

# 2010 The New Economy Analytics, Resources and Alerts

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This August 2009 column **2010 The New Economy Analytics, Resources and Alerts** is a comprehensive list of resources and sites that give you the latest and most important information concerning the new economy analytics, resources and alerts that are available over the Internet including related and associated resources and sites. The below list is taken from my *New Economy Analytics, Resources and Alerts Subject Tracer™* Information Blog and is constantly updated with Subject Tracer™ bots at the following URL:

<http://www.NewEconomyAnalytics.info/>

These sites and resources allow you to gather data from the world wide web using your computer, netbook, cell phone, or mobile device! Gathering data about the New Economy for research on the Internet is a must in today's highly competitive business environment and these resources will help you build a comprehensive database of niched New Economy research information taken directly from the web.

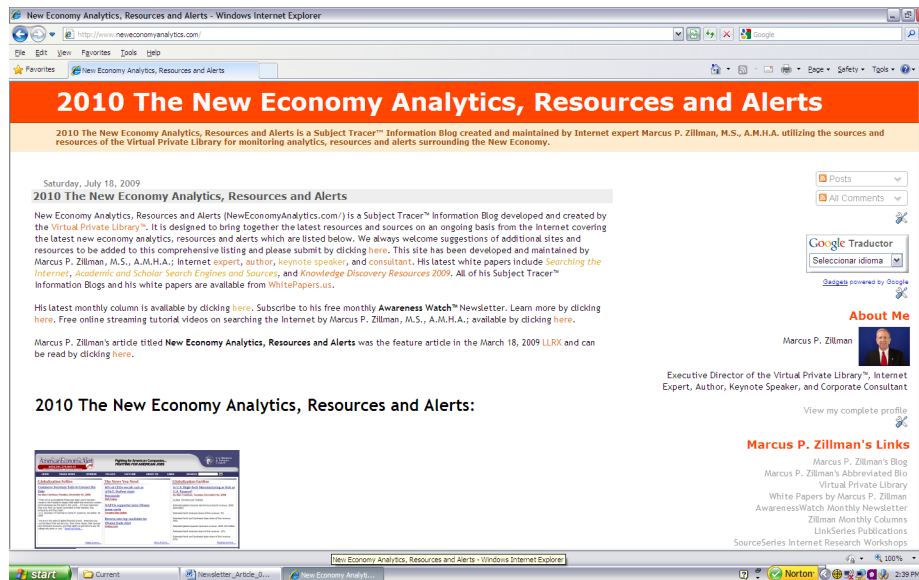


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## **American Economic Alert - Trade News and Opinions**

<http://www.americaneconomicalert.org/>

AmericanEconomicAlert.org was founded by the U.S. Business and Industry Council Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit research and educational organization dedicated to improving the American people's awareness of critical public policy issues in such diverse fields as trade, taxation, education, health care, foreign relations, defense, and national security, among others. USBICEF is affiliated with the U.S. Business and Industry Council, a 501(c)(6) non-profit business association. The U.S. Business and Industry Council is a national organization of business owners and executives dedicated to making the U.S. domestic economy the world's leading engine of economic growth. The USBIC Educational Foundation is its research arm. Only a robust national economy, balanced in capabilities and dynamic in operation, can provide the material base for an American society that is stable at home and secure in the world.

## **Authenticated Congressional Bills**

<http://fdlpdev.gpo.gov/bills/index.html>

GPO's Authentication initiative focuses on the primary objective of assuring users that the information made available by GPO is official and authentic and that trust relationships exist between all participants in electronic transactions. In furthering GPO's mission to provide permanent public access to authentic U.S. Government publications, GPO is working to afford users further assurance that files are unchanged since GPO authenticated them. The Beta release of an Authenticated Congressional Bills application provides digitally signed and certified Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files for a sample set of Congressional Bills from the 110th Congress. GPO has signed and certified the House and Senate bills PDF files within this application as part of GPO's initiative to reassure users that the online documents are official and authentic. The documents in this database are available as ASCII text and digitally signed and certified Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files.

