

Visit the Web site, bookmark it, and come back to it whenever you face challenges with using information in government

Virtually every government program—from economic development to criminal justice, and social services to transportation—is driven by information. The better prepared we are to collect, store, evaluate, and share that information, the better and more efficient our government will operate.

Each year, billions of taxpayer dollars are devoted to finding new and innovative ways to use information. Countless teams of local, state, and federal government professionals are working on these projects. The decisions they make today will impact the way information is used for the foreseeable future.

If this sounds familiar, the **Insider's Guide** has more to offer you.

Six topic areas or principles for using information in government

The **Insider's Guide** is a Web-based resource that can be used by teams and individuals to increase their knowledge about using information in government. While the six topics—strategy, policy, data, costs, skills, and technology—have been addressed briefly here, they are discussed in more depth in the **Insider's Guide**.

Cased-based lessons in using information in government

For us there is no substitute for learning by doing. But the next best thing to learning by doing is to read how others tackled similar challenges. The cases presented in the **Insider's Guide** represent the trenches for working with information in government. They are part of the **Guide** because they not only illustrate the six factors that impact most information projects, but also because they provide a treasure of lessons learned for anyone working with information in government.

Links to helpful outside sources

The **Insider's Guide** provides links to white papers, academic and trade journal articles, helpful tools, and additional government information. Visit some of the outside links for other examples and information. And then put this knowledge into play in your own organization.