



Transparency in Government Spending Legislation and Executive Orders 2007/2008

Note: this report only contains information on states that have either passed legislation or enacted executive orders to create comprehensive online databases for government expenditures.

Several other states make partial information on grants, contracts, or state employee salaries available online.

For more information refer to ATR's memo "State, Federal, and Local Efforts to Increase Transparency in Government Spending", available at www.atr.org.

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GA 2008	SB 300 (substitute) Sen. Chip Rogers (R) <i>Note: Bill is awaiting Governor's signature.</i>	free, single searchable website providing information to state fiscal year 2008 Creation and online posting of report of personnel, salary and travel expense incurred by government entities Department of audits and accounts State auditor (for personnel salary and travel expense report)	expenditures of each organization in Appropriations Act expenditures of federal grant funds salaries and travel expense reimbursements of state employees payments for professional services	online posting of reports: State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Budgetary Compliance Report Georgia Single Audit Report Annual report of annual salaries and travel expense reimbursements Annual listing of payments for professional services by vendor and paying organization	not specified	no	to be established no later than January 1, 2009.
HI 2007	Act No 272 (2007); HB 122 Rep. Marcus Oshiro (D)	free, publicly-available, and searchable website Department of Budget and Finance	"state awards", including, grants, subgrants, loans, awards, cooperative agreements, other	award recipient's name and address information on awards including transaction	single transactions less than \$25,000 credit card transactions before Oct. 1, 2009,	no	to be established no later than January 1, 2009 for all state awards



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			forms of financial assistance, contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, task orders	type, funding agency, North American Industry Classification System Code, program source and description of purpose unique identifier for the recipient and parent company Any other information deemed relevant by the department	information regarding state employees information concerning state public assistance recipients classified information		website to include data for fiscal year 2008 and thereafter no later than January 1, 2010 inclusion of subaward information
KS 2007	HB 2457 , double-referred and substituted in senate, passed as amendment to the budget, HB 2368 § 163 (2007) Rep. Kasha Kelley (R)	free, single searchable and publicly available website Department of Administration Also created: Public Finance Transparency Board	annual expenditures (including contractual services), revenues and bonded indebtedness	annual expenditures (e.g. state agency disbursements, bond debt payments, salaries and wages, contractual services, aid to local government units and capital improvements) annual revenues (e.g. agency receipts or deposits into the state treasury, taxes, earnings, gifts, donations, federal grants and non-revenue receipts) annual bonded indebtedness (e.g. amount of the total obligation and its term, source of funding for repayment, remaining balance and any refinancing)	information that is not available in central accounting system and state payroll system at time of websites initial implementation, but additional information can be included if so decided by transparency board at later point in time confidential information under state or federal law	no, but state contracts are available online http://www.da.ks.gov/purch/Contracts/Contract.asp	in operation since March 1, 2008 http://www.kansas.gov/kanview/



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				any other information deemed relevant by secretary of administration and transparency board			
LA 2008	Executive Order No. BJ 2008 -2 Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) ***	online state spending database; annual reporting of all state grants and contracts and improved access Commissioner of Administration ***	grants, contracts; no further specification on additional expenditures ***	not specified ***	not specified ***	not specified ***	report by Commissioner of Administration due by April 1 st , 2009. ***
	SB 37 Sen. Joel Chiasson (D) et alia	website to post reports of state spending	appropriations for the executive branch of state government contained in General Appropriation Act and other acts for each budget unit annual salaries and total compensation of statewide elected officials and cabinet level-positions in the executive	nature and amount of appropriations	not specified	not specified	effective date no later than January 2009.
MD 2007	HB 358 Del. Warren Miller (R) <i>Note: Bill is awaiting</i>	single searchable website accessible to the public at no cost through the Internet	aggregate payments of \$25,000 made by the state	name and location of payee by postal zip code amount of payment agency making a payment	information that is confidential under state or federal law	no	Website to be implemented by January 1, 2009 Feasibility Study on additional data to be completed by June 30,



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	<i>Governor's signature.</i>			Inclusion of further detail into website subject to feasibility study conducted by Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management			2010.
MN 2007	HF 548 Art. 2 § 34 (2007) Rep. Erik Paulsen (R)	free and publicly available website with a searchable database	state contracts, including grants, over \$25,000	name and address of contract recipient awarding agency type of contract or grant statement indicating purpose amount and funding source dollar value of state contracts the entity has received in each fiscal year	payments to local government units, state employees or individual under public assistance laws grants and contracts under \$25,000	no	effective date January 1, 2008 - not yet implemented must include information on grants and contracts entered into beginning with fiscal year 2008 funds must retain data for ten years.
MO 2007	Executive Order 7-24 (2007) Gov. Matt Blunt (R)	Missouri Accountability Portal free, internet-based easy-to-search database of financial transactions related to the purchase of goods and services and the distribution of funds for state programs. Commissioner of	government spending, grants, and contracts since Oct. 2007 information on tax credits beginning January 2008 state employee salary information	award recipient's name type of expenditure/description of purpose awarding agency amount since Oct. 2007 information on tax credits	classified information no further specification in enacting document	some contracts are directly linked to, others can be searched through Public Record Search which can be accessed through Missouri Accountability Portal http://www.oa.mo.gov/purch/webimaging/Homep	July 11, 2007 www.mapyourtaxe.s.mo.gov information to be updated at the end of every business day expenditures searchable by vendor, agency, contract and category



