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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Department Heads and Chief Fiscal Officers  
State Departments, Agencies and Institutions

FROM: Charles Perusse *Charles Perusse*  
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RE: Update to NCGrants, CRIS, and NC OpenBook

Over the past year the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) has worked with the Department of Transportation to launch a new grants system, and the Department of Information Technology's Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) to develop the OpenBudget website. The development of the new grants system was intended to replace the old NCGrants and CRIS systems, and the development of the new OpenBudget website was intended to replace the old NC OpenBook website. Now that OSBM is finalizing implementation of the two new systems, **effective April 30, 2018, the old NCGrants, CRIS, and NC OpenBook websites will be shut down.** Important updates regarding the old NCGrants, CRIS, and OpenBudget sites are below.

**NCGrants/CRIS**

OSBM and DOT launched a new grants system on September 5, 2017 (<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/irj/portal>). All actions previously entered in the CRIS and NCGrants systems are now entered in the new system. Since the new system launch, the old NCGrants system has been available for existing users to log in and view historical information. Over the next couple of weeks, both the CRIS and NCGrants systems will be completely phased out and shut down. OSBM has downloaded all historical awards and payment information. Anything else that users would like to download will need to be completed before April 30, 2018. Any links on agencies' websites should also be updated accordingly.

**OpenBudget**

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 the requirement, OSBM worked with GDAC on the development of the OpenBudget website ([www.nc.gov/government/open-budget](http://www.nc.gov/government/open-budget)). OpenBudget first went live in April 2016 with historical budget and expenditure data. Awarded grant, vendor payment, and state contract information were subsequently added to the site.

Through the transition, the old NC OpenBook website has been kept live, however, over the next couple of weeks, it will be phased out and shut down. Should you need to access the old site, please do so by April 30, 2018. Any links on agencies' websites should also be updated accordingly.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing assistance in ensuring successful implementation of the new systems and websites. Please contact Erin Dickmeyer at [erin.dickmeyer@osbm.nc.gov](mailto:erin.dickmeyer@osbm.nc.gov) or Erin Matteson at [erin.matteson@osbm.nc.gov](mailto:erin.matteson@osbm.nc.gov) if you have any questions.