Working Group on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, launched through the Executive Order on Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals (Executive Order 14075), commits to publishing a Federal Evidence Agenda on LGBTQI+ Equity and sharing the Agenda with public stakeholders;	The Subcommitee on Equitable Data released the Federal Evidence Agenda on LGBTQI+ Equity in January 2023. A link to the report can be found here: https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Federal-Evidence-Agenda-on-LGBTQI-Equity.pdf
113.7	In addition, the Director of OMB, through the Chief Statistician of the United States, is evaluating SOGI data practices across agencies, and plans to update reports, guidance, or directives, as needed, based upon the latest evidence, research, and stakeholder input, per Executive Order 14075.	The Office of the Chief Statistician of the United States released recommendations on the best practices for collecting sexual orientation and gender identity data on federal statistical surveys. A link to the report can be found here: https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/SOGI-Best-Practices.pdf

Revise the Federal Standards for Collecting and Reporting Race and Ethnicity & Streamline Researcher Access to Confidential Data

Agency: Office of Management and Budget – Office of the Chief Statistician		
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114	The Working Group has committed to soliciting public input on the Working Group's recommendations on race and ethnicity standards.	The Working Group is employing a variety of outreach and communications methods to offer diverse ways for the public to engage, and to ensure meaningful public participation in the review of the race and ethnicity standards. Outreach efforts to date include three White House blog posts, a dedicated public website (spd15revision.gov), bi-monthly listening sessions where the public can share input with the members of the Working Group, participation in professional conferences and stakeholder convenings, and a 90-day Federal Register Notice that resulted in over 20,000 public comments.
117	Leaders of the Federal statistical system, led by the Chief Statistician of the United States, recently launched a Standard Application Process… This significant achievement is a launching pad for additional seamless support for greater evidence building	The Standard Application Process (SAP) was launched and application acceptance started in 2022. The Interagency Council on Statistical Policy continues to engage with SAP stakeholders and is adding new features and metadata to the SAP inventory. Regular updates on progress can be found at the following link: https://ncses.nsf.gov/about/standard-application-process

Transparency in Procurement through Made in America Waivers

Agency: Office of Management and Budget – Made in America Office		
#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
115.1	The Federal Government commits to expanding the coverage of waivers reported on the Made in America website, including by expanding to public interest and unreasonable cost waivers and making it easier to search for waivers related to both procurement and Federal financial assistance (such as grants).	The Made in America Office continues to publicly report waivers submitted by agencies across the federal government on the transparency website (see link below). The General Services Administration (GSA) is required to build and maintain the transparency website on behalf of the federal government. The Made in America Office is on track to work with the GSA on additional waiver types, including adding a public interest waiver type on the site this year (2023). This expansion and regular updates to the site aims to make searching for waivers easier for the public. https://www.madeinamerica.gov/waivers/

Expand Online Access to the National Archives

Agency: National Archives and Records Administration		
#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
118.1	The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) commits to improving the Catalog over the next two years by launching a new site with improved search experience and a new optical character recognition tool and by enhancing the Catalog with expanded user contribution types.	The new Catalog and the new optical character recognition tool launched in Beta in September 2022 and in production in November 2022. Additional user experience enhancements are under development.
118.2	In addition, NARA commits to using shared Federal web design standards and a human-centered design approach to update its flagship website, archives.gov, over the next two years.	Funding has been requested for FY24 to support a full redesign of the Archives.gov website.
118.3	Last, NARA commits to engaging with underserved communities and working with community points of contact to identify and prioritize records in NARA's holdings that are important and impactful to those communities. This effort, organized over the next two to four years, will result in meeting with community points of contact, identifying pertinent records, and prioritizing records for processing, description, digitization, bulk download, transcription, or potentially other collaborative projects.	NARA reached out and engaged with internal and external stakeholders in the African American and Puerto Rican communities and established effective channels of communication to get their feedback on NARA services related to the description of holdings, digitization, and collaborative projects. NARA used that feedback to develop digitization and collaboration projects to enhance content and services.

