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NPRI unveils enhanced transparency website

The Nevada Policy Research Institute today introduced a newly redesigned and improved version of TransparentNevada.com, a website devoted to providing Nevada taxpayers with crucial information on government financing.

"The enhancements to TransparentNevada will help ensure that Nevada's government will be open and accountable to those who fund it," said NPRI President Sharon Rossie. "With the Nevada Legislature passing a record-setting tax increase this year, it is especially important for citizens to know how government is spending their money."

The redesigned site now features 2008 public-employee salary data, links to the sources of that data and an enhanced search function that allows sorting by county, name and job title. The site also features information on Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for school districts, cities, counties and the state, as well as a blog, where citizens can learn of and discuss transparency efforts in Nevada and around the country.

TransparentNevada was first launched in September 2008, and has served as a unique source of government-financing information for thousands of citizens, journalists and elected officials. Rossie said that even with the new upgrades, further improvements are scheduled. In addition, several Nevada county governments have thus far refused to comply with requests for public records, and the site now features information on how citizens can contact elected officials and urge them to provide the data.

"NPRI is proud to offer independent oversight of government, but more needs to be done," Rossie said. "Last year, Governor Gibbons signed an Executive Order calling for the creation of a searchable database of state expenditures. His administration has not yet delivered on that promise, and the governor owes taxpayers access to this information."

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