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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads and Chief Financial Officers

FROM: Charles Perusse *Charles Perusse*
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Secretary of Administration

RE: Budget Transparency Initiative Update

Session Law 2015-241 directed the establishment of a state budget transparency website 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). This site is also intended to replace the old NC OpenBook site, which previously provided information on state grants and contracts.

OpenBudget first went live in April 2016 with historical budget and expenditure data. Grant and vendor payment information were subsequently added to the site. For the next phase of this project, we will be releasing state contract information on September 20, 2017. This release will include data from the Division of Purchase & Contract's Interactive Purchasing System (IPS) and the State Construction Office's Interscope system. Contract information from the Department of Information Technology and the Department of Transportation will be added in the coming months.

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. Please also be aware that the NCOpenBook site will be decommissioned once this information is released. Any links on your agency's website should be updated accordingly.

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