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**COMPTROLLER LEMBO EXPANDS “OPEN CONNECTICUT” TO
INCLUDE QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES AND FEDERAL
PROGRAMS**

Comptroller Kevin Lembo today announced that he has expanded “Open Connecticut” to include financial information on Connecticut’s quasi-public agencies and federal dollars.

Earlier this year, Lembo launched the “Open Connecticut” website – www.osc.ct.gov/openct -- to create an online hub of state financial data. The goal of the site is to simplify and centralize access to important information about the state budget and its financial future.

The site initially included links to information about the state budget, revenue, spending, borrowing, financial forecasts and tax breaks and exemptions. The site has now been expanded to include available financial reports on the state’s quasi-public agencies and federal financial information.

“Open Connecticut will never be complete – it will always remain a work in progress as we continue to find new ways to expand access to government data,” Lembo said. “Taxpayers deserve to know how their money is being invested, whether it is through a state agency, a quasi-public agency or at the federal and local levels. I plan to continue to work with others within state, local and federal government to build on these steps.”

Quasi-public agencies are independent government corporations that are created through legislation to perform a particular service or set of public functions. Connecticut’s quasi-public agencies are required to submit annual reports to the legislature, including a summary of their activities and financial information.

Open Connecticut now lists the state's quasi-public agencies with links to each of their annual financial reports and main web pages, where available.

The site has also expanded to include links to federal financial transparency resources. A link to www.federaltransparency.gov features federal spending initiatives, including data for the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act covering Hurricane Sandy and other programs. A link to www.usaspending.gov features data on federal contracts, grants, loans and other government spending.

The existing section on Open Connecticut for tax breaks and exemptions also includes a new link to an interactive map, hosted by the Department of Economic and Community Development, which displays the location of businesses receiving state assistance and other related information.

"I look forward to continue growing this site and other initiatives that bring Connecticut residents closer to government," Lembo said.

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