Government-Wide Federal Sustainability Goals and Reporting

Agency: Council on Environmental Quality		
#	**Commitment Description**	**Progress Narrative**
US0119	The Federal Government commits to implementing this Executive Order (14057 on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability) and making these annual reports, data, and scorecards measuring progress available to the public at http://www.sustainability.gov.	The Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Management and Budget continue to post regular updates on agency performance in implementing Executive Order 14057 at: https://www.sustainability.gov/progress.html

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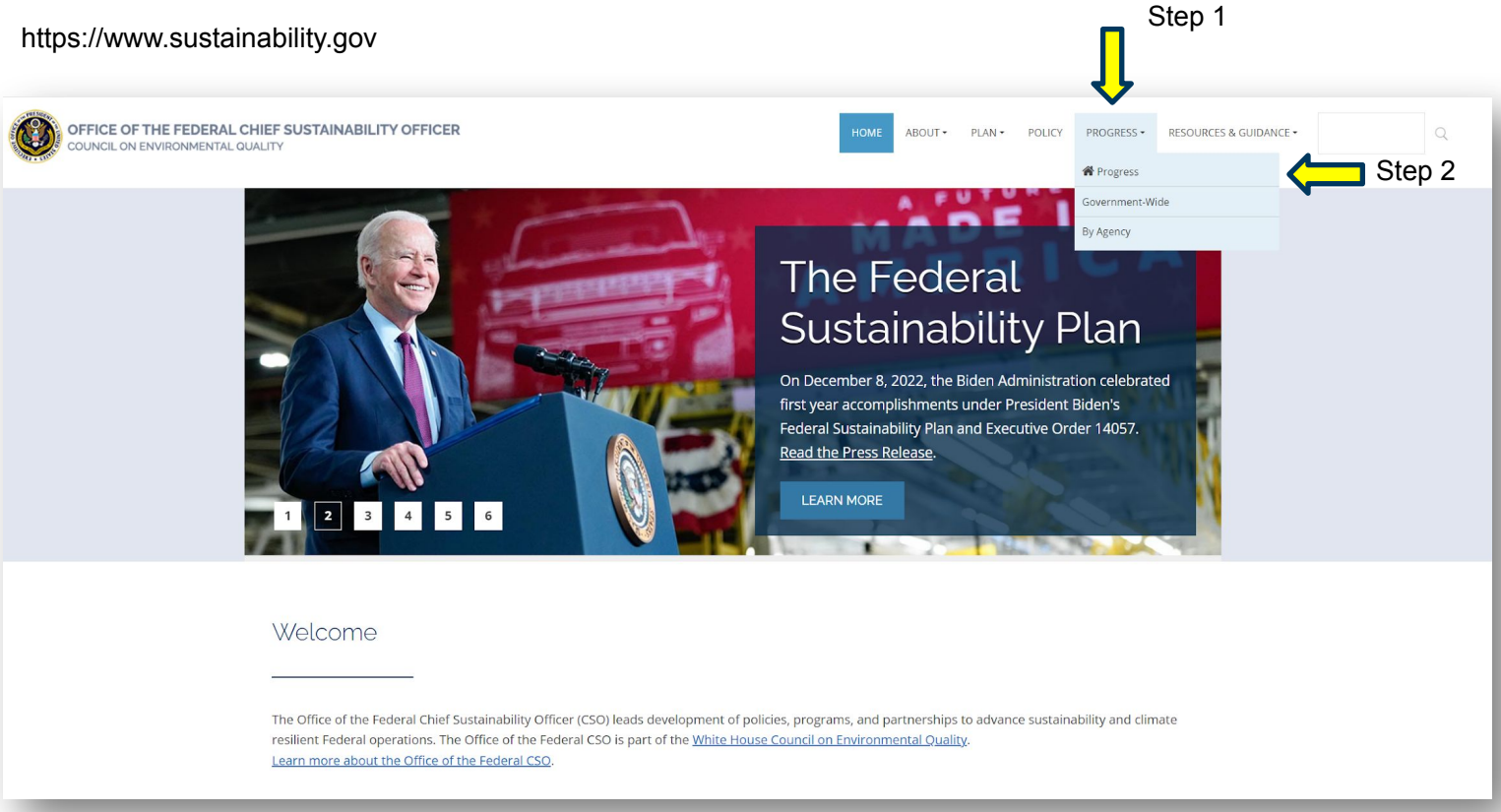

