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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 as new information becomes available.

Legislative Branch

Library of Congress

Copyright Office

Copyright circulars, regulations, and licensing publications.

(202) 707-2600

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.

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

Smoking and health, adult and childhood immunization, international travelers health requirements, infection control, women's health, and injury prevention.

National Prevention Information Network 1-800-458-5231

CDC fact sheets, statistics on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Food and Drug Administration

Center for Devices and Radiological Health 1-800-899-0381

Documents from the divisions of Small Manufacturers Assistance, Device User Programs and System Analysis, and Mammography Quality and Radiation Programs.

National Institute of Mental Health (301) 443-5158

Press advisories, professional publications and reports, information about grants, and NIMH calendar of events.

Justice Department

Department of Justice Response Center (202) 307-1480

Information on the programs of the Department of Justice, including the Bureau of Justice Assistance, National Institute of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Prevention, and the Violence Against Women Office.

Labor Department

Bureau of Labor Statistics (202) 691-6325

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 as follows:

Atlanta	(404) 331-3403
Boston	(617) 565-9167
Chicago	(312) 353-1880
Dallas	(214) 767-9613
Kansas City	(816) 426-3152
New York	(212) 337-2412
Philadelphia	(215) 597-4153
San Francisco	(415) 975-4567

State Department

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.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

National Center for Statistics and Analysis 1-800-934-8517
 Traffic safety fact sheets, NCSA reports, and research notes.

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization 1-800-532-1169
 Point of contact listings, program fact sheets, program applications, and *DOT Procurement Forecast* information grouped by requirement or region.

Research and Special Programs Administration- Hazardous Materials Information Center 1-800-467-4922
 Hazardous materials regulations, training materials, and fact sheets.

Treasury Department

General Information (202) 622-2040
 Current public engagement schedule, statements by Treasury Department officials. Announcements regarding public debt, Treasury bill auctions.

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.

Independent Agencies

Environmental Protection Agency

Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (202) 312-0741
Documents discussing requirements governing emergency planning, emergency release notification, and hazardous chemical inventory reporting.

Office of Solid Waste (202) 312-0740
Environmental fact sheets and newsletters.

Office of Underground Storage Tanks (202) 312-0773
Fact sheets, forms, and reports related to the regulation of underground storage tanks containing petroleum or hazardous substances.

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

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*.

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.