## **BankTracker - Investigating Reporting Workshop**

<http://banktracker.investigativereportingworkshop.org/>

The unprecedented bet that many banks made on mortgages, real estate development and other real estate-related lending during the middle part of this decade has produced a payoff no one imagined just a few years ago -- a huge increase in loan defaults, a soaring number of foreclosures and a plunge in bank profits. And now, an analysis of bank financial statements by the Investigative Reporting Workshop and msnbc.com, sheds new light on just how dangerous conditions have become in many banks across the nation. The analysis is based on reports every bank is required to file each quarter with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the federal agency that protects deposits and is part of the bank regulatory system. The Investigative Reporting Workshop, a project of the



School of Communication at American University, intends to address this fundamental issue for democracy in two important ways: a) By conducting significant investigative journalism projects on a national and international scale; and b) By researching and experimenting with new models for creating and delivering investigative projects.

### **Beige Book - Current Economic Conditions by Federal Reserve District**

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/FOMC/BeigeBook/2009/>

Commonly known as the Beige Book, this report is published eight times per year. Each Federal Reserve Bank gathers anecdotal information on current economic conditions in its District through reports from Bank and Branch directors and interviews with key business contacts, economists, market experts, and other sources. The Beige Book summarizes this information by District and sector. An overall summary of the twelve district reports is prepared by a designated Federal Reserve Bank on a rotating basis.

### **Benton Foundation - Using Technology and Innovation To Address Our Nation's Critical Challenges**

<http://www.benton.org/>

The mission of the Benton Foundation is to articulate a public interest vision for the digital age and to demonstrate the value of communications for solving social problems. The Benton Foundation works to ensure that media and telecommunications serve the public interest and enhance our democracy. They pursue this mission by seeking policy solutions that support the values of access, diversity and equity, and by demonstrating the value of media and telecommunications for improving the quality of life for all.

### **beSpacific - Daily Accurate, Focused Law and Technology News**

<http://www.bespacific.com/>

Blog by Sabrina I. Pacifici published since August 2002. Daily law and technology news with links to reliable primary and secondary sources on topics including: e-government, privacy, government documents, cybercrime and ID theft, the Patriot Act, freedom of information, federal legislation, legal research, KM, blogs, RSS and wikis. Recipient of the Special Libraries Association Innovations in Technology Award 2008. beSpacific listed in The Top 100 Law and Lawyer Blogs from Criminal Justice Degrees Guide and is one of the Top 10 General Legal Blogs. A must daily read for latest law and technology news.

### **Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) U.S. Department of Commerce**

<http://www.bea.gov/index.htm>

BEA strives to provide the most timely, relevant and accurate economic data to you, their users, to help promote a better understanding of the U.S. economy. These reliable and



consistent measures of economic activity are essential to the informed decision making of policymakers, business leaders and every American household. The success of their statistical programs, in large part, is determined by the trust in the quality of their data. As one of the world's leading statistical agencies, they are dedicated to staying on the cutting edge of the economy. To help keep you informed on a number of non-statistical issues, their Director's Page provides a number of useful pieces of information. The 5-year BEA Strategic Plan is available for your review as well as a report card of their successes in meeting the over 200 annual milestones in the Plan. Information on the President's current budget request for BEA also is available. Congressional testimony related to BEA and its statistical programs will be included to keep you current on important topics being considered by Congress. Finally, other important reports and information can be found to keep you informed on ongoing activities and plans at BEA.

### **Business Dynamics Statistics, BDS**

[http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds\\_home](http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_home)

The new Business Dynamics Statistics are a product of the Center for Economic Studies of the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual series describes establishment-level business dynamics along dimensions absent from similar databases including firm age and firm size. The new data series provides researchers with a tool to gain insight into the dynamics of a changing economy. Business Dynamics Statistics are created from the Longitudinal Business Database (LBD), a confidential database available to researchers throughout the network of Census Research Data Centers. The BDS was developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, and partially funded by the Kauffman Foundation. The BDS is unique in that its source data are longitudinal in nature and permit tracking establishments and firms over time. The public use files are created in an effort to make these data accessible to a broad range of data users. Other efforts currently under way include the creation of a fully synthetic microdata file based on the LBD. The BDS series provides annual statistics for 1976-2005 by firm age and firm size. Annual files are also provided at the state level, for Standard Industrial Classification sectors and for the economy as a whole.

### **Census Bureau Economic Briefing Room**

<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm>

A overall view of the latest economic indicators presented by the Census Bureau along with Economic Indicator Calendar and Census Bureau Economic Programs.

