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Fax-on-Demand Services Available from Federal Government Agencies

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Summary

Numerous associations, newspapers, schools, and government agencies are finding fax publishing an efficient way to distribute information to the public or to a targeted audience. This service is often called a "fax-server" or "fax-on-demand." The types of information available by fax can include: services to the public, selected reports, press releases, speeches, statistics, and biographical information. Recipients must have a fax machine.

These services can usually be accessed 24 hours a day, either through a telephone key pad or through the receiver of a fax machine. By calling a contact number, a user hears taped instructions on how to receive a menu of items that can be faxed directly to his or her fax machine. There is no charge other than for a phone call of equal length, including any long distance phone connections that are made.

The following is a list of federal government agencies that offer fax-on-demand services and a brief description of their offerings. This report will be updated from time to time as new information becomes available.

Executive Office of the President

Office of Management and Budget (202) 395-9068
Selected OMB Circulars and forms.

Office of Public Affairs (202) 395-9088
Text of major speeches, recent press releases, radio addresses, press briefings, recent proclamations, and executive orders.

U.S. Trade Representative

(202) 395-4809

This service provides the text of recent press releases, statements, and trade-related testimony.

Legislative Branch

U.S. Government Printing Office

(202) 512-1716

Individual listings for each title of the *Code of Federal Regulations* titles and their availability. Listings by subject area of available government information products. Information on ordering, popular products, CD-ROMs, and GPO access. Addresses for federal depository libraries.

Departments

Agriculture Department

Economic Research Service

(202) 694-5700

Reports on world agriculture, U.S. agricultural trade, state facts, farm income, and crop-specific data.

Commerce Department

Census Bureau

(301) 457-4178

Statistical briefs on U.S. population, economic survey data, Census questionnaire content reports, and lists of telephone contacts.

The Department of Commerce has a variety of “Flash Facts” lines that provide regional and country-specific trade data in the following categories:

U.S. Trade Information Center

1-800-872-8723

- Press 1 U.S. Trade Information Center
- Press 2 Central and Eastern European Business Center
- Press 3 Russia and the Newly Independent States
- Press 4 NAFTA and Latin America
- Press 5 Japan Export Information
- Press 6 Asia Business Center
- Press 7 Africa, Near East, South Asia
- Press 8 Northern Ireland
- Press 9 Uruguay Round and World Trade Organization

Defense Department

Air Force News Service

1-800-422-8723

Fact sheets on major weapon systems and commands, biographies of U.S. Air Force senior leaders, and recent issues of the *Air Force News Service Weekly Review*.

Health and Human Services Department

Agency for Health Care Policy (301) 594-2800
News releases and fact sheets on agency activities and policy. Grant announcements, health technology reviews, AHCPR article reprints.

Centers for Disease Control—General Information 1-888-232-3299
Topical disease information (HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, etc.). Smoking and health, childhood immunization, international travelers health requirements.

Centers for Disease Control—National AIDS Clearinghouse 1-800-458-5231
CDC fact sheets, surveillance report tables, and information on clearinghouse services.

Food and Drug Administration—Center for Devices and Radiological Health 1-800-899-0381
Documents from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance, the Division of Mammography Quality and Radiation Programs, and the Division of Device User Programs and System Analysis.

National Cancer Institute (301) 402-5874
Fact sheets, citations, and abstracts on selected topics from the CANCERLIT database. Selected information is available in Spanish.

National Institute of Mental Health (301) 443-5158
Press advisories, professional publications and reports, information about grants, and NIMH calendar of events.

Interior Department

U.S. Geological Survey (703) 648-4888
Lists of maps available from USGS and information on aerial photography, digital cartographic data, satellite imagery, and CD-ROMs available from USGS.

U.S. Geological Survey (703) 648-4999
Fact sheets on mineral commodities, lists of mineral specialists, and information on CD-ROMs available from the Office of Minerals Information.

Justice Department

Department of Justice Response Center (202) 307-1480
Information on provisions of the Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, including criminal provisions, immigrant provisions, and Department of Justice grant programs.

