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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads and Chief Financial Officers

FROM: Andrew T. Heath 
State Budget Director

RE: Budget Transparency Initiative

Session Law 2015-241 directed the establishment of a State budget transparency web site to provide user-friendly access to information on budget, actual expenditures and receipts, and vendor payments for all state agencies. The Office of State Budget and Management has been working with the Department of Information Technology's Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) on development of this site using existing statewide data sources. The site will be implemented in a phased approach with the first release occurring April 1, 2016, as mandated by session law.

In the coming weeks, we will be engaging agencies to assist with testing and validating the site to ensure data is being accurately displayed. We also require assistance from agencies in identifying any areas where information contained in vendor payment data may be protected from public records requirements under other state or federal law (such as, names of recipients of victims' compensation funds or taxpayer refunds).

To support this effort, we request that each agency designate a point of contact that will be responsible for working with OSBM on this effort. Please provide the name and contact information for your agency designee to Erin Matteson at erin.matteson@osbm.nc.gov by close of business on Monday, February 22.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in ensuring successful implementation of this new site.