



Agenda

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2. What you can (and can't) find on **govinfo**
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Background

- GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) launched in 2009 and has grown to provide access to more than a million Federal legislative, executive, and judicial documents.

The screenshot shows the FDsys website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for About GPO, Newsroom/Media, Congressional Relations, Inspector General, Careers, Contact, askGPO, and Help. The main header features the GPO logo and the text "U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE | Keeping America Informed".

The page is divided into several sections:

- Home:** Includes links for "FDsys: GPO's Federal Digital System", "Customers", "Vendors", and "Libraries".
- GPO Quick Links:** A blue sidebar menu with links to "XML Bulk Data Repository", "U.S. Government Bookstore", "Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids", and "Catalog of U.S. Government Publications".
- Search:** A search bar with a "SEARCH" button and links for "Advanced Search" and "Retrieve by Citation Help".
- Public Papers of the President Barack Obama, Book II - 2010:** A featured section with a photo of the White House, links for "Documents PDF >", "More info >", "Photos PDF >", and "More info >".
- Featured Legislation:** A section for "Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act)" with a photo of the U.S. Capitol and links for "PDF >" and "More Info >".
- Featured Publication:** A section for "Hispanic Americans in Congress 1822-2012" with a photo of the U.S. Capitol and links for "PDF >" and "More Info >".
- User Feedback:** A section with a link to "Take Our FDsys Survey!".
- Browse:** A list of categories including Code of Federal Regulations, Congressional Documents, Congressional Hearings, Congressional Reports, and Congressional Record.
- Moments in History:** A list of historical events including Warren Commission Report, Post JFK Assassination Audio Tape Recordings, President Nixon's Watergate Grand Jury Testimony Transcripts, The 9/11 Commission Report, The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report, and President Obama's Public Papers.

At the bottom, there is a footer with the address "732 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20540-0001", the phone number "202.512.1800", and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Google+. There are also links for "Sitemap", "Bulk Data", "Privacy", and "Accessibility".

- The **govinfo** website was publicly launched as a beta on February 3, 2016, to eventually replace the FDsys public website.

What is govinfo?

- **govinfo** is a beta, meaning it is a work in progress we are sharing to get user feedback
- **govinfo** is a complete redesign of the FDsys public website with a new, modern look and feel
- **govinfo** retains the powerful search capabilities of FDsys while incorporating a range of new features and enhancements requested by users
- **govinfo** is the new front door to accessing the same official, preserved content as FDsys

What can I find on govinfo?

Legislative Branch Publications

- Bills and Statutes - Congressional Bills, Public and Private Laws, Statutes at Large, U.S. Code
- Congressional Committee Materials - Hearings, Reports
- Proceedings of Congress - Record, Calendars
- Congressional Rules and Procedures - House and Senate Manuals, Precedents of the House
- Directories - Congressional Directory, Congressional Pictorial Directory

Fun Fact: GPO is one of only a few legislative branch agencies. Others include the Library of Congress, the Government Accountability Office, and the Architect of the Capitol.

What can I find on govinfo?

Executive Branch Publications

- Regulatory - Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, Unified Agenda
- Executive branch agencies - U.S. Government Manual, Treasury Department Publications, Technical Reports from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- Presidential - Public Papers of the Presidents, Compilation of Presidential Documents, U.S. Budget

Fun Fact: Check out official photos of President Obama with the basic search term: Obama photo.

What can I find on govinfo?

Judicial Branch Publications

- Opinions from select Federal Courts
 - Appellate
 - District
 - Bankruptcy
 - International Trade
- Independent Counsel Investigations

Fun Fact: The U.S. Courts Opinions collection has been one of the most frequently accessed collections on FDsys since it became available in 2011.

What can I find on govinfo?

- **Content Updated Daily** - Congressional Record, Federal Register, House and Senate Calendars
- **Multiple File Formats**- PDF, MP3, JPG, Text, XML, XLS
- **Featured Content**- Nancy Reagan Tribute, Washington's Farewell Address, Sinking of the Titanic, Earth Day
- **Digitized Historical Content** - Oldest dates back to 1849! (Official Register of the United States)
- **High-Profile Publications** - 9-11 Report, Post JFK Assassination Audio, Warren Commission Report, Financial Crisis Inquiry Report, Nixon's Watergate Grand Jury Testimony, landmark legislation: Civil Rights Act, Obamacare

Examples

What We Don't Have

(and where to find it)

- × Forms, memos, internal records, classified or copyrighted information (Check out NARA.gov, IRS.gov)
- × Interpretation of laws or legal advice (Consult an attorney)
- × A mechanism for you to contact your Congressperson (Visit Member webpages)
- × A way for you to apply for Federal jobs (You can do this at USAJOBS.gov)

What We Do Have

- ✓ Final, published versions of official Federal publications from all three branches
- ✓ Official versions of Bills, Laws, and Regulations
- ✓ Directories of Congressional members and Federal government officials
- ✓ The Plum Book – a listing of policy and supporting positions in the Federal government

More Examples

What We Don't Have

(and where to find it)

- × A way for you to comment on proposed regulations (You can do this at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov))
- × Every document ever published by a Federal entity or every document in a collection (Check agency websites or a library!)
- × State government information (Check out [USA.gov/states-and-territories](https://www.usa.gov/states-and-territories) or the state's website)

What We Do Have

- ✓ The official Federal Register publication
- ✓ More than one million publications and growing every day
- ✓ Content from all three branches of the Federal government

Quick Start Guide to govinfo

- Use **quick links** on the homepage to most recent versions of daily publications.
- Features - **new** and interesting curated content.
- **A to Z** resource list, **Category** browse, and basic keyword **search** are good places to start.
- Learn more about the collections on their **browse pages**.
- View key information about a document on the **Details page** - without having to download it.
- The **related documents** tab (on select Details pages) makes it easier than ever to see documents produced throughout the complex network of the legislative and regulatory processes.

Demonstration time...

Search Tips

- Use search filters to narrow down your search results.
- Have a citation? Use the citation search!
- Some collections have custom fields you can search in (advanced search) and custom search filters (on the search results page).
- There are multiple ways to access the same information.
- You can always try researching to find a specific citation for the document you're looking for then enter into search box.
- If you know a specific date, you can greatly narrow down search results.

Coming Soon

- Additional landing pages
- Browse by Government Author
- Additional integrated Help information
- Improved user analytics
- Consistency of back button and bookmarkable links functionality
- Continued improvements to display for mobile devices
- Usability testing and expert review
- Styling and design updates
- Expanded sharing options across the site
- Additional linked related documents

Feedback / Contact

- Feedback about our beta site: online survey
- If you can't find the information you're looking for:
 - [Read our Q/A](#) and [check to see What's Available.](#)
 - Visit the [Help pages](#) and the [Frequently Asked Questions.](#)
 - askGPO Service: www.gpo.gov/askgpo > click Ask a Question

www.govinfo.gov/contact

Your Questions