

Open Government Initiatives

OVERVIEW: This category addresses efforts to make government more transparent and accountable and to stimulate civic engagement. Submissions can include any type of electronic interface and may demonstrate unilateral initiatives as well as two-way communication capabilities.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

As applicable, include detailed information about:

- Longevity of the service
- Target audience and the current adoption rate
- Outreach campaigns to encourage use
- Steps taken to ensure data and transactional security
- Performance measures and client satisfaction data

Include any development and/or training initiatives that ensure expanded access to, and independent use of these services by people with disabilities, or others who would not normally have easy access to digital government initiatives.

EXAMPLES

Initiatives which fit under this category include, but are not limited to:

- Transparency websites related to budget spending, financial reporting, contracts and awards
- Streaming content from public meetings
- Easy access to raw government data
- Public comment and feedback mechanisms
- e-Democracy initiatives such as legislative tracking and monitoring
- Use of social media tools
- Tools and services for self-organizing by citizens

- Initiatives to provide open and on-demand access for other government organizations such as citizens, the media and/or not-for-profit groups