



The Nevada Policy Research Institute

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New transparency website launched

The Nevada Policy Research Institute today announced the launch of a new website that will bring much needed oversight and transparency to Nevada's state and county governments. The site — www.TransparentNevada.com — is part of the Institute's ongoing efforts to make Silver State government more open and accountable to the taxpayers who fund it.

“As Nevada confronts significant fiscal and economic challenges, it is especially important today that Silver State citizens be able to see for themselves where and how their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent,” said NPRI President Sharon Rossie. “But behind the creation of this website is the Institute's commitment, as strong in good economic times as in bad, to the principle that government must always be open and accountable to the people.”

TransparentNevada.com allows visitors to search state and county government purchasing contracts, public employee salaries, lobbying expenditures, budgets and Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs). The site also features a blog for citizen comment and reporting, as well as links to government-transparency resources in states around the country. Even so, the site is scheduled for further, future expansion.

Rossie acknowledged the steps already taken by Gov. Jim Gibbons on the transparency issue, commending the governor's executive order, signed in March, calling for transparency in Silver State government. But, Rossie said, TransparentNevada.com will play a unique role in the broader transparency effort.

“There is simply no substitute for independent, non-governmental oversight of public financing,” she said. “NPRI is proud to provide this valuable service to Nevada citizens.”

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