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**State of Oklahoma Adds New Chapter to the State's Official  
Financial Transparency Web Site,  
<http://www.OpenBooks.ok.gov>**

*Enhancements to Site Make It Even Easier for Oklahomans to Quickly Search and Find State Financial Information*

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – March 19, 2009 – The state of Oklahoma recently launched an enhanced version of OpenBooks, the state's official transparency Web site located at <http://www.openbooks.ok.gov>. The new version of OpenBooks features more robust search capabilities so residents can easily locate the state financial information they need.

Several enhancements to the existing OpenBooks search utility were made to increase the state's financial transparency. The new features include the ability for citizens to:

- Search education financial data by higher and non-higher education.
- View the current fiscal year and three prior fiscal years' (2006 – 2009) data for all state agencies.
- View expenditure and funding information at a lower level of detail for all agencies.
- View tax credits and search by taxpayer name, tax credit type or tax year.
- Search by salary type for all state agency payrolls.
- Search all vendors for the state of Oklahoma, rather than just by agency.
- Search vendors by name.
- View payments made to vendors where the total fiscal year expenditure processed through the Office of State Finance exceeds \$5,000 (the previous limit was \$25,000)

“Keeping Oklahoma’s transparency Web site updated to reflect changing data continues Oklahoma’s commitment to sharing information in the most efficient possible way”, said Michael Clingman, Director of the Oklahoma Office of State Finance.

Since launching in January 2008, there have been over 160,000 visits to the OpenBooks Web site. OpenBooks is a product of a partnership between the Oklahoma Office of State Finance and OK.gov, Oklahoma’s Official Web site managed by the eGovernment firm, NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV).

### **About the Oklahoma Office of State Finance**

The Office of State Finance is responsible for producing the Governor's Executive Budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, partnering in the implementation of the State of Oklahoma's Integrated Central Financial System (CORE), overseeing OneNet (Oklahoma government's largest Internet Service Provider) and managing OK.gov, the state's Internet portal. Additional information is available at <http://www.osf.ok.gov>.

### **About OK.gov**

OK.gov (<http://www.OK.gov>) built and manages the official Web site for the state of Oklahoma and partners with state and local entities to bring new government services online. OK.gov is managed by the Oklahoma Office of State Finance and eGovernment firm NIC (NASDAQ: EGOV).

### **About NIC**

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