Challenge.gov: A Brief Introduction

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A platform that engages citizens to directly participate in addressing our nation's most pressing challenges.

Why Challenge.gov?



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Guidance on the Use of Challenges and Prizes to Promote Open Government

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"To support agencies in the execution of prizes that further the policy objectives of the Federal Government, the Administration will make available a web-based platform for prizes and challenges within 120 days. This platform will provide a forum for agencies to post problems and invite communities of problem solvers to suggest, collaborate on, and deliver solutions."

HOME

FIND CHALLENGES

Q e.g. "Apps" or "Health"

Search

Challenge.gov is a place for citizens and government to solve hard problems together.

Sign Up and Participate

or Learn More



Featured Challenges



Created by U.S. Department of Agriculture

\$60,000 in prizes to create innovative, fun and engaging software tools and games that encourage children directly or through their parents to make more nutritious food choices and be more physically active.







\$55,500 in prizes



supporters

I Support This

BROWSE

GOVERNMENT CHALLENGES

Categories

Science & Technology (2)

Environment (2)

Health (3)

Education (17)

Economy (3)

Defense (2)

International Affairs (1)

Immigration (1)

Test Category 2 (2)

Easy. Clean, inviting design.

Departments &

Challenge.gov is for everyone!

You are the secret ingredient.

Challenge.gov works when you tell people you care about an issue, or participate in a challenge.

A friendly introduction for all types of users.





Citizens share with their friends



Talented people find solutions to the problem

Sign Up and Participate



Accept the challenge...

... and sign up on Challenge.gov. This is your opportunity to help the Government solve problems.



Support challenges that are important to you...

... and spread the word. On Challenge.gov, you can find challenges taking place across the government and share the ones you care about with others.

Other Information

Frequently Asked Questions Privacy Policy Terms of Participation Accessibility

Are you a federal government employee?

Learn how you can post a challenge for your agency →

Provide powerful financial and social incentives.







Apps for Awesomeness

* Tag-Line

The first two lines in the description of a challenge can have a huge impact on its success. Explain clearly what the challenge is about and why someone may want to participate.

Help the government become more awesome. Using apps.

* Category

The category represents the problem area that the challenge is addressing

Health 💌

Post to another category

*Organization

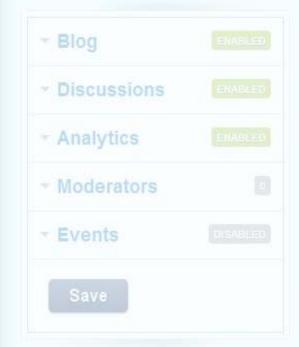
Only the organizations you're allowed to create challenges for are displayed. Select the one responsible for the Challenge

The White House

Partners

Add a list of other agencies and corporate sponsors of the challenge. Separate each one with a comma

Same Great Agencies: ChallengeCorn, Inc.



Get from idea to online in minutes.









Amazing Partners





























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So, how's it going?

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unique challenges offered by 24 agencies on health, jobs, science and technology, and more.

85,000+

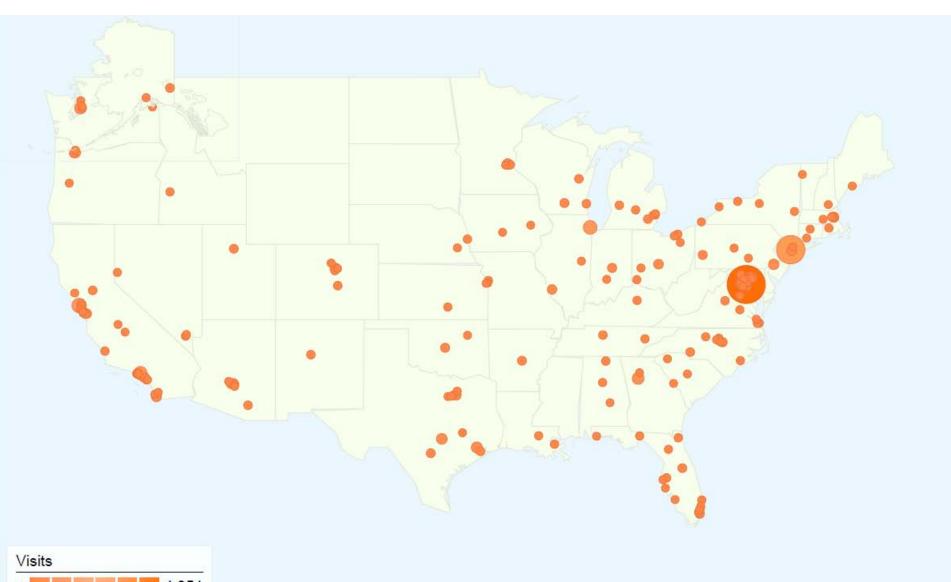
visits to Challenge.gov, with hundreds more every day.

3,500+

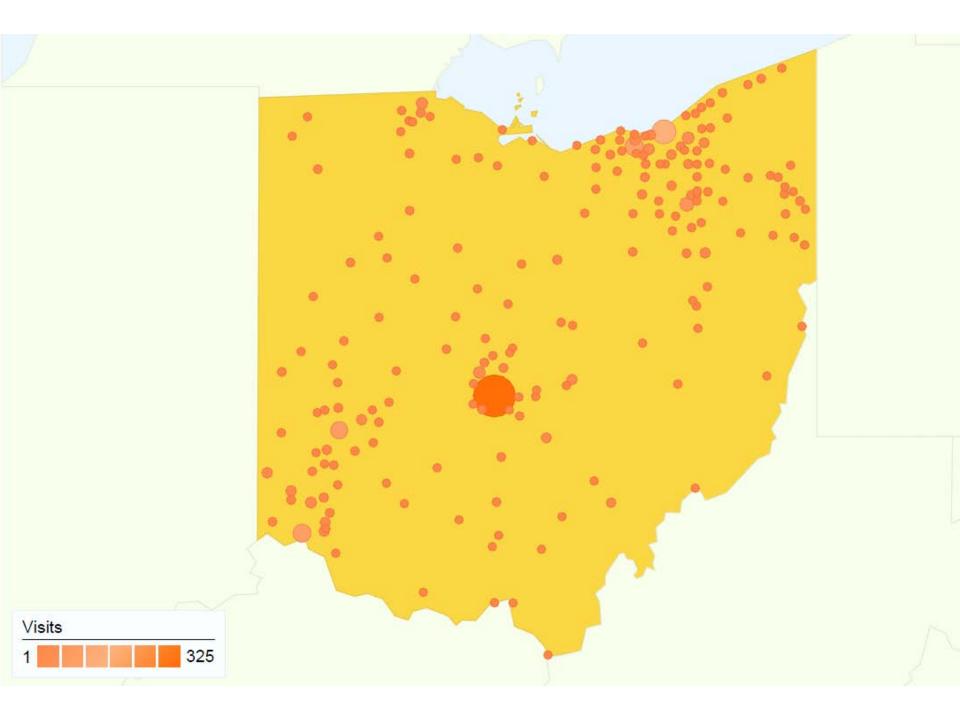
"supports" for challenges on Challenge.gov, indicating community and durable engagement.

4,904

cities, in all 50 states, that sent visitors to Challenge.gov.







We don't know (yet):

Cumulative ROI
Cumulative cost savings
Use/implementation of solutions
Markets created/sustained

Challenge.gov

(the website)

Challenge

.gov

(the strategy)

1.

Challenge.gov as platform for enhancing our democracy

2.

Challenge.gov as a national strategy for innovation

3.

Challenge.gov as a lasting culture shift within government



Thank you!

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