Bibliography of announcements and executive orders on lobbying and ethics rules from Norm Eisen's office.


   Reaction to the American League of Lobbyists coming out against the Administration’s stance on limiting lobbyists in government service and form serving on boards.


   Summarizes new voluntary disclosure policy and the processing of documents


   Leading by example, by launch of the GreenGov Initiative.


   Summarized meeting held with the group of lobbyists and others who currently chair Industry Trade Advisory Committees (ITACs). The group opposes the Administrations changes to lobbying and disclosure rules.


   Beth Noveck, Deputy Chief Technology Officer for Open Government writes about the call for open government and the states that are following the example of the Administration.

Describes the CRS report that concludes Obama’s reforms have "already changed the relationship between lobbyists and covered executive branch officials." Also includes new tools for job seekers and developers


States that "accountability and accessibility at the center of how the federal government operates and it aims to instill the values of transparency, participation, and collaboration into the culture of every agency by requiring every agency to formulate an Open Government Plan and website."


Discussion of some of the 20 new open government initiatives launched this past week.


“White House will restore millions of emails from back-up tapes related to at least 33 different days during the Bush Administration. The millions of restored emails will be transferred to the National Archives. They eventually will be made available to historians, students, and the general public under laws providing for the release of such documents from prior administrations.”


“Prescribes a uniform system for classifying, safeguarding, and declassifying national security information, including information relating to defense against transnational terrorism.”


Outlines the Executive Order issued regarding classifies information and how it differs from Executive Orders issued by Presidents Bush and Clinton.

*Further explains the “unprecedented voluntary disclosure policy” and provides the latest round of White House visitor records.*


*Discusses the high remarks the Obama Administration just received from a number of government reform groups for its government reform work this past year.*


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Blog post expressing disagreement with the Washington Post’s story Obama and his efforts for transparency.


Post discussing the Citizens United Case and the effect it will have on lobbying.


Highlights the release of another round of White House Visitor Records.


The White House Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer respectively write about issues relate to transparency and the Open Government Directive.


Tina Tchen, the White House Director for the Office of Public Engagement, encouraging the public to provide feedback on each agency’s open government plan.


Highlights Sunshine Week in Washington and references efforts made by the Administration to bring more transparency to the Federal Government.


Joshua Sharfstein is Principal Deputy Commissioner at FDA and Chair of the Transparency Task Force. Afia Asamoah is a Special Assistant in the Office of the
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