### **Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)**

<http://www.cepr.net/>

The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) was established in 1999 to promote democratic debate on the most important economic and social issues that affect



people's lives. In order for citizens to effectively exercise their voices in a democracy, they should be informed about the problems and choices that they face. CEPR is committed to presenting issues in an accurate and understandable manner, so that the public is better prepared to choose among the various policy options. Toward this end, CEPR conducts both professional research and public education. The professional research is oriented towards filling important gaps in the understanding of particular economic and social problems, or the impact of specific policies. The public education portion of CEPR's mission is to present the findings of professional research, both by CEPR and others, in a manner that allows broad segments of the public to know exactly what is at stake in major policy debates. An informed public should be able to choose policies that lead to an improving quality of life, both for people within the United States and around the world.

### **ChangeTracker - Tracking Change In Washington**

<http://www.propublica.org/feature/changetracker>

ChangeTracker, an experimental new tool that watches pages on a) whitehouse.gov, b) recovery.gov and c) financialstability.gov so you don't have to. When the White House adds or deletes anything— say a blog post, or executive order ... ChangeTracker will let you know. The latest changes are on their page or sign up to get alerts sent to you. Each change links to a page that shows the different versions side-by-side. Text highlighted in red means it was removed, green means it was added.

### **Data.gov**

<http://www.Data.gov/>

The purpose of Data.gov is to increase public access to high value, machine readable datasets generated by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. Although the initial launch of Data.gov provides a limited portion of the rich variety of Federal datasets presently available, they invite you to actively participate in shaping the future of Data.gov by suggesting additional datasets and site enhancements to provide seamless access and use of your Federal data. Data.gov includes a searchable data catalog that includes access to data in two ways: through the "raw" data catalog and using tools. As a priority Open Government Initiative for President Obama's administration, Data.gov increases the ability of the public to easily find, download, and use datasets that are generated and held by the Federal Government. Data.gov provides descriptions of the Federal datasets (metadata), information about how to access the datasets, and tools that leverage government datasets. The data catalogs will continue to grow as datasets are added. Federal, Executive Branch data are included in the first version of Data.gov.



## **Economic Recovery**

<http://www.EconomicRecovery.gov/>

EconomicRecovery.gov is a resource for the American people to find help to keep their homes, find jobs and protect their savings.

## **eGovernment Interest Group (eGov IG)**

[http://www.w3.org/2007/eGov/IG/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.w3.org/2007/eGov/IG/wiki/Main_Page)

The mission of the eGovernment Interest Group (eGov IG) is to explore how to improve access to government through better use of the Web and achieve better government transparency using open Web standards at any government level (local, state, national and multi-national). The eGov IG is designed as a forum to support researchers, developers, solution providers, and users of government services that use the Web as the delivery channel, and enable broader collaboration across eGov practitioners.

## **Emergency Economic Stabilization Act and Troubled Asset Relief - TARP**

<http://www.treas.gov/initiatives/eesa/>

An extremely comprehensive sites of data, informaion and resources covering all areas of the Emergency Economic Stanilization Act and Troubled Asset Relief (TARP) initiatives by the United States Treasury.

## **Employment Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog**

<http://www.EmploymentResouces.info/>

Employment Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog constantly monitors the Internet for the latest employment resources and sources available and then lists them alphabetically in an ongoing information blog with a direct link to the source.

## **FinancialStability.gov - Comprehensive Financial Stability Plan and Related Resources**

<http://www.FinancialStability.gov/>

This site displays all the information related to the comprehensive financial stability plan from the United States Government initially issued on February 10, 2009. This site will be the starting point for transparency of all financial stability resources and sources being developed and implemented by the United States Government Department of Treasury. The Financial Stability Plan Fact Sheet is available by clicking [here](#). [7 pages .pdf 71.5KB]



## **FORA.tv - Videos On People, Issues and Ideas Changing the Planet**

<http://fora.tv/>

FORA.tv helps intelligent, engaged audiences get smart. Their users find, enjoy, and share videos about the people, issues, and ideas changing the world. They gather the web's largest collection of unmediated video drawn from live events, lectures, and debates going on all the time at the world's top universities, think tanks and conferences. They present this provocative, big-idea content for anyone to watch, interact with, and share --when, where, and how they want. With their community of savvy users and an extensive, growing library of smart videos, FORA.tv is at the forefront of the ongoing integration - and transformation - of the traditional media, TV, cable, and online industries from mass-market to high-quality, high-value content. FORA.tv was founded in 2005 and is funded by a select group of investors including William R. Hearst III and Adobe Ventures.

