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The financial information is valuable to the citizen and private organization as well as to government workers. FN covers electronic commerce, government jobs, Federal pay scales, Comptroller decisions, agency financial statements, and Federal CFOs. It searches the U.S. Code and the Code of Federal Regulations, the GSA Federal Acquisition Regulations, and Foreign and Domestic Per Diems.

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The National Science Foundation hosts FN and the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) guide the FN policies and directions in conjunction with a User's Group headed by the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program of the Treasury Department.

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The U.S. Business Advisor is the newest on-line service for U.S. businesses and a key to governing in the information age. Business information on taxes, social security, environmental and safety regulations, annual financial reports and jobs are just some of the Advisor's offerings from the Federal Government.

The Advisor was first presented at the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business; it underwent a six month process to redesign and address the specific needs of the business community. The improved Advisor will provide users with one-stop electronic access to more than 60 Federal agencies which regulate and assist businesses.

The Advisor provides an interactive environment where businesses can: file documents electronically with the government; retrieve documents, applications and other information; get answers to commonly asked questions; obtain names and contact numbers of business agencies; acquire news on specific business topics; and send feedback.

The U.S. Business Advisor exists to provide business with a one-stop access to Federal Government information. There are five major categories:

COMMON QUESTIONS gives answers to questions that business people frequently ask government. Common Questions contains the most asked for information on: Exports, Postal Service, OSHA (safety), Jobs (OPM), Small Business, Taxes, and Social Security.

HOW TO contains expert tools, step-by-step guides, and transactions. HOW TO deals with: Address and package your mail, Doing business with GSA, Financing a business, Retired Executive Corps counseling, EPA's partners for the environment, Making your building compliant with asbestos rules, Business forms (Postal Service), Passport-State Dept., Employer's quick reference guide to Social Security, Forms for the IRS, and EDGAR, the SEC financial reports and information.

SEARCH helps you find on-line resources and regulations for topics of interest.

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The Advisor allows businesses and citizens to browse, search and compile information about their business/community needs. The Advisor is first in a family of on-line information offerings from the Federal Government sponsored by SBA, Department of Commerce and the National Performance Review of the Office of the Vice President.