Technology and Transparency

New Tools, New Expectations

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Government Transparency

The expectation that the government shows the public and other branches of government what it is spending, planning and doing, what it knows, and that political contributions and actions to influence voting are visible to the public.
Open Data

The expectation that government digital information will be:

- Online
- Easy to Find
- Downloadable
- Machine-Readable
- Timely
- Reusable without restriction or cost.
- Available via API, RSS, or bulk download.
Machine-Readable

Tabular data (numbers) is published in a CSV or Excel-compatible format. Geospatial data is in commonly-mappable formats like Shapefiles and KML.
NYS Open Budget
Hospital Billing Varies Wildly, Government Data Shows

By BARRY MEIER, JO CRAYEN McINTYRE and JULIE CREWSWELL
Published: May 8, 2013

A hospital in Livingston, N.J., charged $70,712 on average to implant a pacemaker, while a hospital in nearby Rahway, N.J., charged $101,945.

In Saint Augustine, Fla., one hospital typically billed nearly $40,000 to remove a gallbladder using minimally invasive surgery, while one in Orange Park, Fla., charged $91,000.

In one hospital in Dallas, the average bill for treating simple pneumonia was $16,610, while another there charged over $58,000.

Data being released for the first time by the government on Wednesday shows that hospitals charge Medicare wildly differing amounts — sometimes 10 to 20 times what Medicare typically reimburses — for the same procedure, raising questions about how hospitals determine prices and why they differ so widely.

The data for 3,300 hospitals, released by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, shows wide...
Political Contributions, Lobbying, and Ethics Disclosure
To Candidates and Treasurers:

This website is only a guide. For a full understanding of your legal obligations and responsibilities, in addition to referring to this website, also refer to the New York State Election Law and related Rules and Regulations and the Opinions of the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE).

Campaign Finance News

- Independent Expenditure Reporting
- 2014 Campaign Finance Filing Calendar (98KB)

Useful Links

- Memorandum Regarding IRS Filing Requirements (101KB)
- Tax Information for Political Organizations (on IRS website)
- Federal Bi-Partisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA)
NYC Campaign Finance Board

Campaign Contributions downloadable in CSV format.
Datasets

Registered Lobbyist Disclosures 2007-2014 (as of 10-14-2014) [Glossary of terms]
- 2007-2014: Excel | CSV

Lobbying Client Disclosures 2007-2014 (as of 10-14-2014) [Glossary of terms]
- 2007-2014: Excel | CSV

Lobbyist Disbursement of Public Monies 2008-2014 (as of 10-14-2014) [Glossary of terms]
- 2008-2014: Excel | CSV

Public Corporation Data 2007-2014 (as of 10-14-2014) [Glossary of terms]
- 2007-2014: Excel | CSV
Exhibit C

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Welcome to NYOpenGovernment.com

A Public Integrity Initiative

NYOpenGovernment.com is an effort by the Attorney General’s office to promote your right to know and to monitor governmental decision-making. NYOpenGovernment.com is the only statewide resource that allows you to easily access statewide government information, which until now has been scattered or difficult to retrieve.

SIMPLE SEARCH

Use the Simple Search function to browse all categories of all databases at once.

Search Records:

ADVANCED SEARCH

Use the Advanced Search function to browse specific categories of single or multiple databases at once.
Linking Spending to Bills
Government Spending and Procurement
Spend Side Transparency

- Budget Data
- Contract / Procurement data
- State Authorities
- Grants
- Real Estate Transactions
- Tax Credits / Exemptions
- Charities
State Authorities

- MTA
- Power Authority
- Thruway Authority
- Combined:
  - $50 Billion annual spending
  - 150K employees
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Economic Development
Subsidies
New York City Economic Development Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation. Review the latest NYCEDC financial statements and other related public documents.

On October 1, 2014, Apple Industrial Development Corp. merged into New York City Economic Development Corporation and ceased to exist as an independent entity. View Apple Industrial Development Corp.’s historic financial and public documents.

**Annual Investment Projects Report**

To read how our projects benefit the City through supporting investment, job retention, and growth, please download Volumes I, II, and III of our Annual Investment Projects Report pursuant to LL62:

**Volume I: 2013**

This volume describes the primary programs through which we provide financial assistance and explains land sales and leases. It also provides summary information on the public benefits generated by these projects, explains the methodology for estimating public benefits, and describes the
Report Pursuant to Section 22-802 of Title 22 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York

Reported Data and Documentation for FY2006 - FY2012

FY2013 LL62 Project Information
FY2013 Project Info Spreadsheet
FY2012 LL62 Project Information
FY2012 Project Info Spreadsheet
FY2011 LL62 Project Information
FY2011 Project Info Spreadsheet
FY2010 LL48 Project Information
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FY2007 Project Info Spreadsheet
FY2006 LL48 Project Information
FY2006 Project Info Spreadsheet

For questions or comments, please contact LL62@nycedc.com.

NYCEDC Statements & Documents
The Center for Public Integrity attempts to identify specific areas of corruption risk with a 330 question survey as part of their State Integrity Initiative.
A Failing Grade
Perceived Corruption Risk

1. Local IDAs.
2. Real estate development permitting.
3. Business tax credits. (Fastest growing part of state budget.)
4. Affordable housing subsidies.
5. Highly regulated industries: gambling and fracking.
6. Authority subsidies to businesses. (Real estate, power.)
7. Charities which receive government contracts.
8. Labor contracts and pension sweeteners.
9. Authority procurement.
10. You name it, New York has thought of it.
Corruption Risk

1. LLC’s with anonymous beneficial owners.
2. Business tax credits going to anonymous recipients.
What we can’t see online

1. Recipients of business tax credits
2. Details of legislative MOU (Pork)
3. LLCs’ beneficial owners
4. Subcontractors on state contracts
5. Contract deliverables and work orders.
6. Database of charity data.
7. State Corporation database
8. What lobbyists are lobbying for and against
9. Details on scoring for many economic dev. grants
10. Machine readable ethics disclosure forms
11. Timely, complete, open data on local IDA activity
Clawback
a blog of Good Jobs First

In the spirit of Sunshine Week, Good Jobs New York is proud to announce a trio of transparency enhancements introduced at this month’s New York City Industrial Development Agency board meeting. Our ongoing advocacy efforts promoting transparency at the agency led to these improvements and we applaud the IDA for taking steps to be more open. The improvements, which are expected to be in place at the IDA by the summer, include:

- Adding an interactive map of active deals to the agency’s website;
- Moving from audio casting to webcasting of IDA Board meetings; and
- Creating of transcripts of testimony given at IDA public hearings.

These initiatives build on an earlier set of reforms put in place in 2010 which extended access to company-specific details for the life of a project’s agreement; provided data on the value of land sales with the city; and increased the availability of data on tax expenditures.

Subsidies See More Sunshine in NYC
By Elizabeth Bird
Erosion
Liberty Leading the People