



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BJ 2008 -2

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - TRANSPARENCY

- WHEREAS,** all government originates with the people;
- WHEREAS,** Article VII, Section 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana requires that, except for returns of taxpayers, reports, and records of the collection, expenditure, investment, and use of state money are public records;
- WHEREAS,** Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that no person shall be denied the right to observe the deliberations of public bodies and examine public documents, except in cases established by law ; #
- WHEREAS,** state government is the steward of taxpayer dollars that are to be spent for the common good;
- WHEREAS,** the public must have ready access to information as to how their dollars are spent. To do so requires transparency which allows the public to easily and clearly view where funds are allocated and expended. This transparency will foster accountability; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana has made strides to achieve accountability, but much work remains. Louisiana should follow the lead towards transparency and accountability being pursued in many other states.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: In order to assess the degree to which each agency is in compliance with the Louisiana Government Performance and Accountability Act (the Act) and the goals for transparency as set out in this Executive Order, I hereby direct the head of each department of the executive branch of state government to perform a survey and analysis of compliance with said act and goals.

SECTION 2: The commissioner of administration shall report the findings of the surveys and analysis to the governor. The commissioner shall at the same time submit to the governor recommendation to assure compliance with the Act and to attain the goals hereby established. The report and recommendations shall be submitted to the governor on or before April 15, 2008.

SECTION 3: To insure transparency and accountability in state government, I hereby establish the following goals:

1. Issue annual public reports online of all state grants and contracts by funding source, agency, parish, and type of service provided;
2. Improve public access to the current grant and contract databases to make it a state-of-the-art, easy to navigate resource that provides full disclosure of grants, contracts, and bond allocations of the state;
3. Improve transparency of Louisiana's regulatory process;
4. Facilitate interoperable systems that enable Information Technology projects to expand among agencies;
5. Create an online state spending database;
6. Redesign Louisiana government's web site with a focus on transparency;

SECTION 4: The commissioner of administration is hereby directed to perform such actions to implement policies and to take such other actions required to accomplish these goals.

SECTION 5:

This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 15th day of January, 2008.

/S/ Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE