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Our Mandate

Arrange for federal agencies, assisted by outside experts, cooperatively [to] study mutual problems, exchange information, and develop recommendations for action [so that] private rights may be fully protected and federal responsibilities may be carried out expeditiously in the public interest (1964).

Added in 2004

- Promote public participation and efficiency in rulemaking and with regard to rulemaking, adjudication, licensing, and investigation:
- Reduce unnecessary litigation
- Improve the use of science
- Improve the effectiveness of applicable laws

(5 U.S.C. § 591)

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Our Planning

As an independent federal agency, the Administrative Conference is required by the Government Performance and Results Act and OMB policy to develop:

- a mission statement
- a five year strategic plan
- measurable performance goals

To meet these requirements:

- the Chairman and staff develop a framework
- solicit ideas from Conference Members
- incorporate member ideas to formalize plans and goals that guide program and budgeting decisions

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Proposed Mission Statement

The Administrative Conference of the United States brings together senior federal officials, experts, and citizens to develop formal recommendations and convene informal collaborations that increase public participation, improve effectiveness, reduce costs, and protect private rights in our government's regulatory activities.



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Proposed Conference Priorities

Transparency

The Administrative Conference will improve openness and transparency in government through increased use of interactive technology, development of standards and formats for information sharing, and proposals for reform of laws and rules written before the Internet revolution.

Participation

The Administrative Conference will expand citizen participation in the regulatory process through increased use of interactive communications technology, as well as by alternative means of outreach, in order to provide essential information to government officials.



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Efficiency

The Administrative Conference will study and promote the most responsive and efficient means of sharing authority and responsibility among the federal government, state and local governments, contractors, grantees, and citizens. This will include exploration of new models of collaborative governance as well as the proper division of labor between government and the private sector.

Timeliness

Because justice delayed can be justice denied, the Administrative Conference will work across federal agencies to reduce backlogs and unnecessary delays in case processing. The Conference will study what works and what doesn't, and help agencies revise their hearing processes, technology systems, and human capital to deliver more timely results.



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Proposed Conference Priorities

Data-driven

Because regulation should be based on sound data, the Administrative Conference will improve the use of science, empirical data, and performance evaluation in regulations and administrative law. The Conference's own activities will be measured to demonstrate the value that they provide.

Innovation

As a new agency not shackled by outdated infrastructure and processes, the Administrative Conference will be an innovative test lab for experiments in agency management and government performance, focusing on flexible and transparent information technology, minimal overhead and administrative costs, and drawing on top talent through innovative personnel policies and partnerships.



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