## **GovFresh - Government 2.0**

<http://govfresh.com/>

GovFresh is a live feed of official news from U.S. Government Twitter, YouTube, RSS, Facebook, Flickr accounts and more, all in one place.

## **GovTrack.us - Tracking the U.S. Congress**

<http://www.govtrack.us/>

GovTrack.us is an independent tool to help the public research and track the activities in the U.S. Congress, promoting government transparency and civic education through novel uses of technology. You'll find here the status of U.S. federal legislation, voting records in the Senate and House of Representatives, and information on Members of Congress, as well as congressional committees and the Congressional Record. The site is a research tool, but also a (totally free) tracking service. Pick up Trackers throughout the site to make a personalized feed or get email updates.

## **GPO's Federal Digital System Search (FDsys)**

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>

GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) provides public access to Government information submitted by Congress and Federal agencies and preserved as technology changes. GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) is an advanced digital system that will enable GPO to manage Government information from all three branches of the U.S. Government. FDsys is available as a public beta during migration of information from GPO Access. The migration of information from GPO Access into FDsys will be complete in 2009, until this time GPO Access will contain all content.



## **Grant Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog**

<http://www.GrantResources.info/>

Grant Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog constantly monitors the Internet for the latest grant resources and sources available and then lists them alphabetically in an ongoing information blog with a direct link to the source.

## **International Monetary Fund Alerts**

<https://www.imf.org/external/cntpst/index.aspx>

Sign up to receive free e-mail notices when new series and/or country items are posted on the IMF website.

## **Internet Alerts**

<http://www.InternetAlerts.info/>

InternetAlerts.info is a Subject Tracer™ Information Blog from The [Virtual Private Library](#). It is designed to bring together the latest resources and sources on an ongoing basis from the Internet covering alerts.

## **LegiStorm - Transparency's Sidekick**

<http://www.legistorm.com/>

LegiStorm helps bring transparency to the U.S. Congress by disseminating public documents and nonpartisan information over the web. Based on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, LegiStorm's first information product was a database of congressional staff salaries but we have now added other valuable information, such as the most comprehensive database of all privately financed trips taken by members of Congress and congressional staffers. The information is provided in a strictly factual, non-partisan fashion. They have no political affiliations and no political purpose except to make the workings of Congress as transparent as possible. They expect this resource to be useful to journalists, researchers, lobbyists and current and would-be staffers - as well as regular citizens who simply want to know how their representatives spend public money. You can be sure that there are more such legislative resources to come from LegiStorm.

## **Microsoft Public Sector Idea Bank - Gov 2.0 Ready**

<http://publicsectorondemand.com/>

Microsoft Public Sector Idea Bank is a portal that showcases the Public Sector On-Demand Solutions their Partners have successfully built, using and customizing Microsoft Dynamics CRM. Not only will you be able to learn about and purchase these solutions, you will have the chance to: a) Interact with other Public Sector Professionals; b) Discover and learn about new solutions; c) Share your own ideas with the community; and d) Promote ideas you think should be developed. It's all about Public Sector





Professionals, it's a relevant forum that puts a laser focus on the industry, and it's a place where you can collaborate and see your ideas come into fruition!

### **National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)**

<http://www.nber.org/>

Founded in 1920, the National Bureau of Economic Research is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works. The NBER is committed to undertaking and disseminating unbiased economic research among public policymakers, business professionals, and the academic community. Over the years the Bureau's research agenda has encompassed a wide variety of issues that confront our society. The Bureau's early research focused on the aggregate economy, examining in detail the business cycle and long-term economic growth. Simon Kuznets' pioneering work on national income accounting, Wesley Mitchell's influential study of the business cycle, and Milton Friedman's research on the demand for money and the determinants of consumer spending were among the early studies done at the NBER. The NBER is the nation's leading nonprofit economic research organization. Sixteen of the 31 American Nobel Prize winners in Economics and six of the past Chairmen of the President's Council of Economic Advisers have been researchers at the NBER. The more than 1,000 professors of economics and business now teaching at universities around the country who are NBER researchers are the leading scholars in their fields. These Bureau associates concentrate on four types of empirical research: developing new statistical measurements, estimating quantitative models of economic behavior, assessing the effects of public policies on the U.S. economy, and projecting the effects of alternative policy proposals.

