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Web Page Template for Government Information

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Are you interested in providing your library users with convenient access to government information on the Web, but find yourself too busy to search for the perfect sites, and design a Web page? Check out the ALA GODORT Government Information Technology Committee's (GITCO) Web page template, created by Cathy Hartman, University of North Texas Libraries, and Larry Schankman, Mansfield University.

To view the Template and Help pages, connect to:

<http://www.library.unt.edu/gpo/template/index.html>.

The Web page template has sections for:

- Federal Government: General Information
- Federal Government: Legislative and Regulatory Information
- State Information
- International and Foreign Information
- Statistical Resources
- Additional Resources

This Web page template has been developed to help the librarian at a small- or medium-sized library add a government information component to its web page with ease. With minimal alterations, this template can be added to a library's Web page to provide access to publications of all levels of government. Links to key sources of government information have been selected, and only stable sites were chosen in order to reduce the amount of maintenance required to keep the page current. The accompanying Help/Readme page offers hints and tips for the novice that allow easy alteration of the Template.

Help sections included are:

- Getting Started
- Adding Local Information
- Down loading/Adding New Links and Adding Graphics
- Removing Template Sections
- Adding Requests for Comments ([mailto](mailto:))