

**Treasurer of State – RFI for Transparency Technology Services – Questions & Answers (3/16/2015)**

**Q. Where does the State of Ohio envision the storage of the data? Cloud/on premises?**

*A. TOS is willing to consider all proposed solutions.*

**Q. What would your optimal model of data consumption be from local governments around the State of Ohio?**

*A. TOS is willing to consider all proposed solutions. At a minimum, local government checkbook level expenditure data is expected to be shared and posted.*

**Q. What does the extension model look like beyond just publishing checkbook level data for local government?**

*A. TOS is willing to consider all proposed solutions.*

**Q. Who will be responsible for program administration? What technical resources are being allocated to manage the program?**

*A. TOS is seeking firms to assist in program administration as detailed in the RFI. TOS may seek to leverage existing technical resources in furtherance of transparency initiatives.*

**Q. How does the State intend to automate data flow from municipal systems into a central transparency portal?**

*A. TOS is willing to consider all proposed solutions. TOS seeks to limit the level of effort required by participating local governments as much as possible.*

**Q. How is the State considering data standardization across municipalities?**

*A. TOS is seeking uniformity in the manner in which data is presented for each local government. TOS is working under the assumption that each local government shall maintain its unique chart of accounts.*

**Q. Is there an emphasis on cities, town, counties?**

*A. TOS hopes to partner with each of Ohio's more than 3,900 local governments to post their checkbook-level expenditures online in a user-friendly and accessible format.*

**Q. What level of effort will be required from participating municipalities?**

*A. Other than its willingness to partner, TOS seeks to limit the level of effort required by participating local governments as much as possible.*

**Q. Will municipalities be responsible for uploading their own data?**

*A. TOS is willing to consider all proposed solutions.*

**Q. What benchmarks for participation are you projecting in Y1, Y2, etc.?**

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**Q. What sort of historic look back is the State looking to provide?**

*A. As much as possible within reason. Currently, the state's online checkbook has historical data going back seven years.*