



# **MAX Open and Innovation Government Community – How to Join**

# Interagency Process

- **MAX Federal Online Community – Kudos to OMB!**
- **First Event – Brainstorming Topics - Live through March 6**
- 3 parallel conversations: Transparency, Participation, Collaboration.
- Any member of the MAX Federal System will be able to “join the conversation” by:
  - <https://max.omb.gov/> (Select Open Gov. under Government-wide Communities)
  - Or go directly to [max.omb.gov/community/display/opengov](https://max.omb.gov/community/display/opengov)
  - Join a Conversation or Add an innovation
  - Adding a “Comment” to the relevant thread.
- Although the conversations are asynchronous, a moderator will periodically summarize the core ideas and guide the trajectory
- Each thread will remain open for comment until March 6th.

# Signing up for Open Gov Community at <https://max.omb.gov>

**Step 1:**  
Register for MAX. All .gov addresses are eligible.

**Step 2:** Click on MAX Federal Community

**Step 3:** Click on Open Government

The screenshot shows the MAX Homepage with the following content:

- MAX Homepage** header with navigation links: Training | FAQ | Contact Us | MAX Administrators | Register Here | Change Password | Login
- Welcome to the MAX Homepage** section with registration instructions: "If you are a new user, please register here. Registration is ONLY available to Federal government personnel with a valid .gov, .mil, or .fed.us email address. For an online training session on how to register and login, please click here."
- Hours of Operation** section with a list of supported and unsupported hours.
- MAX Federal Community (previously the Budget Community)** section, circled in black, with a description and a link to the community page.
- Applications** section with information on MAX applications and forms.
- Apportionment** section with a link to OMB Circular A.
- Government-wide Communities** table with the following categories:

Government-wide Communities		
<a href="#">Acquisition</a>	<a href="#">Homeland Security</a>	<a href="#">Performance</a>
<a href="#">Budget</a>	<a href="#">Human Capital</a>	<a href="#">Planning</a>
<a href="#">E-Government</a>	<a href="#">IT Infrastructure</a>	<a href="#">Small Agencies</a>
<a href="#">Financial Management</a>	<a href="#">Management</a>	
<a href="#">Grants</a>	<a href="#">Open Government</a> ★	

## Welcome to the Open and Innovative Government Community!

This inter-agency community will collaborate on implementing the President's Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government.

*We cannot meet twenty-first century challenges with a twentieth century bureaucracy.*

-President Barack Obama

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[Sign-up to be part of the Community](#)

#### Contribute to the Conversations:

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## News and Announcements

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**Sign up!**

**3 parallel discussions**

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Do you have an **idea** for a long-term or large-scale project that should be undertaken government-wide?

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**Use this link to upload an existing innovation or propose a new one**

# Share Your Innovations & Proposals



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The President is committed to creating a 21st century government that is effective and accountable. The President's January 21, 2009 [Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government](#) sets in motion a process to maximize the level of transparency, participation, and collaboration across government.

The purpose of this website is to:

1. identify current innovations in government
2. give you the opportunity to suggest new innovations
3. foster a culture of innovation in government by sharing bold, new ideas and replicating the most successful ones

### Innovation Criteria

If you can answer "Yes" to any of the three questions below, we want to hear from you!

- \*Do you have an innovative project in your agency or across agencies that furthers the President's [vision](#)?
- \*Do you have a suggestion for a new innovation that a government agency should undertake to promote transparency, participation, and collaboration?
- \*Do you have an idea for a groundbreaking project that should be undertaken government-wide?

### Share your innovation!

H6. Directions for Sharing Your Innovation:

1. **Below:** For an innovation that your agency has approved, piloted, operationalized, or completed, please click on "Post an Existing Innovation" below. To share a new idea, please click on "Propose a New Innovation".
2. **Next Page:** The link below will lead you to a short form for telling us about your innovation. After you've completed the form, be sure to click **INSERT VARIABLES** at the bottom of the page.
3. **Last Page** - On the final page, you will have an opportunity to
  - \*Review your entries
  - \*Add a Title**Click \*SAVE** to upload your innovation and share it with the Open Government Community

Post

[Post an Existing Innovation](#)

[Propose a New Innovation](#)

# Innovation Form



## Add Page - Template Variables

Complete a short 6-question form

### Step 2: Fill in template variables

Choose values for the variables in this template. These values will be automatically inserted into the template for you in the correct locations.

**Sponsoring Agency(ies):**  (Agency)

**Point of Contact:**  (POC)

**Contact Information:**  (ContactInfo)

**Innovation** Category:  (Category) Status:  (Status)

**Website:**  (URL)

**Keywords:**  (Keywords)

**Can we contact you about posting this innovation on a government website for public input?**  
 (Public)

**1. What is the first line of the newspaper story that captures what is unique about this innovation?**

(Headline)

**2. What problem does this innovation solve?**

(Problem)

**3. How does it do that?**

(Description)

**5. Who benefits?**

(Stakeholders)

**6. More details (e.g. metrics of success, challenges, links to press coverage)**

(More)

**Be Sure to Click “Insert Variables” at the Bottom of the Innovation Form**

<< Back

Insert Variables



Add Page

Add Your Title Here

New Page

Creating page from template Share Your Innovation

Click Save to Upload

Rich Text Wiki Markup Preview Make Rich Text Default Save Cancel

Paragraph B I U ABC A [Rich Text Editor Icons]

**Sponsoring Agency(ies):**  
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