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		Administration		beginning January 2008 state employee salary information		age.htm	
MS 2008	Sections 2-6 of HB 101 (substituting HB 725) Rep. Joseph L. Warren (HB 101); Rep. Toby Barker (HB725)	free, single, searchable website Department of Finance and Administration	expenditures of state funds and bond proceeds includes grants, contracts, subcontracts and purchase orders	amount of funds expended descriptive purpose general source of authority (legislative, bond etc.) specific source of authority for expenditure for grants and contracts contract number or equal identifier funding/expending agency type of transaction other information deemed relevant electronic copy of expenditure document if executed on or after launch of website	trade secrets or other proprietary information including confidential vendor information or any other information which is required confidential by state or federal law	yes, for expenditure agreements entered into on or after launch of website	not specified, but agency in charge is interested in doing it swiftly.
NV 2008	Executive Order EO-2008-03-18 Gov. Jim Gibbons (R)	“Nevada Open Government Initiative” as a free internet portal addressing several areas of state finance, easily	budgets other expenditure information contracts	budget information by department or agency, budget account and line-item detail expenditure information	disclosure “to the full extent permissible by law”	not specified	not specified, however state controller says website could be operational within three months if funds



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		searchable database	grants	including financial data, vendor payments and payroll data information on state contracts or related vendor information information regarding grant and sub-grant award information			are appropriated.
OK	SB I (2007) Okla. Stat. tit. 62 § 46 Sen. Randy Brogdon (R)	free, single, searchable website Office of State Finance	grants contracts certain tax refunds, rebates and credits payments made under OK quality Jobs Program Act, Small Employer Quality Jobs Incentive Act and OK Quality Investment Act expenditures from constitutional reserve fund expenditures pursuant to any compact between governor and federally-recognized Indian tribe or nation in OK Website must provide complete contents of	recipient's name and address amount and type of transaction funding or expending agency budget program source description of purpose any other information deemed relevant by Office of State Finance	fund transfers between state agencies state or federal assistance payments to individuals confidential information under state or federal law	no	operational since December 28, 2007. to include data for FY 2007 and each fiscal year thereafter data shall be available no later than 30 days after last day of preceding fiscal year http://www.ok.gov/okaa/



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			"Tax Expenditure Report" published by OK Tax Commission				
SC 2007	Executive Order 2007-14 Gov. Mark Sanford (R)	single, free, searchable website Comptroller General's Office each cabinet agency must establish searchable website on its own webpage for specific agency expenditures	all appropriated or non-appropriated funds by a state agency in forms including; but not limited to, grants, contracts and subcontracts specific agency expenditures	amount of expenditure expending agency budget funding source any other information deemed relevant by Comptroller General's Office travel, including, but not limited to, hotel, airline, and meal expenses office supplies costing \$100 and over contractual expenses costing \$100 and over	not specified	no	operational since March 1, 2008 Comptroller General's expenditure website to include expenditures incurred in the 2006-2007 fiscal year and following fiscal years agency websites to include expenditures incurred beginning fiscal year 2007-2008 https://ssl.sc.gov/SpendingTransparency/BudgetTransparencyMain.aspx
TX 2007	HB 3430 (2007), Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 403.024 and 2054) Rep. Mark Strama (D)	single searchable, and publicly available online database Office of State Comptroller	state expenditures including contracts and grants	amount, date, payor and payee list of state expenditures by object of expense with links to the warrant or check register level and to the extent maintained by state agency accounting systems in a reportable format, class and item levels	information that is confidential by law a payee's address	no	October 1, 2007 http://www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/expandlist/cashdrill.php each agency with website must include link to the database on their website website searchable by agency, payee,



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							category and object, expense class and item
UT 2008	SB 38 Sen. Wayne Niederhauser (R)	Utah Public Finance Website Single searchable and publicly available online database Division of Finance with technical assistance of Department of Technology Services Also created: Utah Transparency Advisory Board	financial information including financial reports, audits, budgets, and other financial documents that are use do allocate, appropriate, spend and account for government funds	Division of Finance to make rules to require participating entities to include the following: name of participating state entity making expenditure name of recipient date of expenditure amount of expenditure purpose of expenditure name of each party to the contract electronic copy of the contract any other criteria designated by rule		yes, if agreed by Utah Transparency Board and Division of Finance	website to be operational by May 15, 2009.
WA	SB 6818 Sen. Eric Oemig (D)	single searchable publicly available website Office of the Legislative Evaluation	state expenditures, current budget data, current accounting data for budgeted expenditures and staff, and historical data	expenditures by: fund or account agency, program, and subprogram;	not specified	not specified	website to be operational by January 1, 2009.



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		and Accountability Program Committee (LEAP) in collaboration with the Office of Financial Management	State agency contract database to be linked to from website	revenues by: source; (4) state expenditures by budget object and subobject; state agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measurements.			
A L E C	American Legislative Exchange Council MODEL LEGISLATION	single, searchable, publicly available website department to be determined by respective state	all taxpayer investments in state government, including grants, contracts and other appropriations including tax exemptions or credits	name and address of recipient amount of funds expended Budget program/activity of expenditure descriptive purpose for funding action or expenditure expected performance outcome for funding action or expenditure any state audit or report relating to the entity or recipient of funds of the budget program/activity or agency any other information deemed relevant	state assistance to an individual recipient	yes	depending on date of passage ,to be updated no later than 30 days following the close of the fiscal year. agencies are to provide data no later than 30 days after date becomes available to agency data on website to be retained for a minimum of ten years