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Department of Agriculture

1. Agricultural Library Forum (ALF)
Voice Number: 301-504-5113
Data Number: 301-504-5496
Describes specific information products, such as "Quick Bibliographies" and "Special Reference Briefs" offered by the National Agricultural Library.
2. Human Nutrition Information Service BBS
Voice Number: 301-436-8491
Data Number: 301-436-5078
Covers topics related to food and nutrition research.
3. Commercial Information Delivery Service (CIDS)
Voice Number: 202-720-5505
Data Number: Must subscribe first
CIDS contains government information about developments and statistics dealing with the agriculture industry.

Bureau of the Census

1. Bureau of Economic Analysis BBS
Voice Number: 301-763-7554 (contact John Rowe)
Data Number: 301-763-7554
Contains business and industry information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Offers trade opportunities also found on the Economic Bulletin Board.
2. State Data Center/Business-Industry Data Center
Voice Number: 301-763-1580
Data Number: 301-763-7554 (9600 Baud)
This BBS includes Bureau of the Census economic reports,

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geographic electronic mapping, and any press reports dealing with Census surveys. Public domain software is available which allows users to transfer any census data.

3. Census Bureau Personnel Vacancy Board
Voice Number: 301-763-4950
Data Number: 301-763-4574
Posts all Census Bureau position vacancies.
4. Office Automation BBS
Voice Number: 301-763-4950
Data Number: 301-763-4576
Lists all new technology dealing with office automation.
Allows users to transfer messages.

Department of Commerce

1. Economic Bulletin Board (EBB)
Voice Number: 202-482-1986
Data Number: 202-482-3870
Provides current information on the U.S. economy and trade situation as released by Federal agencies, as well as trade leads from the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and USDOC's Eastern European Business Information Center.
2. Patent Licensing Bulletin Board (PLBB)
Voice Number: 703-487-4650
Data Number: 703-487-4061
Assists companies in finding government-owned inventions from federal laboratories that are available for licensing. Summarizes each invention and gives supporting material.
3. Office of Budget Planning and Organization Bulletin Board
Voice Number: 202-482-2949
Data Number: 202-482-1423
A communications and discussion forum for planning and budget issues of the U.S. Department of Commerce.
4. Climate Dialup Services (CDUS)
Voice Number: 301-763-4670
Data Number: 301-899-0827 (300-1200 baud)
301-899-1173 (1200 baud)
Fee-based bulletin board providing daily/weekly/monthly weather information collected by the National Weather Service.

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5. Fire Research BBS
Voice Number: 301-975-6891
Data Number: 301-921-6302
Focuses on the use of computers in fire research.
This BBS also includes info. on EMS updates as well as offering programs that simulate correct emergency procedure in various situations.

U.S. Customs Service

1. Customs Electronic BBS
Voice Number: 202-376-7039
Data Number: 202-376-7100
A complimentary service which provides information on currency exchange rates, quota thresholds, and federal register notices. Also contains related news releases about global trade.

Defense Department

1. ELISA (Export License Info. Status Advisor)
Voice Number: 703-693-1098 (contact Ken Freshwater)
Data Number: 703-697-6109
Permits exporters to monitor the status of their export license applications as they are processed through the Department of Defense.
2. JAG-NET (Navy Judge Advocate General Bulletin Board)
Voice Number: 703-325-8312
Data Number: 703-325-0748
Provides information for those seeking software related to time organization, record keeping, and work management programs.
3. Defense Logistics Agency DASC-ZE Bulletin Board
Voice Number: 703-274-5757
Data Number: 703-274-5863
Contains files on presentation graphics, telecommunications, statistics programs, and a directory of all Federal Information Centers.
4. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS)
Voice Number: 202-475-7685
Data Number: 202-475-7885
Provides marketing information and technical support for Department of the Navy facilities. Contains files of both a

technical and general business interest.

