

## National Links

### Federal Government

<http://www.firstgov.gov>

The official site for the U.S. Government information, services, transactions, and forms.

### No Child Left Behind

<http://www.nclb.gov>

The official site of Federal No Child Left Behind Act offering information on a news center, for parents, background on the legislation, and state contacts.

### Project Vote Smart

<http://www.vote-smart.org/index.htm>

As a national library of factual information, Project Vote Smart covers your candidates and elected officials in five basic categories: biographical information, issue positions, voting records, campaign finances and interest group ratings.

### OMB Watch

<http://www.ombwatch.org>

A non-profit organization that monitors governance issues, primarily those involving the White House Office of Management and Budget. OMB Watch promotes a more open and accountable government through citizen education workshops, publications, and technical assistance to national and community groups, public officials, and the media.

### Government Information Exchange

<http://www.info.gov>

The Federal Consumer Information Center's National Contact Center is focused on providing answers, information, and resources to help citizens learn about Federal programs.

### Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov>

In addition to its primary mission of serving the research needs of the U.S. Congress, the Library serves all Americans through its popular Web site and in its 22 reading rooms on Capitol Hill.

### White House

<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

The official site of The White House.

**Congresslink**

<http://www.congresslink.org>

CongressLink contains much original material not found on other Web sites. In order to take advantage of the power of the Internet as an information resource, CongressLink also relies on some of the best Web sites on government, and politics. This annotated list of sites, alphabetically arranged, provides links to accurate information about Congress and the workings of the federal government. Users will find that all of these sites will open useful doors of information to many online resources, providing an excellent spring board for further exploration of the Internet's resources. Sponsored by the Dirksen Congressional Center.

**Nationalissues.com**

<http://www.nationalissues.com>

"No spin, just the facts" is the statement that adorns the header of this non-partisan web site that presents both sides of major national issues making the rounds in the media. Currently, the site includes these issues: Education, Social Security, Gun Control, Taxes, Foreign Policy, and Defense. After clicking on the chosen issue, there are links to articles, both pro and con, as well as a "Presidential Policy" link, "Facts & Figures" link, and links to think tanks under "Additional Sources." A subject-specific glossary is available on each issue web page. Except for the busy banners, this site is well designed and easy-to-use. Source: ALA RUSA MARS Best Web Site of 2001.