



Health IT Grant Programs within HHS

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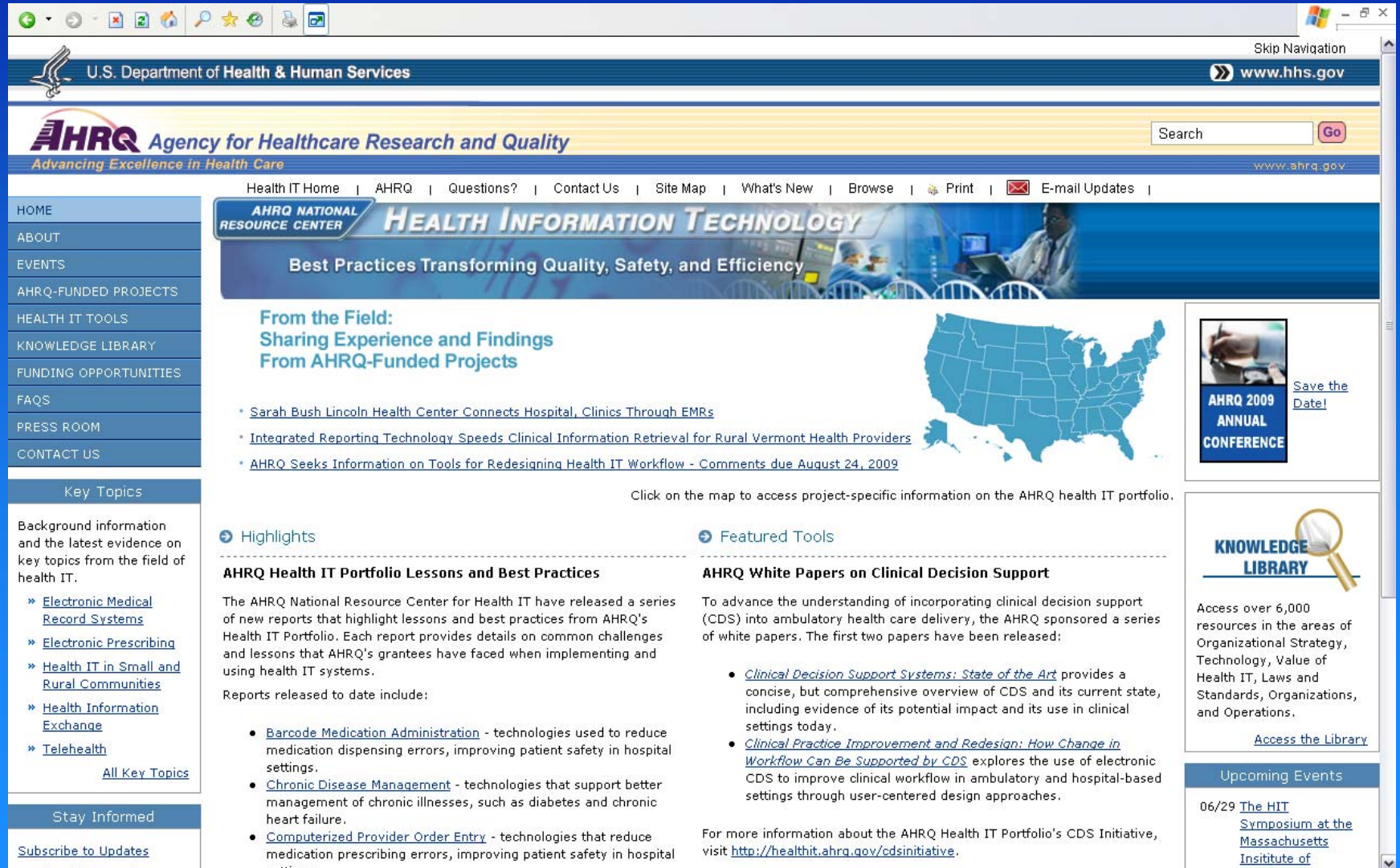
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- Over 200 *projects and demonstrations*
- Focus on the adoption of health IT to improve quality
- Projects in 48 states
- Best practices that can improve quality of care



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The Budget

- \$44.8M in FY2009
- Approximately half of funds are prior commitments of multiyear projects
- \$7.5M in grants in 2009, \$14M in 2010
- Continued collaboration with public and private stakeholders

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