In a development that barely could have been envisioned by the authors of the Freedom of Information Act four decades ago, and with a force that has been accelerating around the globe, people in more than 90 nations of the world now enjoy the benefits of “government transparency” laws akin to the FOIA. In the United States, “Freedom of Information Day" is celebrated each year on or near March 16 (the birthday of James Madison) and now since 2002, members of the international transparency community around the world likewise have celebrated “International Right-to-Know Day” annually on September 28, a day marking their progress, commitment, and unity of purpose.

Since its establishment in the fall of 2007, the Collaboration on Government Secrecy has become the principal location for the celebration of International Right-to-Know Day in the United States, which has become all the more significant in light of the U.S.’s restored role as a leader and model for further transparency development worldwide. This year, for its sixth annual celebration of International Right-to-Know Day, the Collaboration on Government Secrecy will be examining the initial accomplishments and future of the international "Open Government Partnership,” reviewing the progress of the Draft International Principles on National Security and the Right to Information, and conducting a live video-link exchange with celebrants in Madrid, Spain.

General Registration, no charge.
CLE Accreditation (5 credits) will be applied for -- CLE Registration, $275
To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.
For further information, please contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, at 202.274.4075, or at secle@wcl.american.edu.
Major support for this CGS program has been provided by the Open Society Foundations’ Transparency and Integrity Fund and its National Security and Human Rights Campaign.