


The [ACUS Office of the Chairman Statement of Principles for the Disclosure of Federal Administrative Materials](#) (ACUS Statement of Principles), published on June 16, 2022, describes many types of federal agency records that would fit well under the definition of “agency legal materials”. This includes:

- x Rules and regulations
- x Guidance documents
- x Decisions and supporting materials (



AALL also recommends that legal-related data sets n



would help law librarians and legal information professionals more easily locate important information that law library patrons need.

The [AALL Guiding Principles for Public Access to Legal Information on Government Websites](#) provides other suggestions for open, equitable, and reliable online access to legal information that may be helpful to ACUS as it works on this project.

Question 10 : What other statutory reforms might be warranted to ensure adequate public availability of agency legal materials?

AALL supports updates to the [Freedom of Information Act](#) (FOIA), to ensure proactive disclosure of frequently requested records in machine-readable formats. Specifically, AALL advocates for revisions to Section 552(a)(2) of title 5 of the United States Code to require that agencies proactively publish testimony submitted to Congress and unclassified reports, including Inspector General reports, on their websites. The addition of testimony and unclassified reports to the list of materials under Section 552(a)(2) that agencies are required to proactively publish would help law librarians and legal information professionals ensure more timely and comprehensive access to these materials.

FINAL COMMENTS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Disclosure of Agency Legal Materials project. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information as this project continues.

Sincerely,



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