OpenBook Wisconsin Website

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Website Highlights

- More than 25 million entries
- State operations payments made by state agencies, the legislature, the courts and the University of Wisconsin System
- Expenses for purchasing goods or services, travel and vendor payments
- Data detail looks similar to a credit card statement
- State law (part of 2011 Act 32) said website should show state operation expenditures that were more than \$100, but we have included expenditures of **any** amount.
- Expenditures listed by fiscal year from FY2008 through current month
- Information will be updated bi-weekly from state's accounting system
- Can search website database by state agency, expense (expenditure) category and vendor by fiscal year

Organization	OpenBook Wisconsin Content
State agencies	All expenditure data, including the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
Legislature	All expenditure data paid through the State's accounting system
Courts	All expenditure data for FY2008 – FY2011 (Courts data part of State's accounting system)
	Partial data for FY2012 and FY2013 (Courts on different accounting system starting in 2012; data being converted)
UW System	All expenditure data starting in FY2013 (UW System on different accounting system)
	Purchase card data to be included in the future

Note: information for the University of Wisconsin System and the and the courts is currently limited because they are on different accounting systems, but the remaining data will be converted and included in the coming months. The UW System expenditures will display FY2013 and future expenses.

Future Phases

We will be adding employee salary and fringe payments data for the State, University of Wisconsin, Legislature and the courts in the future. We will also be adding the grants that have been awarded, as well as the contracts that our state agencies have with vendors.

Employee salary and fringe benefits: website will include employees on central payroll including name, agency, class, gross pay, and year to date gross pay. Fringe benefits data will be provided in total, and not listed by individual employees to protect the confidentiality of their health care plan.

Grants made or contracts entered into: will include capital projects by fiscal year, as well as contracts by fiscal year.

Other Background

- **Data Security**: names of some state employees are not displayed to protect their safety and welfare, such as a domestic abuse victim. In addition, there are undercover officers in the Division of Criminal Investigation, and including their name would blow the agents' cover. These transactions have "Name withdrawn" listed for the vendor.
- Aids Payments: As directed by law, the website does not include aids payments to individuals, organizations, and local assistance payments.
- **Expenditure Adjustments**: only the original payment transaction is listed on the website any adjustments are not displayed.