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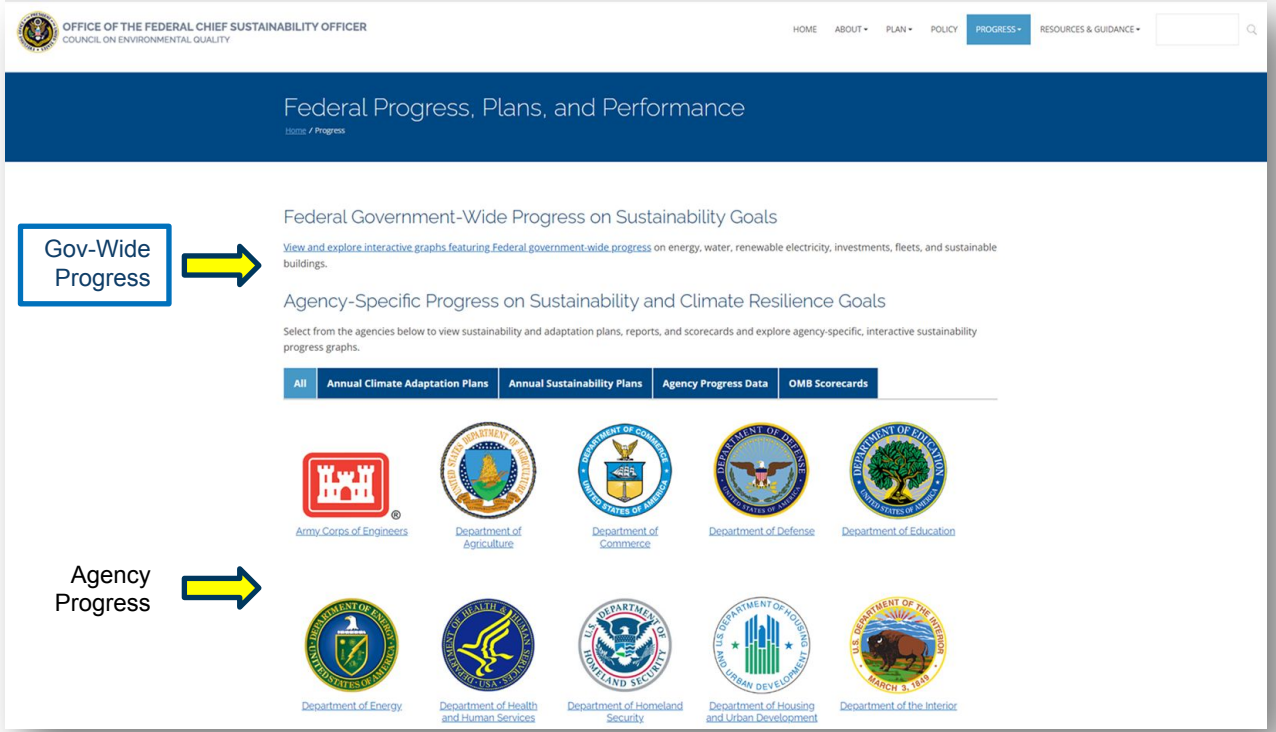