Labor Department

Bureau of Labor Statistics (202) 606-6325

Press releases, lists of phone contacts, Consumer Price Index data, employment statistics, occupational safety and health statistics, and productivity data.

In addition to the national fax-on-demand service, the Bureau of Labor Statistics maintains eight regional fax-on-demand services that contain documents pertinent to the region. Contact numbers are:

Atlanta	(404) 562-2545
Boston	(617) 565-9167
Chicago	(312) 987-9288
Dallas	(214) 767-9613
Kansas City	(816) 426-3152
New York	(212) 337-2412
Philadelphia	(215) 596-4160
San Francisco	(415) 975-4567

State Department

General Information (202) 736-7720

Recent testimony, speeches, biographical information on State Department officials. *Background Notes* and country fact sheets. Press briefings, fact sheets, pamphlets, and other publications related to U.S. foreign relations.

Bureau of Consular Affairs (202) 647-3000

Travel warnings, public announcements, Tips for Travelers brochures. Visa bulletins and other consular information.

Transportation Department

Bureau of Transportation Statistics 1-800-671-8012

BTS telephone contact lists, directories of transportation data sources, press releases, and detailed transportation statistics.

Drug Enforcement and Program Compliance 1-800-225-3784

Documents on alcohol and drug testing.

Treasury Department

General Information (202) 622-2040

Current public engagement schedule, statements by Treasury Department officials. Announcements regarding public debt, Treasury bill auctions.

Comptroller of the Currency (202) 479-0141

Documents related to the regulation of the Nation's banks. Includes general information on the agency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency bulletins, news releases, and enforcement news releases.

Foreign Assets Control (202) 622-0077
 Country-specific information on foreign assets, particularly information on U.S. embargoes.

Internal Revenue Service (703) 368-9694
 The most frequently requested IRS tax forms.

Office of Thrift Supervision (202) 906-5660
 Thrift industry analyses, OTS director's orders, testimony and speeches, public-use forms, significant legal opinions, contact lists, and job vacancy announcements.

Independent Agencies

Consumer Product Safety Commission (301) 504-0051
 Calendar of Commission events, information on major product recalls, product safety publications, injury statistics, and hazard reports.

Environmental Protection Agency

State and Local Climate Change Outreach Program (202) 260-2860
 Selected documents pertaining to global climate change.

Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (202) 651-2061
 Documents discussing requirements governing emergency planning, emergency release notification, and hazardous chemical inventory reporting.

Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (202) 651-2062
 Lists of administrative reforms, community outreach and local government reimbursement documents, Oil Pollution Act documents, and state fact sheets.

Office of Solid Waste (202) 651-2060
 Environmental fact sheets and newsletters.

Federal Communications Commission (202) 418-2830
 Commission agenda, public notices, commissioners' speeches, press releases and job listings.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (804) 642-0003
 Press releases, statistical information such as *FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile* and the *Survey of Real Estate Trends*, FDIC regulatory information, and FDIC board actions.

Federal Election Commission (202) 501-3413
 Background on the commission and federal campaign finance law, in English and Spanish. A variety of publications under the subject headings *disclosure*, *limitations*, *public funding*, *compliance*, *clearinghouse on election administration*, and *regulations*.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (202) 646-3362

Background on the agency, emergency preparedness information, press releases, current disaster information, and historical disaster profiles (cost and damage figures).

Food and Drug Administration 1-800-899-0381

Selection of documents issued by the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance, the Division of Mammography Quality and Radiation Programs, and the Division of Device User Programs and System Analysis.

National Archives and Records Administration (301) 713-6905

Guides for prospective researchers, information on presidential libraries, regional archives, Center for Electronic Records, JFK assassination records, and motion picture, video, and cartographic branches.

Social Security Administration 1-888-475-7000

Fact sheets on Social Security benefits, some in a variety of foreign languages. Selected tables from the *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin*, legislative bulletins, and list of telephone contacts.