## How progress stands on the 25 Quicksilver e-government initiatives $\mid$

Rankings are based on the General Accounting Office's evaluation of the projects and how many objectives they have accomplished.

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Government to Citizen					
IRS Free File, Treasury To file tax forms online	Largely completed, free filing services are available to 60 percent of taxpayers. So far 2.8 million citizens have filed electronically through the free service.		E-Vital, Social Security Administration To establish common processes for federal and state agencies to process and share death records	SSA established standards and guidelines for states to implement electronic death registration systems. Three states and New York City signed contracts to implement EDR systems by the end of this month, and nine more states are scheduled to follow by 2005. The project team scrapped its other goal of letting federal agencies more easily verify vital records online. Even though it conducted a successful pilot with eight states, states did not want to give up the revenue from charging SSA for access to these records.	
<b>GovBenefits, Labor</b> To check eligibility for federal programs online	Provides information on more than 500 benefit programs in 22 federal agencies and IOO state government programs. Will add Spanish-language version.				
E-Loans, Education To find loan programs	GovLoans.gov, which will become operational later this month, will let citizens answer a series of questions to find loans for which they may be eligible. It will be a part of the GovBenefits.gov site.	•	Geospatial Information One-Stop, Interior To give federal and state agencies access to all government geospatial	After launching the geodata.gov portal in June 2003, Interior plans to award a contract in August to enhance the site by organizing content into categories and lines of business, and by setting up an online marketplace with information about federal agencies' future data acquisitions.	•
Recreation One-Stop, Interior To search for information and obtain services for all national parks and some state parks	Recreation.gov site lets visitors obtain information and make reservations at fed- eral and some state recreation sites. Working on data submission standards. Project leaders expect to award a contract to consolidate two reservation sys- tems in June and launch the new portal in November.	data     Project Safecom, DHS     To help federal, state and local pub-	After shifting between four different managing offices in two years, DHS is laying the groundwork for future interoperability by establishing a governance structure and exturing a the data isont official by establishing as the data of the second official by a structure as the data of the data	•	
USA Services, General Services Administration To develop a customer service system to respond to sitizen requests for days	USA Services answers citizen questions for four agencies. Two more recently signed an agreement to join. A customer relationship management tool is on hold until the agency deals with feasibility, cost and privacy issues.	•	lic safety agencies respond more effectively through interoperable wireless communications	and obtaining stakeholder input. Officials are working with Commerce employees to catalog existing agencies that use public safety communications systems and networks. DHS officials estimate the project will achieve a minimum level of inter- operability by 2008.	
to respond to citizen requests for gov- ernment information			Internal Efficiency and Effectiveness		
Government to Business Consolidated Health Informatics, Health and Human Services To adopt health information interop-	Over the next few months, project leaders plan to roll out the remaining I9 of 24 health data and messaging clinical domain standards.	<b>.</b>	E-Clearance, Office of Personnel Management To streamline and improve the qual- ity of the security clearance process	OPM deployed the Clearance Verification System, connected to DOD's security clearance system, loaded all civilian personnel clearance information into the Security/Suitability Investigations Index and launched the electronic question- naire form. Agencies also are scanning paper files into the system and the project team is certifying and accrediting the system to assure security and privacy.	
erability standards based on com- mon business and IT architectures	GSA will award a contract in the coming months for the development of a portal to		<b>E-Payroll, OPM</b> To consolidate 22 payroll systems into four	OPM has resolved four of 92 specific payroll policy issues. Four agencies, includ- ing the Energy Department, and some components of DHS, have migrated to one of the new payroll systems. The National Science Foundation is scheduled to	•
To let agencies sell government property	sell federal property. It also will award a contract for a portal to sell real property in September.		E-Records Management, National Archives and Records	migrate next to a new system. NARA is awaiting Office of Management and Budget approval of draft guidance that would direct agencies in developing agency-specific electronic records man-	<b>•</b>
International Trade Process Streamlining, Commerce To combine 20 Web sites that sup- port the export process	After integrating other portals in export.gov, the project deployed online tools, such as a guide for exporting, an automated NAFTA certificate of origin and a streamlined application process for exporters. The project team is developing new applications to address export financing, insurance and loan guarantees, as well as a single online		Administration To provide guidance for maintain- ing, storing and archiving electronic data as federal records	agement system requirements. The project team has defined four of six data standards types and issues guidance on using DOD standards for records man- agement and planning for enterprise record management applications.	
