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State of Arizona's Transparency Website Ranks Top-Five in the United States

Under the leadership of Governor Jan Brewer, and with the support of Arizona lawmakers, state agencies and community stakeholders, the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) launched Openbooks.az.gov, an award winning transparency website. The Arizona Public Interest Research Group (Arizona PIRG) announced that Openbooks.az.gov is one of the top five transparency websites in the nation. Arizona PIRG has assigned Arizona an overall grade of "A-" and credited the state's website with 92 out of a possible 100 overall points. The results have been published in a report entitled "Following the Money 2011: How the States Rank on Providing Online Access to Government Spending Data."

Openbooks.az.gov was developed by the ADOA General Accounting Office over a period of two years and launched in December of 2010. "This website pulls back the curtain on state spending, giving Arizonans the information they need to better judge how taxpayer dollars are being allocated," said Governor Jan Brewer. "I'm proud that Arizona OpenBooks is receiving the recognition it deserves."

Openbooks.az.gov allows taxpayers to view the revenues and expenditures of State of Arizona budget units. Users can view expenditures by fund, category, organization, transaction, company or person. The site also contains financial highlights and general information regarding Arizona State Government.

The report is available online at www.arizonaPIRG.org

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