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DOE Launches New Website for Student Privacy Resources

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The U.S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) and Office of the Chief Privacy Officer (OCPO) have launched a new website to provide resources concerning best practices and technical assistance for institutions navigating their obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other student privacy matters, including data security. The new website includes official guidance on FERPA and answers to Frequently Asked Questions. It also includes online training materials, videos and recorded webinars on various topics relating to student privacy.

Client Tip: Institutions can use this new website as an informational resource for student privacy issues. Due to the complexity of many questions arising under FERPA and other student privacy matters, institutions should refer frequently to the DOE's new website for guidance, and consult counsel where appropriate.