

Transparency. Accountability. Limited Government.

Active Spending Transparency Websites Launched since 2007
(result of legislative or gubernatorial action)

Alabama – Open Alabama



<http://www.open.alabama.gov/>; live since March 2009, checkbook since October 2009

- created by Gov. Bob Riley's (R) Executive Order 46; signed in February 2009

Alaska – Checkbook Online



http://fin.admin.state.ak.us/dof/checkbook_online/index.jsp; live since January 2008

- created by cooperation of Gov. Sarah Palin (R) with Department of Administration

Arizona – Open Books



<http://openbooks.az.gov/>; live since January 2011

- created by legislation: SB 1235, by Sen. Tom O'Halleran (R-Sedona), signed in July 2008

California – Reporting Transparency in Government



<http://www.reportingtransparency.ca.gov/>; live since March 2009

- created under executive direction from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Colorado – Transparency Online Project



<http://tops.state.co.us/>; live since August 2009

- created by legislation: HB 1288 by Rep. JB Nikkel (R-Loveland), signed in June 2009

Connecticut – Transparency Connecticut



<http://transparency.CT.gov/>; live on July 1, 2011

- created by legislation: HB 5163 by Rep. Demetrios Giannaros (D-Farmington), signed in June 2010

Delaware – Online Checkbook



<http://checkbook.delaware.gov/>; live since July 2009

- created by cooperation of several agencies per Gov. Jack Markell's (D) instructions

Florida – Transparency Florida



www.transparencyflorida.gov; live since January 2010

- created by legislation: SB 1796 by Sen. J.D. Alexander (R-Lake Wales), signed in May 2009
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Georgia – Open Georgia



www.open.georgia.gov/; live since January 2009

- created by legislation: SB 300 by Sen. Chip Rogers (R-Woodstock), signed in May 2008
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Idaho – OurIdaho



www.ouridaho.com; live since August 2009

- created by non-profit organization Idaho Freedom Foundation
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Illinois – Illinois Transparency & Accountability Portal (ITAP)



www.accountability.illinois.gov; live since August 2009

- created by legislation: HB0035, by Rep. Michael Tryon (R-Crystal Lake), signed in August 2009
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Kansas - KanView



www.kansas.gov/kanview/; live since March 2008

- created by legislation: HB 2457 by Rep. Kasha Kelley (R-Arkansas City), signed in June 2007
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Kentucky – Open Door



<http://opendoor.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>; live since January 2009

- created by Gov. Steve Beshear's (D) Executive Order #2008-0508, signed in June 2008
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Louisiana - LaTrac



www.doa.louisiana.gov/latrac/index.cfm; live since September 2008

- created by legislation: SB 37 by Sen. Joel T. Chaisson II (D-St. Charles Parish) and Gov. Jindal's (R) Executive Order BJ 2008-2 signed in January 2008
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Maryland



<http://www.spending.dbm.maryland.gov> live since January 2009

- created by legislation: HB 358 by Del. Warren Miller (R-Annapolis); signed in May 2008
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Minnesota – Transparency & Accountability Project Minnesota



Transparency & Accountability
Project Minnesota

<http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/tap>; live since March 2009

- created by legislation: HF 376 by Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-Eden Prairie), signed in June 2007
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Mississippi – MERLIN



Meeting the Management Information Needs for the State of Mississippi

<https://merlin.state.ms.us/>; live since 2008

- created by legislation: HB 101 by Rep. Warren (D-Mount Olive), signed in April 2008
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Missouri – Missouri Accountability Portal (MAP)



Missouri Accountability Portal

www.mapyourtaxes.mo.gov; live since July 2007

- created by Gov. Matt Blunt's (R) Executive Order 7-24, signed in July 2007
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Nevada – Nevada Open Government Initiative



www.nevadaspending.com; live since January 2009

www.nevadaspending.com; live since January 2009

- created by Gov. Jim Gibbons's (R) Executive Order EO-2008-03-18, signed in March 2008
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New Jersey – NJ Online Checkbook



TRANSPARENCY CENTER

<http://www.nh.gov/transparentnh/index.htm>; live since December 2010

- created by Gov. Chris Christie's (R) Executive Order Executive Order No. 8, signed in January 2010
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New Hampshire



<http://www.nh.gov/transparency/>; live since June 2010

- created by legislation, HB 1651 by Rep. Norman Major (R-Plaistow), signed in May 2010
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New Mexico – Sunshine Portal



<http://www.sunshineportalnm.com/>; live since July 2011

- created by legislation: SB 195, by Sen. Sander Rue (R-Albuquerque), signed in March 2010

New Mexico – NM Contracts Database Website (Contract Information Only)



<http://contracts.gsd.state.nm.us>; live since January 2010

- created by legislation: HB 546, signed in April, 2009
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North Carolina – NC OpenBook



Transparency Line

www.ncopenbook.gov; live since March 2009

- created by Gov. Beverly Perdue's (D) Executive Order #4, signed in January 2009
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North Dakota – OMB Transparency



<http://data.share.nd.gov/pr/SitePages/Intro.aspx> ; live since June 2011

- created by legislation, HB 1377, by Rep. Blair Thoreson (R-Fargo), later amended into SB 2018 and signed in May, 2009

Ohio – Ohio Transparency



<http://transparency.ohio.gov/>

- created by legislation, HB 420 by Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Mount Lookout), signed in December 2008

Oklahoma - OpenBooksOK



www.ok.gov/okaa/; live since December 2007

- created by legislation: SB 1 by Sen. Randy Brogdon (R-Owasso), signed in June 2007

Oklahoma Department of Education Transparency



<https://oecsweb.sde.state.ok.us/> ; live since January 2011

- created by legislation: HB 1322, by Sen. Randy Brogden (R-Owasso), signed in May, 2010.

