



# THE FEDROOMS®

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### HELP DESK

**Hours:** M-F, 7-3:30 CST

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### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Want to learn more about FedRooms, the official government-wide lodging program? Attend the upcoming **FedRooms® 101** training webinar (it's free!)

- **Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 2pm central time.**

The webinar is a 1/2 hour overview of the FedRooms program (who can use the program, how to access the FedRooms Rate, etc.), followed by optional Q&A and discussion time.

Visit the [FedRooms 101](#) link on the traveler page at [FedRooms.com](#) for additional information. FedRooms® will also host private sessions for groups of 15 or more. Contact [krista@fedrooms.com](mailto:krista@fedrooms.com) for details.

### QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

"I really like your site and plan on using it for all my federal travel needs."

**-Federal traveler, via**

[FedRooms.com website usability survey](#)

### TWEETING, FRIENDING, AND OTHER ONLINE PHENOMENA... WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?



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Facebook. Twitter. LinkedIn. The Blogosphere. For some, these web-based channels are a main artery for up-to-date news and information, both at a personal and professional level. For others, they're a simple case of information overload. No matter the perspective, they're here. And they're changing the landscape of how we share and receive information.

FedRooms is looking to gather information about your habits and preferences when it comes to online information. We're asking you to take a short (about five minutes) [survey](#) to tell us your opinion.

**The first 50 individuals to respond will receive a FREE USB Flash Drive!**



### SURVEY SAYS...

**Most government travelers still on the go, just not quite as often**

More than 350 travelers weighed in on our survey in March about traveling in the current economy, and the results indicate that most federal travelers are still traveling, just not as much. While 43% stated that their travel had been scaled back to "essential" travel only, 19% maintain that the frequency of travel has not changed, but the policies have. Full results for this survey are [posted online](#).

### DID YOU KNOW?

The first concrete airport runway in the United States was built in Dearborn, MI in 1925 by Henry Ford. **-Source: BudgetTravel.com**

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## Baymont Inn and Suites

Welcome to the **new** Baymont Inn & Suites—Wright Patterson AFB! When traveling to the **Wright Patterson AFB** in **Dayton/Fairborn** area in Ohio, you won't find a closer hotel than the award winning **Baymont Inn & Suites**. The Baymont Inn & Suites delivers the highest level of comfort, convenience and service for business and government travelers alike.

Near many local and national restaurants, we are conveniently located at I675 and Xenia Road—just minutes from Wright Patterson and the local offices of **Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Computer Science Corporation, Science Applications International Corporation** and other government contractors.

### Hotel Amenities

- Earn Wyndham Reward points
- Complimentary hot breakfast buffet
- Complimentary High Speed Internet
- Complimentary Business Center
- Complimentary USA Today
- Complimentary parking
- Complimentary local calls & Fitness Center



## PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR YOU

One of the main goals of the managed travel programs operated through the GSA is to save money. But did you know that each of these programs is carefully designed to give you, the federal traveler, choice, flexibility, and time savings, with:

### CITY PAIR PROGRAM (AIR)

- 12 contract carriers
- More than 5,500 domestic and international City Pairs to choose from
- No advance purchase required
- No stay restrictions
- No airline change/cancellation fees
- Tickets are fully refundable
- Last seat available
- Dual fares (YCA, \_CA)
- No blackout periods
- Non-stop service 92% of the time where offered
- Airfares that average 61-83% below lowest unrestricted commercial fares

### FEDROOMS (HOTEL)

- Best price/value, with rates always at or below federal per diem
- Policy compliant hotels
- Cancellation deadline of 4pm or later day of arrival
- No early check-out fees
- More than 7,000 hotels world-wide
- No unadvertised fees
- Rates that can be used for personal travel at more than 60% of participating hotels
- The option to collect points with participating properties' loyalty programs
- Access to no-cost amenities, like free breakfast and internet, at some hotels.

## FEDROOMS® FAQs

**Q:** Why is the program website "FedRooms.com" versus "FedRooms.gov"? Isn't this an official government program?

**A:** Because of the way the hotel search function worked, FedRooms.com has been posted on a public .com server. However, it will be changing to a .gov address in the coming weeks.

**Q:** Can I book the FedRooms Rate for personal travel?

**A: Yes!** The FedRooms Rate is available to government employees on leisure travel at approximately 60% of the more than 6,500 participating properties. To access the FedRooms Rate, simply visit [www.fedrooms.com](http://www.fedrooms.com), enter your search criteria, and select "leisure" in the "Filter Search Results" section.

**Q:** Can I collect loyalty program points when I stay at a participating property using the FedRooms Rate?

**A: Absolutely!** There are no restrictions for collecting loyalty program points through FedRooms. In fact, you can sign up for participating properties' loyalty programs [on our website!](#)