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The Historic Preservation Learning Portal Is Now a Link on FirstGov

Summary: The Historic Preservation Learning Portal (HPLP) has been approved and added as a link on the Federal government's official portal called "FirstGov" (www.firstgov.gov). It can be accessed under the topic "History, Arts, and Culture."

Issue: Efforts to create a governmentwide electronic portal were successful in 2000 when FirstGov went online. It began with a gift by an Internet entrepreneur and was supported by an interagency initiative. Now it is administered by the General Services Administration's Office of Citizen Services and Communications and receives a congressional appropriation. The success of FirstGov influenced the development of the President's Management Agenda for E-Government initiatives. In turn, that Agenda increasingly has placed an emphasis upon the Internet as the preferred platform for delivering agency shared services operations. Currently, it is estimated that FirstGov provides access to more than 30 million pages of government information. It received 27 million search requests and 180 million page reviews in 2005. The Spanish language version was launched in 2003.

Status: The HPLP addresses three of the E-Government goals for Citizens, Business, and Government by becoming part of FirstGov. HPLP helps deliver historic preservation information more efficiently and improves the abilities of partners to seek best practices in programs and projects. As new data standards are adopted and agency data systems are integrated, users of HPLP will be kept current on the latest directions for E-Government.

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