### **NextGov.com - Technology and the Business of Government**

<http://www.nextgov.com/>

Nextgov.com is part of the National Journal Group Inc. and the Atlantic Media Company. It is a spin off of Government Executive.com and provides coverage and commentary on the management of information technology in the federal government. From time to time, Nextgov and Government Executive.com will share content and collaborate on features and events. Nextgov.com provides news, interaction and research for government and contractor executives and managers in the information technology community. Their readers are high-ranking civilian and military officials who are responsible for providing IT support to those who defend the nation and carry out the many laws that define the government's role in our economy and society. Nextgov.com's essential editorial mission is to cover the IT and business processes that the federal government deploys to meet agency missions – dozens of which dwarf the largest institutions in the private sector. They aspire to serve the people who manage these huge agencies and programs in much



the way that large consumer and business-to-business technology magazines serve private-sector managers.

### **NYC Stimulus Tracker**

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/ops/nycstim/html/tracker/tracker.shtml>

With the NYCStat Stimulus Tracker, New Yorkers can track the City's use of federal stimulus/recovery funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This funding includes federal tax cuts, expansion of unemployment benefits and other social welfare provisions, and domestic spending in education, health care, energy efficiency and infrastructure. The stimulus money for New York City will be used to ensure continued vital City services, provide assistance to New Yorkers in need, and stimulate the City's economy.

### **OECDdirect**

[http://www.oecd.org/document/0,3343,en\\_2649\\_201185\\_2699446\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,0\\_0.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/0,3343,en_2649_201185_2699446_1_1_1_1,0_0.html)

A free and time-saving e-mail alert service. Once you've selected the themes that interest you, choose to receive personalised e-mails announcing new publications, statistics updates and free newsletters related to your topics of interest.

### **Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

OMB's predominant mission is to assist the President in overseeing the preparation of the federal budget and to supervise its administration in Executive Branch agencies. In helping to formulate the President's spending plans, OMB evaluates the effectiveness of agency programs, policies, and procedures, assesses competing funding demands among agencies, and sets funding priorities. OMB ensures that agency reports, rules, testimony, and proposed legislation are consistent with the President's Budget and with Administration policies. In addition, OMB oversees and coordinates the Administration's procurement, financial management, information, and regulatory policies. In each of these areas, OMB's role is to help improve administrative management, to develop better performance measures and coordinating mechanisms, and to reduce any unnecessary burdens on the public.

### **OpenCongress - Track Bills, Votes, Senators, and Representatives in the U.S. Congress**

<http://www.opencongress.org/>

OpenCongress brings together official government data with news coverage, blog posts, comments, and more to give you the real story behind what's happening in Congress. Small groups of political insiders and lobbyists already know what's really going on in



Congress. They think everyone should be an insider. OpenCongress is a free, open-source, non-profit, and non-partisan web resource with a mission to make Congress more transparent and to encourage civic engagement. OpenCongress is a joint project of the Sunlight Foundation and the Participatory Politics Foundation.

### **Open CRS Network - Congressional Research Reports for the People**

<http://opencrs.com/>

American taxpayers spend over \$100 million a year to fund the Congressional Research Service, a "think tank" that provides reports to members of Congress on a variety of topics relevant to current political events. Yet, these reports are not made available to the public in a way that they can be easily obtained. A project of the Center for Democracy & Technology through the cooperation of several organizations and collectors of CRS Reports, Open CRS provides citizens access to CRS Reports already in the public domain and encourages Congress to provide public access to all CRS Reports.

### **OpenSecrets - Money in Politics - See Who Is Giving and Who Is Getting**

<http://www.opensecrets.org/>

OpenSecrets.org is your nonpartisan guide to money's influence on U.S. elections and public policy. Whether you're a voter, journalist, activist, student or interested citizen, use their free site to shine light on your government. Count cash and make change.

### **Open Up Government Data - Wired HowTo Wiki**

[http://howto.wired.com/wiki/Open\\_Up\\_Government\\_Data](http://howto.wired.com/wiki/Open_Up_Government_Data)

A how to wiki by Wired Magazine on opening up government data. This wiki analyzes the problem, delineates solutions and offers areas of involvement as well as highlights the government datasets .. the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Constantly kept up to date with the latest developments and requirements to open up government data. Data.Gov is coming and lets help build it!

### **RAND Corporation - Congressional Resources**

<http://www.rand.org/congress/>

RAND informs policymakers with research and analysis that is relevant to current Congressional agendas, providing knowledge that is trusted for its objectivity, comprehensiveness, and enduring value.