Department of Education

1. Office of Educational Research Improvement BBS
Voice Number: 202-219-1526
Data Number: 202-219-2010/2011
Contains statistics on all aspects and levels of education.
Includes a directory of libraries throughout the U.S., as
well as a directory of education grants.

Department of Energy

1. Energy Info. Admin. Electronic Publishing System (EPUB)
Voice Number: 202-586-8800
Data Number: 202-586-2557
Contains selected energy related data from numerous energy
publications.
2. Megawatts One
Voice Number: 202-586-2216
Data Number: 202-586-0739
Descriptions of recent energy-related publications
available through GPO. Specializes in utilities and other
software programs that deal with data management.
3. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Issuance Posting System
(FERC-CIPS)
Voice Number: 202-208-2304
Data Number: 202-208-1397 (2400 Baud)
202-208-1787 (9600 Baud)
A source of intelligence on specific utility companies.
Contains texts of energy-related regulatory proceedings.
4. Fossil Energy Telenews
Voice Number: 202-586-6503
Data Number: 202-586-6496
Covers research and development on all fossil fuel issues.
5. Minority Energy Info. Clearing House
Voice Number: 202-586-5876
Data Number: 202-586-1561
Contains information on minority college programs,
educational seminars and research involving minority groups.
6. OCRWM-INFOLINK

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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

Voice Number: 202-586-2835

Data Number: 202-586-9359

Provides current information and DOE positions on waste management developments, OCRWM press releases, selected speeches, technical papers, Congressional testimony and the current OCRWM Bulletin. In addition,

Environmental Protection Agency

1. Clean-Up Information Bulletin Board (CLU-IN)

Voice Number: 301-589-8368

Data Number: 301-589-8366

Designed to help hazardous waste cleanup professionals find current events information about innovative technologies, consult with each other on line, and provide access data banks.

Export-Import Bank

1. EXIM Bank BBS

Voice Number: 202-566-8818 (contact Susan Hein)

Data Number: 202-566-4699

Contains program information, seminar schedules, press releases dating back six months, and bulletins of special interest (e.g. city-state programs).

Federal Communications Commission

1. FCC Public Access Link (PAL)

Voice Number: 202-653-6288 or 202-632-0002

Data Number: 301-725-1072

Contains information on Federal Communications Commission rulemaking, including specific references to investigative dockets. Also contains telecommunication topics of special interest.

Federal Reserve Bank

1. Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED)

Voice Number: 314-444-8562 (contact Tom Pollmann)

Data Number: 314-621-1824

Contains information on banking, interest rates and the economy. Operated by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

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2. Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank BBS (Kimberly)
Voice Number: 612-340-2443 (contact Carol Dvoracek)
Data Number: 612-340-2489 (2400 bps)
Contains economic and financial data, information about the Federal Reserve System, and regional business and economic conditions.

General Services Administration

1. GSA Information Resources Service Center (GSA-IRSC)
Voice Number: 202-501-1404 (contact Joe McGuire)
Data Number: 202-501-2014
Provides GSA schedules and products which are authorized for purchase by the federal government.

Department of Health and Human Services

1. FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health BBS
Voice Number: 301-443-7004
Data Number: 301-443-7496
Contains information about the FDA's procedures for evaluating and approving medical devices.

Department of the Interior

1. Geological Survey BBS
Voice Number: 703-648-7300
Data Number: 703-648-4168 (9600 Baud)
Consists of public domain files dealing with mapping and earth science information.
2. Wide Area Information Servers (WAISStation)
Voice Number: 703-648-7245 (contact Eliot Christian)
A free search and retrieval mechanism for references to earth science data, arctic research, and information related to water and geologic data holdings of the USGS.
3. Mines-Data System
U.S. Bureau of Mines
Voice Number: 202-501-9554
Data Number: 202-501-0373
Contains data from research reports dealing with mineral production, availability, and demand.

