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Taxpayers Utilize Resource to Track Their Tax Dollars.

As we continue to work on the state budget this week, I would like to talk about a system that is in place that allows you to track your tax dollars. The Missouri Accountability Portal (MAP) is an informational website launched during July, 2007. Since then, the site has expanded to allow easier access to the information taxpayers are interested in seeing. Recently, the success of the website became apparent as the site topped the six million hit mark.



The MAP site provides citizens in the state with valuable information about how their tax dollars are spent. Those visiting the site can track information about state agency expenditures, the distribution of economic development tax credits, and state employee pay information. The tool is free and works to make sure that state government is accountable to Missourians for every dollar we spend. It allows any and all Missourians to have easy access to this

important information on state spending.

Everyday, the MAP site is updated to reflect the most recent expenditures, allowing visitors to track their tax dollars in a timely fashion. Since launching the new Internet site last year there has been 6,165,727 hits to the MAP site. You can track your tax dollars by visiting the site at <http://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov>.

Taxpayers are enjoying the transparency the MAP site offers. It is one of the first comprehensive databases of financial records based on real-



time data in the nation. Users can search the MAP site by budget category, vendor, or contract. In addition, you can review state expenditures by state agency, get information regarding tax credits administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (since application year 2000), and get state employee salary information. The site also provides links to other public information maintained by the state.

Missouri has received national attention for the MAP site. Many have lauded the effort as a great use of technology that promotes openness and honesty within government. However, the most important aspect of this program is that Missourians are using this resource. In a society where the latest and greatest often come out on top, this site will help improve our services and provide more information to citizens of the state.

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As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459. You may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, or email me at: jcrowell@senate.mo.gov or visit me on the web at <http://www.senate.mo.gov/crowell>.

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