## **ReadTheStimulus.org - 850 Billion, 1588 Pages and Counting ....**

<http://www.ReadTheStimulus.org/>

A site that offers the complete and current stimulus package so one may read and understand the entire process. This is a non government site that is making the entire stimulus package/document transparent for all to read. A key feature of the site that is the ability for bloggers or any other online publishers to link directly to an individual page of the bill text.

## **Recovery.org - Economic Recovery Package Information**

<http://www.Recovery.org/>

This site is currently in BETA but will soon provide real-time data, maps, and graphs detailing the spending activity associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Onvia tracks "every dime" of spending by Federal, State and Local government agencies, and Recovery.com will allow you to explore these activities in great detail by State, by Congressional District, and by Community. Whether you are a business looking to secure projects funded by stimulus dollars or a taxpayer who wants to know how your government is spending your money in your community, Onvia will present you with the most comprehensive, real-time view of this information.

## **Recovery.gov - Monitoring New World Government Spending**

<http://www.Recovery.gov/>

Monitor the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to see how and where your tax dollars are spent. Recovery.gov is a website that lets you, the taxpayer, figure out where the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is going. There are going to be a few different ways to search for information. The money is being distributed by Federal agencies, and soon you'll be able to see where it's going -- to which states, to which congressional districts, even to which Federal contractors. As soon as they are able to, they will display that information visually in maps, charts, and graphics. An oversight board will routinely update this site as part of an unprecedented effort to root out waste, inefficiency, and unnecessary spending in our government.

## **Regulations.gov - Search**

<http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>

Regulations.gov is your source for all regulations (or rulemakings) issued by U.S. government agencies. On this site, you can find: a) All Federal regulations that are open for public comment (i.e., proposed rules) and closed for comment (i.e., final rules) as published in the Federal Register; b) Many Federal agency notices published in the Federal Register; and c) Additional supporting materials, public comments, and Federal agency guidance and adjudications. When you find a document, you can also submit comments through the web site on those documents that are open for public comment.



After Congressional bills become laws, Federal Departments and Agencies are responsible for enforcing those laws through regulations. Departments and Agencies develop regulations through the Federal rulemaking process, most commonly through a notice-and-comment process. In general, Departments and Agencies publish proposed rules that are open for public comment, and after a specified timeframe, the Department or Agency publishes a final rule based on public comments and other information. Regulations.gov users can find Federal proposed and final rules published every business day by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in the U.S. government's Federal Register, and submit comments through the web site to the Agencies on proposed rules that are open for public comment. The Regulations.gov web site also houses other types of federal information. In addition to Federal regulations, many Departments and Agencies use Regulations.gov to post other types of documents open for public comment, such as Agency significant guidance. Certain Federal agencies also allow the public to initiate an action by filing a submission via Regulations.gov.

### **Show Us the Data - The Most Wanted Federal Government Documents**

<http://www.showusthedata.org/>

Is the federal government putting the information you need online? Are there categories of unclassified documents or data that you know exist—on paper or in government computers and databases—that would be of value to the public if posted and regularly updated on an agency's Web site? If so, then help Open The Government and the Center for Democracy and Technology identify the 10 Most Wanted Government Documents, Reports or Data Sets that should be available on the Web. Use this site to tell them what data you want and who has it.

### **Stimulus and Recovery Feeds**

<http://isd.ischool.berkeley.edu/stimulus/feeds/feeds.html>

Stimulus Feeds is prepared and hosted by the Information and Service Design Program (ISD) of UC Berkeley's School of Information. This is the complete list of feeds currently provided by Agency Recovery Sites themselves. This table groups these feeds by agency, and then by feed type. In addition to these agency-maintained feeds, the Stimulus Feeds site provides feeds for all weekly reports published on recovery.gov (republishing the Excel data as XML and XHTML); these feeds are available in the Scraped Data column. Each of the agency feeds can be tested for validity (i.e., whether it is a correct feed) by simply pressing the validate link following the feed URI.



## **Stimulus Watch - Keeping an Eye On the Economic Recovery Spending**

<http://www.StimulusWatch.org/>

StimulusWatch.org was built to help the new administration keep its pledge to invest stimulus money smartly, and to hold public officials to account for the taxpayer money they spend. We do this by allowing you, citizens around the country with local knowledge about the proposed "shovel-ready" projects in your city, to find, discuss and rate those projects. These projects are not part of the stimulus bill. They are candidates for funding by federal grant programs once the bill passes.

