



**Sent: May 29, 2009**

**Subject: Open Government Initiative - Submission Deadline Extended**

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This past Tuesday, we wrote to you about the White House's [Open Government Initiative](#) - an online process for public engagement in policymaking. The site has received 900 submissions and some 33,000 votes so far.

We are writing to you about two items:

**1.** The deadline for submissions is being **extended until June 19**. According to the official website: "The Brainstorming phase is drawing to an official close tonight at midnight. While we are doing our analysis of the first phase of brainstorming and moving on to the Discussion Phase next week, the Brainstorming has been lively and productive. So we will keep the Brainstorming site turned on for additional submissions through June 19th. While new postings may not feed into the Discussion or Drafting Phases, we'll be on the lookout for interesting new posts."

**2.** We want to draw your attention TDI's Director, Nancy Thomas, submission: "**Turn to Colleges and Universities, Fund Curricular, Co-Curricular and Community Based Innovation.**" We encourage you to [read the details of her proposal and vote for it.](#)

We also want to draw your attention to these and encourage you to vote yes on them:

- [Peter Levine's post](#) on engaging youth and the support we need from the Department of Education to get to scale
- [Marcella's post](#) on getting students involved in this system early
- [John Stephen's post](#) on employing existing university networks, such as the University Network for Collaborative Governance, the Deliberative Democracy Consortium, NCDD, and the Democracy Imperative
- [JHorne's post](#) about an educated populace

We encourage you to spend time on this site, weigh in on the proposals you like and share this information with your colleagues and networks.

And please drop us a note if you have submitted an idea!