Business Gateway, Small Business Administration To help businesses find, understand	form for many transactions. After SBA refocused the project last July, project leaders are working on a elec- tronic catalog listing both electronic and paper forms, and will consolidate other Web information resources such as Businesslaw.gov and Business.gov.	<b>4</b>	E-Training, OPM To provide a single site for all gov- ernment training	After launching the golearn.gov portal in July 2002, OPM added two modules in 2003 and implemented the IT work force competency management tool. OPM will add additional workforce tools for acquisition, human resources and finance by September.	
and comply with federal laws and regulations E-Rulemaking, Environmental	After deploying regulations.gov in January 2003, the project's management com-		E-Travel, GSA To consolidate travel services online	GSA awarded a contract to three vendors in November to provide an online travel system. Agencies are required to migrate to the system by Sept. 30, 2006, and migration plans were due last month.	
To let citizens find and comment on proposed federal regulations and rules on a single site	write voted to develop a centralized architecture for the federal docket manage- ment system. The requirements should be finished by the end of this month, and agency testing is scheduled to begin in September.		Enterprise Human Resources Integration, OPM To streamline and automate the exchange of federal employee data	OPM made workforce analysis and forecasting tools available to 15 agencies. Project leaders will implement a pilot to convert manual employee data to elec- tronic information later this year, and also will include data requirements for the retirement systems modernization project.	•
Expanding Electronic Tax Products for Businesses, Treasury To decrease the number of forms employers must file and let business owners file employment taxes online	Treasury's team finished four of the seven projects under the initiative, including letting employers file employment taxes online and letting business owners obtain an employer identification number online. Future projects include standardizing wage reporting and developing a single point to file W-2/3 forms online.		Integrated Acquisition Environment, GSA To consolidate similar acquisition functions among agencies	GSA launched the Business Partner Network as a single point of vendor registration and validation, the new federal procurement data system, and an interagency con- tracts directory. It also developed the first version of e-transactions standards. Project leaders are testing a system for intragovernmental transactions with five agencies.	
Government to Government			Recruitment One-Stop, OPM	OPM in January 2003 hired Monster Government Solutions to redesign the site,	•
Disaster Management, Homeland Security To provide federal, state and local emergency managers with online disaster management information	After launching the disasterhelp.gov portal in 2002, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is concentrating on improving connectivity among existing disaster management systems by developing data exchange standards and sup- porting telecommunication links.	•	To provide a single site for federal recruitment Crosscutting	adding an online resume builder and resume-mining tool for agencies. The agency also improved the vacancy announcement template as well as the look and navigation of the site. Since August 2003, the site has had 45 million visits, and federal agencies posted 18,000 jobs.	
and tools			E-Authentication, GSA	After deciding a centralized gateway would not work, GSA is now setting up a	
Grants.gov, HHS To create a single portal for all fed- eral grants processes	HHS launched tools to let users find and apply for federal money online. As of February, grants applicants found 835 opportunities at 29 agencies. OMB is leading an effort to consolidate the back-office grant management functions.		To provide a secure infrastructure for online transactions	framework of policies and standards for agencies to use in procuring commercial authentication products and a technical architecture to promote the decentral- ized approach. Project leaders published a baseline architecture and technical approach, as well as lists of trusted credential service and technology providers and set up an interoperability testing lab for authentication technologies.	