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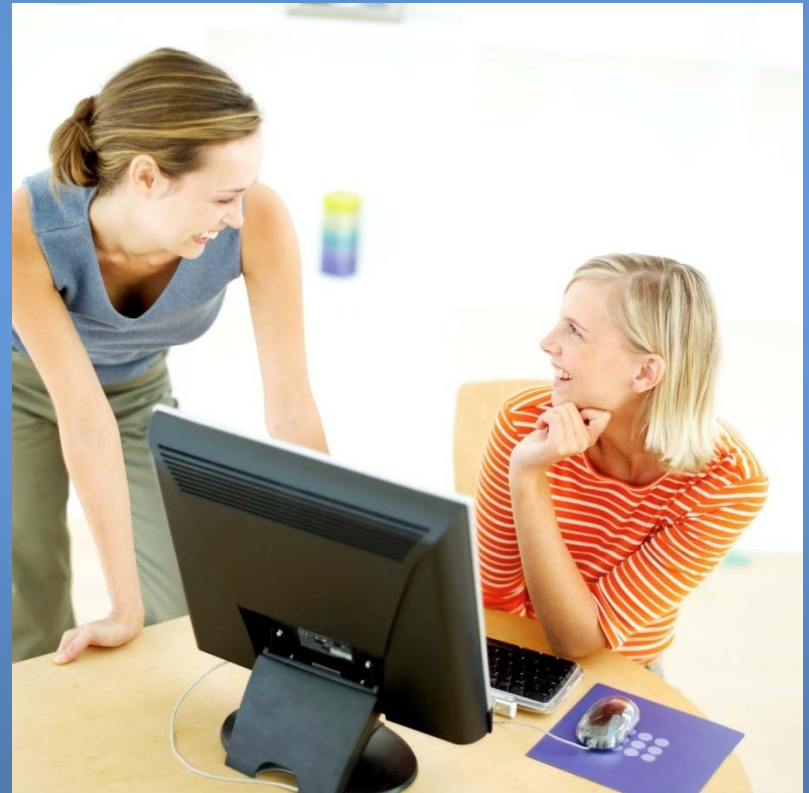
# Government Transparency

- A fundamental concept of **Government accountability and democracy**
- **Freedom of Information Acts**
- **Administration Procedures Acts**
- **Published Government Audits**
- **Etc.**



# What do we mean by Transparency?

- Citizens access to information
- To aid their understanding of government decision making process



# Why transparency?

- **Accountability**
- **Check against mismanagement and corruption**
- **Public confidence**
- **Informed citizens participation in process**

# Concerns

- **Privacy: needs and rights**
- **Public Order**
- **National Security**



# Financial Transparency

- **Allows citizens to see**
  - **How public funds are going to be spent**
  - **Invested**
  - **Explain the efficiency of public programs**



# NebraskaSpending.com

- **Enables citizens to access government spending via interactive web**
- **Clickable & Scrollable**
- **Non editorial**



# How we did it...

- **Internal Cost \$13,000**
- **State Records Board grant \$25,000**
  - Making available government information, electronically.
- **Intergovernmental partnerships- data sharing**



# The Project

- **“Most of the Data” is already available**
  - **Government reports**
    - **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**
    - **Annual Budget Report**
    - **The Budget- Legislative and Governor’s**
    - **Investment Report**
  - **Each agency annual report**

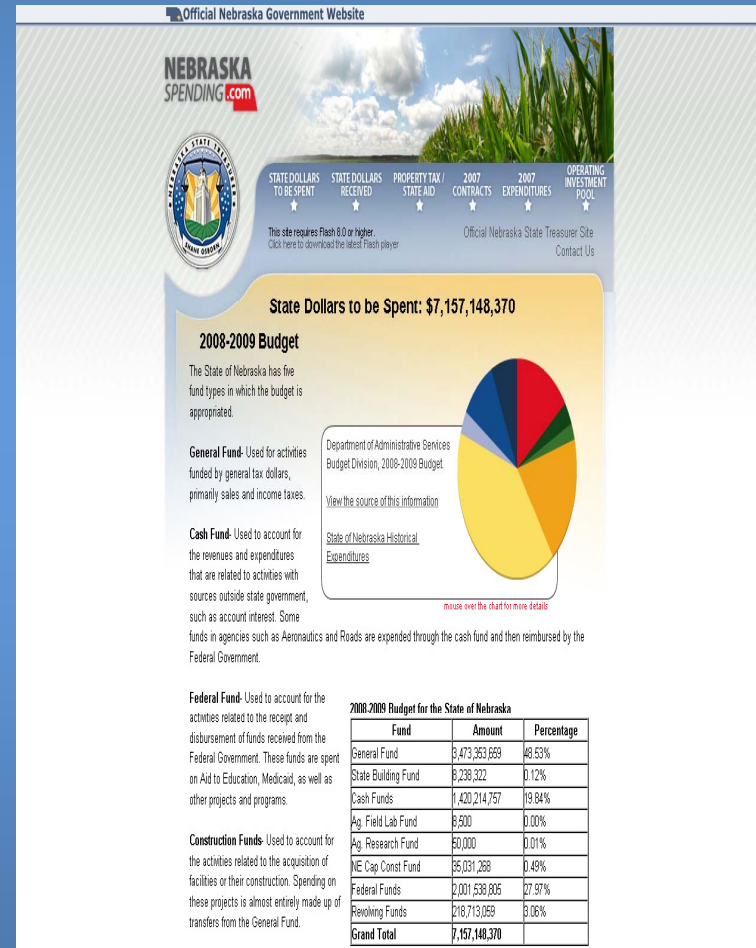
# These are HUGE documents!

- CAFR
- Annual Budget Report
- Budget document
- Invest Report



# How we put the site together

- Data Compilation
- Accuracy Check
- Data put in to web format
- Double check with State Agencies for privileged information



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# Other Great Sites

- Missouri-  
<http://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov/MAP/Portal/Default.aspx>
- Kansas-  
<http://www.kansas.gov/kanview/>
- Texas-  
<http://www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/expendlist/cashdri11.php>