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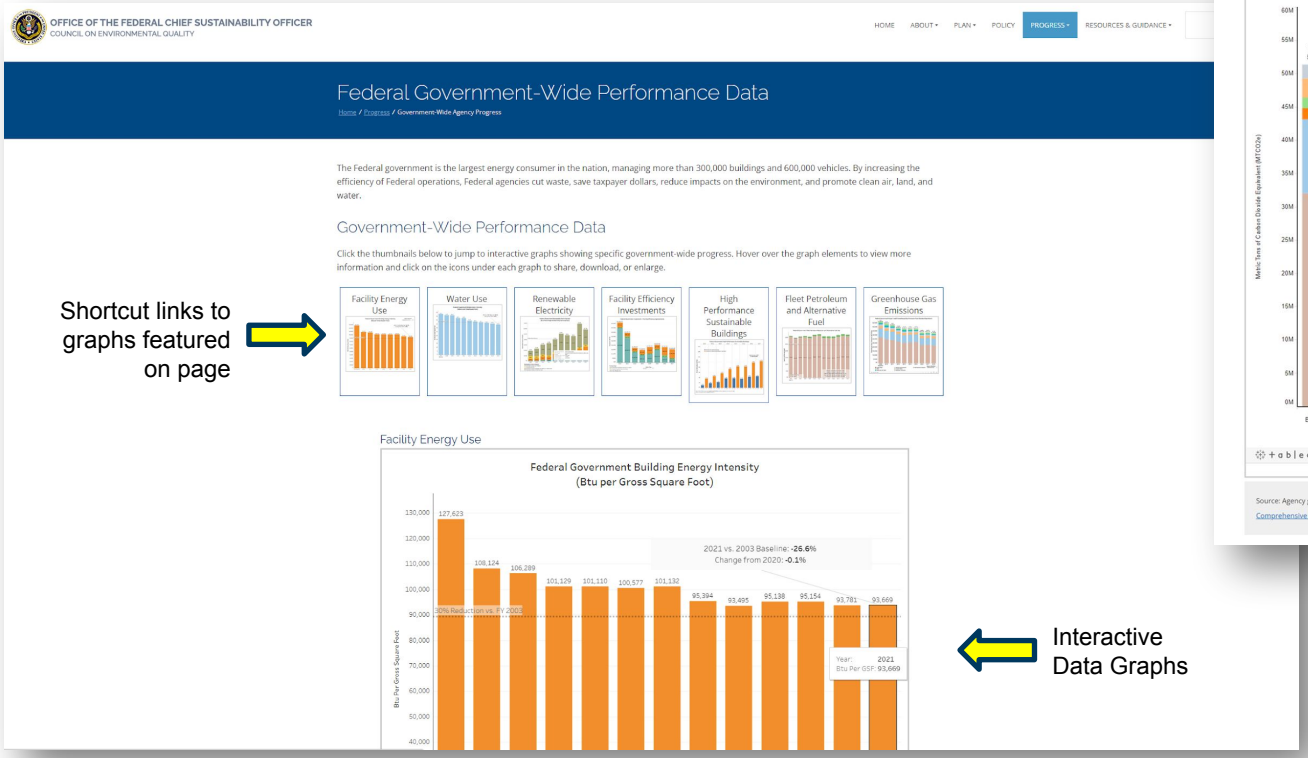

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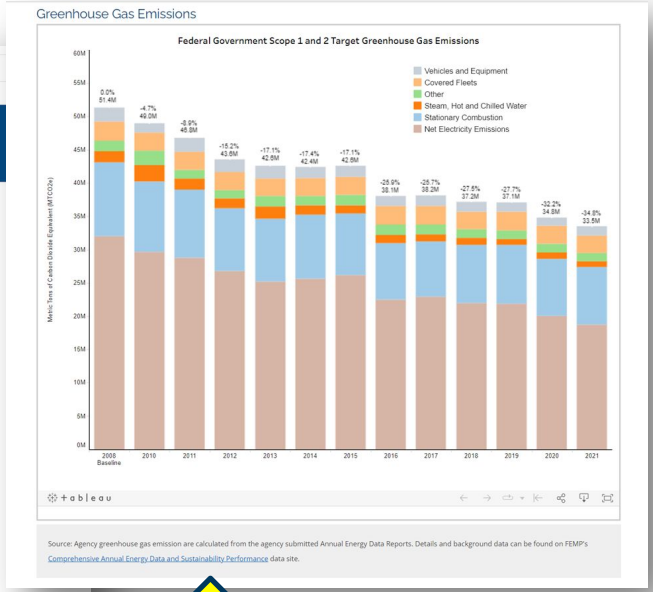