Oregon – Oregon Transparency



<http://www.oregon.gov/sites/transparency/index.page>; live since January 2010

- created by legislation: HB 2500 by Reps. Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay), Jefferson Smith (D-Portland), Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer, Newberg, St. Paul), and Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver), signed in July, 2009

South Carolina – South Carolina Spending Transparency



<https://ssl.sc.gov/SpendingTransparency>; live since March 2008

- created by Gov. Mark Sanford's (R) Executive Order 2007-14, signed in August 2007

South Dakota –OpenSD.Gov



<http://open.sd.gov/>; live since September 2008

- created by the Office of Finance and Management per Gov. Mike Rounds's (R) instructions

Tennessee – TN Open Government



<http://tn.gov/opengov/>; live since May 2009

- created by the Department of Finance and Administration, per Gov. Phil Bredesen's (D) instructions

Texas –Window on State Government



www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/expendlist/cashdrill.php; gradually rolled out in 2007

- created by legislation and executive action: HB 3430 by Rep. Mark Strama (D-Austin), signed in June 2007, Comptroller Susan Combs (R) began implementation before passage of bill

Utah



<http://www.utah.gov/transparency/index.html>; live since May 2009

- Created by legislation: SB 38 by Sen. Wayne Niederhauser (R-Sandy) signed in March 2008

Virginia



www.open.virginia.gov; live since April 2009

- Operated by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Virginia Enterprise Applications Program and Virginia.gov. The Commonwealth DataPoint, a part of the site, was enacted by legislation: SB 934 by Sen. Walter Stosch (R-Henrico), signed in March 2005

Washington –Washington State Fiscal Information



<http://fiscal.wa.gov/> live since December 2008

- created by legislation: SB 6818 by Sen. Eric Oemig (D-Kirkland), signed in April 2008

Wyoming – Transparency in Wyoming Government



<http://www.wyoming.gov/transparency.html> live since October 2009

- created by legislation: HB 144 by Rep. Sue Wallis (R-Recluse), signed March 2009

Websites Created by Other State Constitutional Officers since 2007

Arizona



State Treasurer Dean Martin (R) publishes the State Shared Revenue distributions database.

www.aztreasury.gov/distributions.html

Florida



Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink (D) launched “Sunshine Spending” – a vendor search portal.

<http://flair.dbf.state.fl.us:85/approot/dispub2/cvphsrch.htm>

Georgia



Secretary of State Karen Handel (R) launched the Transparency in Government Initiative allowing taxpayers to view some spending information for her agency. www.sos.georgia.gov/TIG/

Illinois



State Comptroller Dan Hynes (D) hosts a website that tracks political contributions made by companies that have state contracts. www.OpenBook.ioc.state.il.us.

Indiana



The Department of Administration hosts a website that allows access to summaries as well as the full text of active state contracts <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2349.htm>

Kentucky



Secretary of State Trey Grayson (R) launched Check it Out Kentucky! - an online checkbook register for the secretary's office. www.sos.ky.gov.

Michigan



State Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land (R) has posted her agency's expenditures online. www.michigan.gov/sos



Attorney General Mike Cox (R) also posts his office's expenditures online. www.michigan.gov/ag

Nebraska



State Treasurer Shane Osborn (R) hosts www.NebraskaSpending.com which provides information on some state expenditures.

New York



State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli (D) hosts Open Book New York on his website at www.osc.state.ny.us.



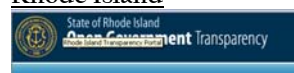
Attorney General Andrew Cuomo (D) previously launched Project Sunlight at www.sunlightny.org.

Pennsylvania



State Treasurer Robin Wiessman(D) hosts a contract library at <http://www.patreasury.org/newsMediaRTK.html>

Rhode Island



Rhode Island hosts a transparency portal for several agencies at www.ri.gov/opengovernment, including: The Dept. of Treasury, Dept. of Administration, the Governor's Office, Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Environmental Management, Dept. of Business Regulation and the Dept. of Elderly Affairs

Passed Legislation Awaiting Implementation

Arizona

- January 1, 2013 for school districts.
- HB 2282, by Rep. Steve Montenegro (R-Litchfield Park), signed in May 2010.

California

- No firm implementation date set
- AB 400, by Rep. Kevin de Leon (D-Los Angeles) and signed in October 2009.

Hawaii (re-passing of bill administration failed to implement)

- Website to be launched by Jan. 2009 – administration says won't implement as mandated.
- HB 122, by Rep. Markus Oshiro (D-Wahiawa), became law without governor's signature in 2007.
- SB 659, by Sen. Les Ihara (D-Kaimuki), and signed in July 2009

Iowa

- Governor Branstad signed HF 45, offered by Rep. Nick Wagner (R-Linn), on March 7, 2011, authorizing the creation of an online database of state expenditures.

Oklahoma

- Information to be posted to the Department of Education's website by January 30, 2011
- HB 1322, by Sen. Randy Brogden (R-Owasso), signed in May, 2010.

Pennsylvania

- Creates PennWATCH, a searchable database of state financial records, website to be launched by 2014.
- HB 15, by Rep. Jim Christiana, (R-Beaver), signed by Governor Corbett on June 30, 2011.

Wisconsin

- As part of next year's budget, Wisconsin passed new rules on reporting state expenditures, requiring that all expenses in excess of \$100 be posted online.
- The new rules were sponsored by Rep. Robin Vos (R-Rochester).

State Think Tank Transparency Efforts

Many state think tanks have begun to create their own transparency projects. While not all of these projects focus exclusively on "spending transparency" in its strictest terms - some of them focusing on transparency in voting, for example - all of them play an important roll in the effort to increase government accountability through transparency. Visit www.fiscalaccountability.org to learn more.

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