## **SubsidyScope**

<http://subsidyscope.com/>

Subsidyscope aims to raise public awareness about the role of federal subsidies in the economy. This new project, launched by The Pew Charitable Trusts, plans to create a searchable database of federal subsidies and publish the data online. Over the next few years, the project will build this subsidy database industry sector by industry sector.

## **The 21st Century Project - The Interactive Federal Budget Project**

[http://www.21stcenturyproject.org/budget\\_home.htm](http://www.21stcenturyproject.org/budget_home.htm)

The LBJ School of Public Affairs, the graduate school of public policy at the University of Texas at Austin, is home to a team of researchers who are investigating the feasibility of an interactive, online federal budget. The U.S. federal government can promote civic engagement and ensure accountability by becoming a dependable source of public, usable information. Transparency projects can facilitate "consumer confidence" in government, and interoperability standards, combined with the ease of online research, can promote efficiency in government operations. The technology platform of President Barack Obama strongly supports this concept. Currently, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides Presidential budget data online in PDF, XLS, CSV, and HTML formats. These formats make it difficult for users to extract, sort, mine, and tag data according to their interests. Although the "E-Budget" introduced by OMB in 2008 is an important step, we want to make the Presidential budget not only Web-accessible, but also as interactive and informative as possible.

## **The Big Money from Slate - Synthesis of Financial News and Tools**

<http://www.thebigmoney.com/>

Through a synthesis of financial news, quick-witted commentary and a compelling set of tools, The Big Money provides a unique perspective and a deeper level of engagement to a smart audience that seeks a greater understanding of today's business issues. Since financial and business writing too often gets lost in minutiae, The Big Money will focus on big topics, issues that affect a wide number of people (as consumers, as homeowners,



as economic citizens) and go beyond a simple "buy this stock, sell that fund" approach. The Big Money appeals both to junkies in the field and to more casual readers who might not now read any existing business publication. Readers include: a) Senior executives, b) Business decision makers, c) Affluent, educated, influential consumers, and d) Mainstream users that are seeking more business/financial knowledge and perspective and how it will affect their lives.

### **The Economy - Global Economic Crisis Special Coverage and World Market Analysis**

[http://www.thrall.org/special/economy.html#Global Economic Crisis](http://www.thrall.org/special/economy.html#Global_Economic_Crisis)

Middletown Thrall Library Special Coverage: The Economy - Global Economic Crisis, News, Statistics, Economic Indicators, Credit, Energy, Food, Housing / Mortgages / Subprime, & Related Resources. This is a comprehensive site created by the Middletown Thrall Library offering continued special coverage on the Global Economic Crisis with World Market Analysis. Additional resources on this Global Economic Crisis are available [here](#) as well as the [eFinancialBot](#) Global Financial Search Engine.

### **The Feed - What Government is Tweeting Now**

<http://www.nextgov.com/thefeed/>

Nextgov has compiled a few dozen official federal twitter feeds in one place. So you can catch up on what any tweeting federal agency is doing in just a few quick clicks.

### **THOMAS (Library of Congress)**

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

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### **USAspending.gov - Track USA Spending**

<http://www.usaspending.gov/>

This is a searchable database of federal government assistance awards and contract awards. You may search by contractor, recipient, state, Congressional district, federal government agency/department/program, type of product or service. Data from FY 2000 to present. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act) requires a single searchable website, accessible by the public for free that includes for each Federal award: 1) The name of the entity receiving the award; 2)



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Biological Informatics

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<http://www.BiotechnologyResources.info/>