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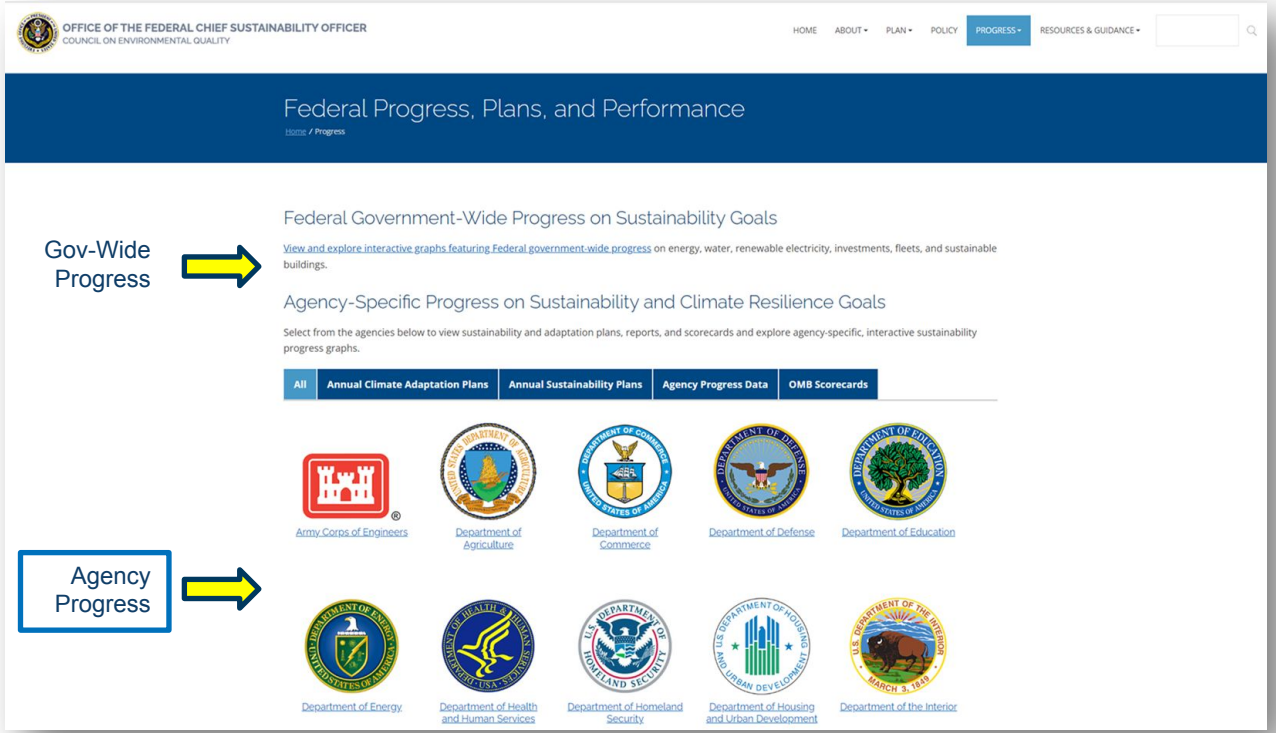

