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To provide for the establishment of an Internet site on Federal financial assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “People’s Access to Gov-
5 ernment Information Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERNET SITE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNET SITE.—The Sec-
8 retary of Commerce shall establish and maintain a search-
9 able Internet site for the purpose of providing to the public
10 ready access to information on Federal financial assist-

1 ance, including grants, loans, loan guarantees, scholar-
2 ships, and fellowships.

3 (b) CONTENTS OF INTERNET SITE.—The Internet
4 Site shall contain the following:

5 (1) A description of each type of grant, loan,
6 loan guarantee, scholarship, or fellowship provided
7 by each Federal agency, including a description of—

8 (A) the type of assistance;

9 (B) any Catalog of Federal Domestic As-
10 sistance program number;

11 (C) the objectives of the assistance;

12 (D) any restriction on use of the assist-
13 ance;

14 (E) any eligibility requirements;

15 (F) the application and award process, in-
16 cluding preapplication coordination, application
17 procedures, award procedures, any application
18 deadlines, a range of time required for approval
19 or disapproval of applications, any application
20 appeal procedures, and procedures for renewal
21 of assistance;

22 (G) assistance considerations, including
23 formula and matching requirements and length
24 and time phasing of assistance;

- 1 (H) post assistance requirements, includ-
- 2 ing reports, audits, and records;
- 3 (I) program accomplishments;
- 4 (J) information contacts;
- 5 (K) related programs;
- 6 (L) examples of funded projects;
- 7 (M) regulations and guidelines; and
- 8 (N) related literature.

9 (2) A direct link to any application that is
10 available online, or a statement that no such applica-
11 tion is available, for each type of grant, loan, loan
12 guarantee, scholarship, or fellowship that is referred
13 to in paragraph (1).

14 (3) A general explanation of how to apply for
15 a loan, including a general comparison of application
16 procedures for and terms of Federal Government
17 loans versus private loans.

18 (4) Information on how nonprofit organizations
19 may obtain surplus equipment from the Federal
20 Government.

21 (5) Direct links to other Federal Internet sites
22 with information on grants, loans, loan guarantees,
23 scholarships, or fellowships, including any such sites
24 maintained by or on behalf of a Federal financial as-
25 sistance agency.

1 (c) FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY DE-
2 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “Federal
3 financial assistance agency” includes the following:

4 (1) The Executive departments.

5 (2) The Appalachian Regional Commission.

6 (3) The Architectural and Transportation Bar-
7 riers Compliance Board.

8 (4) The Commission on Civil Rights.

9 (5) The Environmental Protection Agency.

10 (6) The Equal Employment Opportunity Com-
11 mission.

12 (7) The Federal Communications Commission.

13 (8) The Federal Emergency Management Agen-
14 cy.

15 (9) The Federal Maritime Commission.

16 (10) The Federal Mediation and Conciliation
17 Service.

18 (11) The Federal Trade Commission.

19 (12) The General Services Administration.

20 (13) The Library of Congress.

21 (14) The National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
22 ministration.

23 (15) The National Archives and Records Ad-
24 ministration.

25 (16) The National Council on Disability.

1 (17) The National Credit Union Administra-
2 tion.

3 (18) The National Foundation on the Arts and
4 the Humanities.

5 (19) The National Gallery of Art.

6 (20) The National Labor Relations Board.

7 (21) The National Science Foundation.

8 (22) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

9 (23) The Office of Personnel Management.

10 (24) The Overseas Private Investment Corpora-
11 tion.

12 (25) The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corpora-
13 tion.

14 (26) The President's Committee on Employ-
15 ment of People with Disabilities.

16 (27) The Railroad Retirement Board.

17 (28) The Securities and Exchange Commission.

18 (29) The Social Security Administration.

19 (30) The Tennessee Valley Authority.

20 (31) The Government Printing Office.

21 (32) The United States International Trade
22 Commission.

23 (33) The United States Information Agency.

24 (34) The United States Institute of Peace.

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