

INFORMATION POLICY IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

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After eight years of what is widely viewed as the most secrecy-laden presidential administration in history, there is much anticipation about how fully and quickly change will come to the areas of government transparency in particular and information policy more generally. The Obama Administration comes into power with high expectations for greatly increased government openness, but at the same time it confronts new challenges and a confluence of competing priorities that are unprecedented in character. This program will focus on exactly what the new Administration can do, sooner rather than later, to assure all concerned that an era of secrecy will be replaced with a new era of transparency. Issues to be discussed include:

- Transparency Policy Recommendations -- a compilation and analysis of Freedom of Information Act-related proposals.
- Broader Information-Policy Recommendations -- extended coverage of proposals made on information-policy issues generally.
- View From Inside of Government -- a presentation of the internal government perspective during a first presidential year.
- Survey of Change Priorities -- an on-site consensus prioritization of policy changes, to be formally delivered to the Obama Administration.

Speakers will include representatives of media and public interest organizations that have made open-government and information policy-related recommendations to the incoming Administration, as well as current and former federal government officials and academic experts on government transparency. Keynote presentations will be made by speakers soon to be announced.

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