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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads and Chief Financial Officers

FROM: Charles Perusse *Charles Perusse*  
State Budget Director

RE: Budget Transparency Initiative Update

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. In response to this requirement, the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) has been working with the Department of Information Technology's Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) on development of the OpenBudget website ([www.nc.gov/government/open-budget](http://www.nc.gov/government/open-budget)). OpenBudget first went live on April 1, 2016, with historical budget and expenditure data. The site will also contain information on grants and contracts and will ultimately replace the old NC OpenBook site.

For the next phase of this project, OSBM will be releasing vendor payment information for all agencies on the North Carolina Accounting System. Over the past few months, our office has been working with agencies to review and validate payment data and to screen for information that is potentially confidential. That review is complete, and the information will be available on the OpenBudget site on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. The purpose of this memo is to make you aware of this release in advance so that your agency can be prepared for any resulting questions from the public.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing assistance in ensuring successful implementation of this site. Please contact Erin Matteson at [erin.matteson@osbm.nc.gov](mailto:erin.matteson@osbm.nc.gov) if you have any questions.