Bot Research

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Elder Resources

<http://www.ElderResources.info/>

Employment Resources

<http://www.EmploymentResources.info/>

Entrepreneurial Resources

<http://www.EntrepreneurialResources.info/>

Financial Sources

<http://www.FinancialSources.info/>

Finding People

<http://www.FindingPeople.info/>

Games Resources

<http://www.GamesResources.info/>

Genealogy Resources

<http://www.GenealogyResources.info/>

Grant Resources

<http://www.GrantResources.info/>

Green Files

<http://www.GreenFiles.info/>

Grid, Distributed and Cloud Computing Resources

<http://www.GridResources.info/>



Healthcare Resources

<http://www.HealthcareResources.info/>

Information Futures Markets

<http://www.InformationFutureMarkets.com/>

Information Quality Resources

<http://www.InformationQualityResources.info/>

International Trade Resources

<http://www.InternationalTradeResources.info/>

Internet Alerts

<http://www.InternetAlerts.info/>

Internet Demographics

<http://www.InternetDemographics.info/>

Internet Experts

<http://www.InternetExperts.info/>

Internet Hoaxes

<http://www.InternetHoaxes.info/>

Journalism Resources

<http://www.JournalismResources.info/>

Knowledge Discovery

<http://www.KnowledgeDiscovery.info/>

Military Resources

<http://www.MilitaryResources.info/>

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<http://www.NewEconomyAnalytics.com/>

Outsourcing/Offshoring Information and Resources

<http://www.OutsourcingOffshore.us/>



Privacy Resources

<http://www.PrivacyResources.info/>

Reference Resources

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<http://www.ResearchResources.info/>

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<http://www.StudentResearch.info/>

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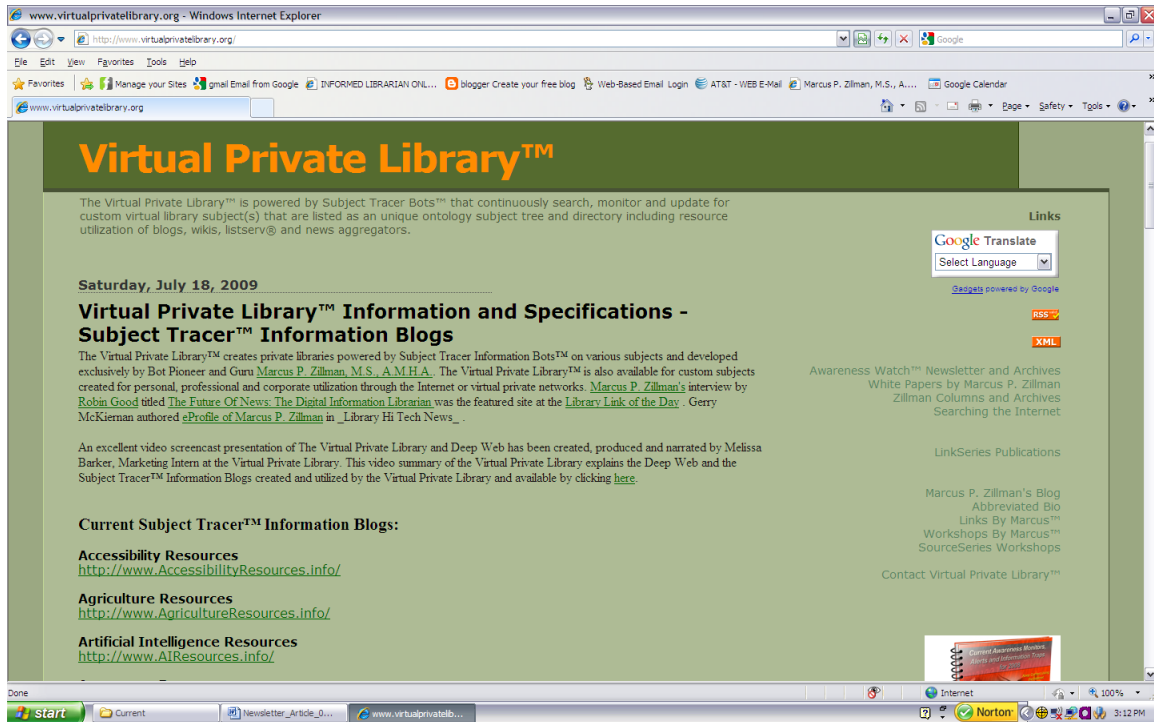


Figure 2: Virtual Private Library™

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Bots, Blogs and News Aggregators

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Current Awareness Discovery Tools on the Internet

<http://zillman.blogspot.com/2004/09/current-awareness-discovery-tools-on.html>

Deep Web Research 2009 Article - LLRX

<http://zillman.blogspot.com/2009/01/llrx-december-2008-issue-deep-web.html>

eReference Library Link Toolkit

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<http://www.HealthcareBots.info/>

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<http://www.KDResources.info/>

Online Research Browsers

<http://zillman.blogspot.com/2004/10/online-research-browsers-internet.html>

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