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Indiana State Government Receives "A-" Grade from Transparency Rating Service

Efforts of State Auditor Tim Berry have made Indiana a national leader in government transparency

Indianapolis—Sunshine Review, an independent government transparency rating agency has once again identified the state of Indiana's web site (www.in.gov) as one of the best in the nation when it comes to openness in government.

A comprehensive review of the state web site may be found at: http://sunshinereview.org/index.php/Evaluation of Indiana state website

"During my time as auditor of state, I've made a pledge to Hoosiers that their government will be open and accessible," said Tim Berry. "I've kept this pledge, and our efforts are only just beginning. Citizens need to know that the government's business isn't being conducted in the shadows."

This year's grade is just an extension of the terrific reviews the Indiana Transparency Portal received last year. In fact, both Sunshine Review and Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), another non-profit organization dedicated to state and local transparency, graded Indiana's transparency portal an A-. In 2010, we were the only state to receive an 'A' from both major transparency reviewers.

The Indiana Transparency Portal may be found at: www.in.gov/itp.

Elected in 2006 as Indiana's 54^{th} State Auditor, Tim Berry serves as the state's chief financial officer. Prior to becoming state auditor, Berry served two terms as the Indiana State Treasurer. During his tenure in state government, Auditor Berry has consistently operated under budget and has returned hundreds of thousands of dollars back to Hoosier taxpayers.