

## U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION



### RESEARCH GUIDES

#### ***Government Information on the Internet***

(Reference ZA 5075 .G68 2003)

5th edition of an annotated list of federal web sites, by topic. State, local and international governmental websites also listed. Indexes are by URL, site name, publications, SuDoc number, and subject. Also may search online from catalog entry.

#### ***Guide to U.S. Government Publications***

(Reference Z 1223.Z7 A574 2003)

Arranged by SuDoc number. Entries include such information as title, item number, frequency, starting dates, and history. Includes Table of Contents, Agency Class Chronology, Agency Index, Title Index, and Keyword in Title Index.

#### ***How to Access the Federal Government on the Internet***

(Reference Z 1223.Z7 M25 1998)

Provides detailed descriptions of more than 600 federal government Internet sites and resources. Explanation of how to access each site, describes what each site offers, provides search tips for selected sites, and offers advice on where to start a search for federal government information on the Internet.

#### ***How to Use the Major Indexes to U.S. Government Publications***

(Reference Z1223.Z7 R67 1989)

Shows in a clear, step-by-step process how to use six important sources for locating U.S. documents: American Statistics Index, CIS/Annual, CIS/Legislative Histories of U.S. Public Laws, Index to U.S. Government Periodicals, Congressional Record, Catalog of United States Government Publications/Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications.

#### ***Introduction to United States Government Information Sources***

(Reference J83.M674 1999)

Provides an introductory account of the general and specialized sources in print and non-print formats that compose the bibliographic structure of federal government information.

#### ***Locating United States Government Information: A Guide to Sources, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.***

(Reference ZA 5055.U6 H47 1997 + 2001 Internet Suppl.)

A practical how-to guide for locating U.S. government publications.

#### ***Federal Legislative History Research***

www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/fed-leg-hist.htm

Excellent online resource for understanding and compiling histories of U.S. legislation. Contains extensive links to other university and government sites on the same topic. Prepared by the Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C.

#### ***Tapping the Government Grapevine; The User-Friendly Guide to U.S. Government Information Sources, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.***

(Reference Z 1223.Z7 R633 1998)

Guided tour of the government information landscape. Chapters feature search and access tips, quick-reference tables, information boxes, and illustrations. Appendices provide publishers' addresses and web sites, abbreviations, sample citations, and Internet addresses. Indexed. Some URL's may have changed.

#### ***Using Government Information Sources: Electronic and Print, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.***

(Reference Z1223.Z7 S4 2001)

A basic reference guide to U.S. government documents and information. Indexed.

### DIRECTORIES

#### ***Congressional Quarterly's Washington Information Directory (2003-04)***

(Reference JK6.W33)

Identifies key people, agencies, committees, and nonprofit groups that shape national policy. Appendix includes Directory of Government Information on the Internet which pinpoints the Web sites containing information about cabinet departments, Congress, and the federal courts. Information sources divided into three categories: (1) agencies, (2) Congress, and (3) nonprofit organizations. Each entry includes name, address, and telephone number of the organization; name and title of the director or the best person to contact for information; fax and press numbers; hotlines; Internet addresses; and a description of the work performed by the organization.

### ***Congressional Staff Directory (2003)***

(Reference JK 1012.C65)

Contact information for members of U.S. Congress & their staffs.

### ***Federal Regulatory Directory (2003)***

(Reference JK 1011.F43)

Comprehensive guide to all federal regulatory activities. Includes name and subject indexes.

### ***Federal Staff Directory (2003)***

(Reference JK 1012.F4)

Lists contacts in the Executive Branch, White House, departments, and Independent and quasi-official agencies. Extensive subject and individual indexes.

### ***Judicial Staff Directory (2003)***

(Reference KF 8700.A19 J8)

Federal and State courts information provided with emphasis on the staffs of all the judges and all the federal courts, together with judicial biographies.

### ***Leadership Directories Online***

Research Database accessible via the Legal Information Center's homepage. Includes extensive directories for Legislative, Judicial and Executive branches.

### ***Official Congressional Directory, 2001-2002, 107<sup>th</sup> Cong.***

(Reference JK1011.A3)

[www.gpoaccess.gov/cdirectory/index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cdirectory/index.html) (Current)

Published by the U.S. Senate in partnership with the Government Printing Office. Provides biographical sketches of members of Congress. Lists House and Senate committee members and staff, plus address and telephone numbers for many agencies outside of Congress.

### ***United States Government Manual (2002-2003)***

(Delaware Ref. Desk/Harrisburg Reference JK421.A3)

[www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html)

Official handbook of Federal Gov't. Comprehensive information on all three branches of government, plus information on quasi-governmental agencies; international organizations in which the U.S. participates and boards, commissions and committees.

## **INDEXES**

### ***Catalog of United States Government Publications/ Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications. (Z1223.A18)***

[www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/locators/cgp](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/locators/cgp)

Comprehensive source for federal publications.

### ***Congressional Index*** (Delaware Indexes KF49.C62/ Harrisburg Reference KF 49.C6)

The Congressional Index (CCH) provides current reporting and historical referencing on the activities of each Congress. Subject/Author Indexes.

### ***CIS Indexes to Congressional Publications***

Congressional Information Service (CIS) makes a comprehensive effort to collect all the publications of Congress and to provide full access to them. Publications included are Hearings, Committee Prints, House and Senate Reports, House and Senate Documents, Executive Reports and Treaty Documents, Special Publications, and Public Laws.

- ***CIS Annual/CIS Index to Publications of the U.S. Congress (1970-Current)*** (Delaware Indexes KF49.C62/Harrisburg Reference KF49.C62)

- **LexisNexis Congressional** (Research database accessible via the Legal Information Center's homepage.)

### ***Major Studies and Issue Briefs of the Congressional Research Service.***

***Indexes 1916-1997*** (Delaware Indexes Z 733.U63 C653/ Harrisburg Reference Z 733.U63 C653)

***Reports 1991-1997*** (Harrisburg Microfiche)

Prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) Office of the Library of Congress. Find here comparative analyses, issue-oriented reports, pro and con studies, and more.

## **INTERNET RESOURCES**



### ***www.firstgov.gov***

FirstGov is an easy-to-search, free-access website designed to give you a centralized place to find information from local, state and US. Government agency websites.

### ***www.gpoaccess.gov***

GPO Access is a service of the U.S. Government Printing Office that provides free access to a wealth of important information products produced by the Federal government.

### ***www.fedstats.gov***

More than 70 agencies in the Federal Government produce statistics of interest to the public.

### ***http://thomas.loc.gov***

The Library of Congress' THOMAS offers access to the full text of Public Laws back to 1989. Under Bill Summary & Status, access is available to the text of bill digests back to 1973.

### ***www.llrx.com/features/us\_fed2.htm***

A summary of the branches of the Federal Government with links to primary and secondary sources.

## **SPECIALIZED SEARCH ENGINE FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

### ***www.google.com/unclesam***

Google's search engine focused on U.S. government sources.