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Department of Commerce

Agency description:

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is charged with promoting economic growth and jobs for th

Website:

www.commerce.gov

Enabling Statute:

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Key issues:

Economic analysis and development; international trade; intellectual property; Census; faith-based and

Sub-agencies:

Bureau of Economic Analysis; Bureau of Industry and Security; Bureau of the Census; Economic Deve

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Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency description:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) provides statistical information to promote a better understanc

Website:

www.bea.gov

Key issues:

Gross Domestic Product (GDP), national, state, and local; levels of personal income; balance of payme

Bureau of Industry and Security

Agency description:

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) seeks to promote national security and achieve economic go

Website:

www.bis.doc.gov

Key issues:

Encryption; high performance computers; multilateral exports; embargoed countries; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Wassenaar Arrangement.

Bureau of the Census

Agency description:

The Bureau of the Census collects and provides information about the population and economy.

Website:

www.census.gov

Key issues:

Population and housing census every ten years; economic census every five years; government censu

Economic Development Administration

Agency description:

The Economic Development Administration promotes community economic growth with a goal of increa

Website:

www.eda.gov

Key issues:

Public works and economic development; strategic development; revolving loan fund capitalization; eco

Economics and Statistics Administration

Agency description:

The Economics and Statistics Administration oversees the work of the Bureau of the Census, and work

Website:

www.esa.doc.gov

Key issues:

Women-owned businesses; cost of living; economic recovery following a regional disaster.

International Trade Administration

Agency description:

The International Trade Administration (ITA) promotes fair trade and international investment.

Website:

www.trade.gov

Key issues:

Market information and access; trade counseling and advocacy; business matchmaking; intellectual pr

Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

Agency description:

The Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) is an office of National Oceanic and Atmospheri

Website:

www.omao.noaa.gov

Key issues:

Hydrographic surveys; hurricane and weather research; coastal charting; predictions of flood and snow

Minority Business Development Agency

Agency description:

The Minority Business Development Agency pro

Website:

www.mbda.gov

Key issues:

Contract opportunities; strategic business consulting; access to commercial lending and credit; client as

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service

Agency description:

The National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) provides global environm

Website:

www.nesdis.noaa.gov

Key issues:

Wildlife monitoring; space commercialization; search and rescue satellite aided tracking.

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Agency description:

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is a federal physical science research labor

Website:

www.nist.gov

Key issues:

Calibration services; computer security; measurement services; standards development and conformity

National Marine Fisheries Service

Agency description:

The National Marine Fisheries Service is the branch of NOAA responsible for the conservation of marin

Website:

www.nmfs.noaa.gov

Key issues:

Sustainable aquaculture; seafood inspection; sustainable fisheries; commercial fishing.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency description:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) researches changes in the oceans, wea

Website:

www.noaa.gov

Key issues:

Healthy oceans; climate change; weather; commercial fishing; coastal communities; marine mammal p

National Ocean Service

Agency description:

The National Ocean Service is a part of NOAA that deals with potential problems in coast areas such a

Website:

oceanservice.noaa.gov

Key issues:

Gulf spill restoration; coral reefs; marine protected areas; National Marine Sanctuary System; coasting

National Technical Information Service

Agency description:

The National Technical Information Service publishes government-funded research in the areas of scie

Website:

www.ntis.gov

Key issues:

Technical reports on over 350 subject areas.

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Agency description:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration advises the President on telecommu

Website:

www.ntia.doc.gov

Key issues:

Spectrum management; infrastructure development; domestic telecommunications competition; broadb

National Weather Service

Agency description:

The National Weather Service is a branch of NOAA that provides warnings and forecasts of weather ev

Website:

www.nws.noaa.gov

Key issues:

Air quality; severe weather systems; TsunamiReady warning system.

Patent & Trademark Office

Agency description:

The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) regulates U.S. patents and registered trademarks.

Website:

www.uspto.gov

Key issues:

Applications for patents and trademarks; international protection of U.S. patents and trademarks.