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Department of Justice

1. National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)
Voice Number: 301-251-5269 (contact Irene Pappas)
Data Number: 301-738-8895
Contains current news, announcements, and on-line publications about justice and crime.
2. Bureau of Prisons BBS
U.S. Bureau of Prisons
Voice Number: 202-307-3104 (contact Janet Peterkin)
Data Number: 202-514-6102/6103
Provides an overview of BOP programs and access to Shareware and Freeware software.
3. Civil Rights Division
Voice Number: 202-307-2215
Data Number: 202-514-6193
Provides a listing of automated data processing related materials available to the public and regulations regarding technical data.
4. Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys
Voice Number: 202-501-8220
Data Number: 202-501-7521 or 501-7616
Provides a conglomeration of word processing, database, spreadsheet, utilities, management and other software.

Department of Labor

1. Labor News Bulletin Board
Voice Number: 202-219-7343
Data Number: 202-219-4784 or 800-597-1221
The Labor News Bulletin Board contains press releases from the Department of Labor as well as a labor-oriented legislative calendar.

Library of Congress

1. Automated Library Information Exchange (ALIX)
Voice Number: 202-707-4848/4800
Data Number: 202-707-4888
A source for developments in information sciences.

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NASA

1. NASA Headquarters Information Technology Center BBS
Voice Number: Via on-line E-Mail
Data Number: 202-453-9008
One of the most used resources on this bulletin board is ITC Times which provides current information on computer applications.

National Technical Information Service

1. FEDWORLD
Data Number: 703-321-8020
A gateway service to over 140 different government BBSs.

National Institute for Standards and Technology

1. Microcomputer Electronic Information Exchange
Voice Number: 301-975-3359
Data Number: 301-948-5717 (2400 Baud)
301-948-5718 (9600 Baud)
Describes software, systems, and techniques that combat unauthorized access to your computer, and contains files that describe computer viruses and how to prevent them.
2. NIST/NCSC Data Management Information Exchange
Voice Number: 301-975-3272
Data Number: 301-948-2048 or (2049)
Serves as a forum for exchanging information on data management including program languages, data dictionaries, and computer graphics.

Small Business Administration

1. SBA ON-LINE
Data Number: 800-859-INFO (2400 baud) outside D.C. area
800-697-INFO (9600 baud) outside D.C. area
202-205-7265 (2400 baud) D.C. area
202-401-9600 (9600 baud) D.C. area
Delivers information on starting or running a small business. Provides information on SBA's services and publications, and on its loan, procurement assistance and business development programs, including specialized information for women, veterans and minorities. Features a national calendar of events highlighting

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training programs, small business seminars and international trade fairs.

2. SBA Central Office Bulletin Board
Voice Number: 202-205-6253
Data Number: 202-205-6269
Open to government agency personnel and SBA contractors.
Contains a wealth of computer applications, text files, and software for communications, graphics, word processing, spreadsheets, anti-virus programs, and other functions.

State Department

1. Automated License Status System (ALISS)
Voice Number: 703-875-7391 (contact Jim DePalma)
Data Number: 703-875-7350
Permits exporters to monitor the status of their export license applications as they are processed through the State Department.

Department of Transportation

1. Federal Highway Administration Electronic BBS (FEBBS)
Voice Number: 202-366-9022
Data Number: 202-366-3764
Provides information on the federal highway and motor carrier programs and the information technology that supports them.

Department of the Treasury

1. BXR Info. Corner
Voice Number: 703-756-6280
Data Number: 703-756-6109
Contains information on the IRS's electronic filing system, taxpayer assistance programs, and changes in taxpayer forms. Provides files for use with WordPerfect, IRS's standard word processing program.
2. Customs Electronic Bulletin Board
Voice Number: 202-376-7039
Data Number: 202-376-7100
Includes information about trade, news releases of the Customs Service, speeches, trade meeting schedules, and currency conversion rates.

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3. FMS Inventory Line BBS

Voice Number: 202-287-0769

Data Number: 202-287-0767

The FMS Inventory Line is operated by the Financial Management Service and contains information on federal cash management, as well as the current value of funds rate.

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