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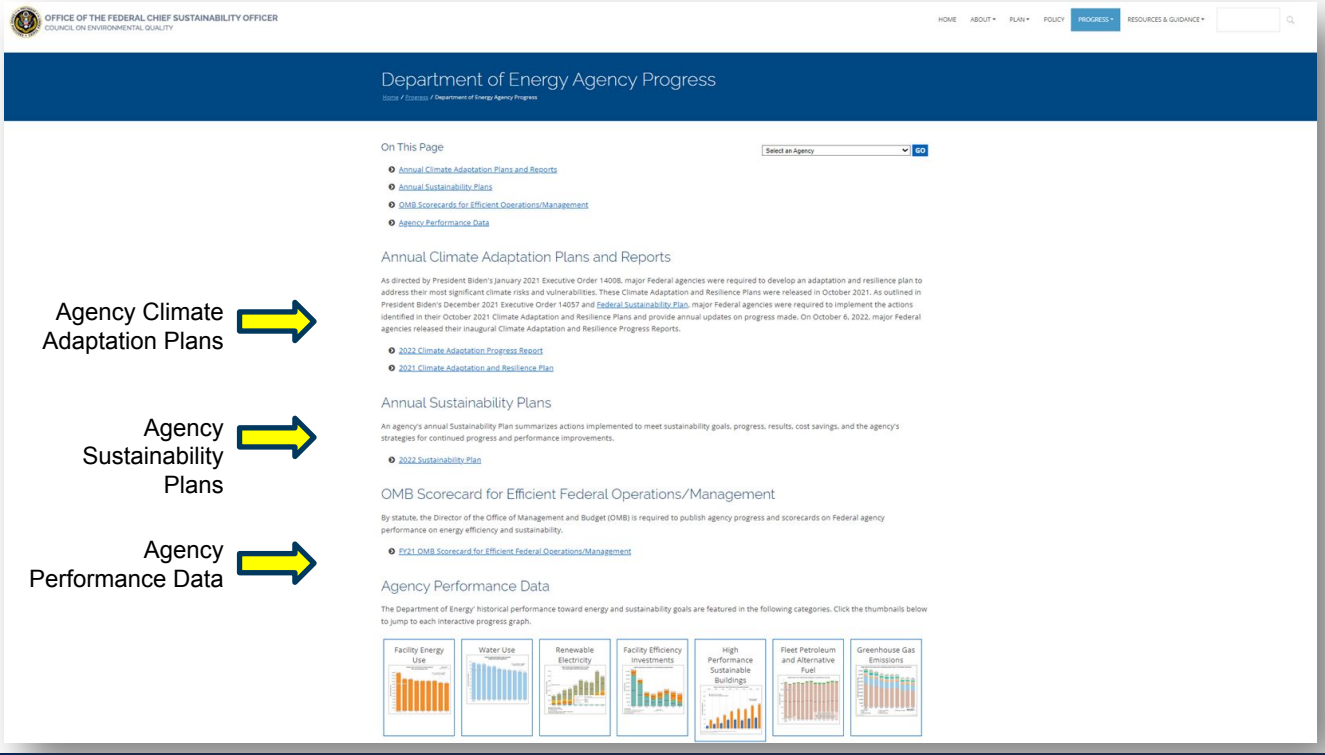

Agency Climate Adaptation Plans

Agency Sustainability Plans

Agency Performance Data

Government-Wide Federal Sustainability Goals and Reporting

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US0120	Executive Order 14008 on *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, directs the White House Office of Management and Budget, in coordination with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Digital Service, and other relevant agency heads, to publish an annual Environmental Justice Scorecard detailing agency environmental justice performance measures. The White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council (IAC) is also directed to develop performance measures to ensure accountability for work to address current and historic environmental injustice. The Environmental Justice Scorecard was created at the direction of President Biden to assess the Federal Government's progress on advancing environmental justice, to provide transparency for the public, and to increase accountability for Federal agencies.	The Phase One Environmental Justice Scorecard was released in April 2023. The Phase One Scorecard provides a baseline assessment of the Federal Government's efforts to secure environmental justice. It outlines steps taken, processes implemented, and other actions taken by Federal agencies in 2021 and 2022 to help achieve the Biden-Harris Administration's environmental justice goals. The Phase One Scorecard reports progress in the following areas: advancing the Justice40 Initiative, implementing and enforcing environmental and civil rights law, and embedding environmental justice throughout the Federal Government. Link to the Environmental Justice Scorecard.

Phase One of the Environmental Justice Scorecard

Phase One of the Environmental Scorecard seeks to demonstrate the steps taken and progress agencies have made from 2021 – 2022 to advance environmental justice.

- ✔ Provides a **baseline assessment** of agencies' efforts.

- ✔ Includes **quantitative and qualitative** information in the following categories:
  - ❖ The Justice40 Initiative,
  - ❖ Environmental and Civil Rights Protection, and
  - ❖ Institutionalizing Environmental Justice.

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Open Discussion – Q&A

Thank You!