

## **Managing the Federal Rulemaking Process**

The Office of Regulation Management (OMR) is exploring the development of a modernized electronic rulemaking system and is seeking public comment as it defines requirements and scope. Submit your comments and ideas through **June 5**, **2020**, at Regulations.gov website using document No. GSA-2019-0002-0025 or GSA- 2020-0002-0012. See below for more information.

Beginning May 21st, regulations.gov will also begin redirecting members of the public to its Beta site. This will allow the public to get an exciting sneak peek into the future platform and provide feedback that will make its way into future development. For more information, please check out GSA's blog.

GSA is exploring Public and Federal agency involvement in the Rulemaking Process to better understand:

- How Members of the Public Can Improve Regulations
- Services for Federal Rulemaking Agencies

The **Mission** of the Office Regulation Management is to:

- Enable the public to provide comments on pending regulations
- Support Federal agencies as they develop regulations, including management of agencies' recordkeeping systems, known as dockets, as well as review of public comments
- Support the Office of Information and Regulatory

The **Vision** of the Office of Regulation Management is to improve public policy outcomes by streamlining the rulemaking process while strengthening the integrity and security of regulatory information through technology modernization and data analysis strategies. Specifically:

- Improve agencies' ability to review and process massive volumes of public comments
- Improve agencies' ability to manage "fake comments," or comments that have been submitted under false identities
- Share regulatory data across systems to enable both policy makers and members of the public to have a clearer picture of the impacts and relationships across rulemakings

Affairs at the Office of
Management and Budget in
its review of significant
regulations and information
collections

 Improve both agency and public useability and access to regulatory information through improved user interfaces, workflows, reporting tools, and more.

**Join the conversation** to help OMR explore the development of a modernized electronic rulemaking environment by submitting your comments today. Formal commenting on GSA's electronic rulemaking modernization has been extended through **June 5**, **2020**, at Regulations.gov website using document No. GSA-2019-0002-0025 or GSA-2020-0002-0012. OMR is particularly interested in hearing from the public regarding both challenges and strategies relating to:

- Providing secure and authentic data, including promoting the integrity of the public comment process (i.e. addressing "fake comments")
- Improving the efficiency of the rulemaking process, including how to better manage mass comments
- Sharing data across systems
- Delivering data analytics tools
- Strengthening public access to rulemaking information.

You can also see what 3rd party studies say and provide your own perspectives.

## **Public Meetings on Regulation Management**

GSA held a public meeting on January 30, 2020, to learn about challenges and strategies related to Fake and Mass Comments. GSA held a second public meeting on April 30, 2020, on Data Analytics. Review the transcript of the January 30th meeting or material from our April 30th meeting and share your views.

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Please contact erulemaking@gsa.gov with any questions.

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