

ADAM ANDRZEJEWSKI – PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

What defines your leadership style?

I drive teams to dominate niche markets within perceived monopolies. Our team is comprised of people with laser focus, persistence, and a hard work ethic. We over-deliver on all promises.

What qualities do you most admire in a person?

Integrity, transparency, confidence and a sense of humor

What are your greatest strengths?

Focus, execution, work ethic, presentation skill, marketing

What is your greatest weakness?

Focus makes you narrow. I have to fight to keep expanding my world-view.

Where do you live?

Hinsdale, IL in the northern Illinois Chicago suburbs

Where are you from?

Herscher, IL in the central Illinois rural farm turf

What is your favorite leisure activity?

Spending time with my wife Kerry. Our favorite movies are romantic comedies. It's a welcome break from spotlighting taxpayer abuse!

What is your goal in life?

To leave a family legacy of faith, integrity and generational stability. To leave a public policy legacy of bringing transparency, accountability and smart government to my home state of Illinois and across America.

About Adam Andrzejewski

Adam Andrzejewski co-founded HomePages® directories in 1997. After nine years with 150 employees, sales grew to \$20 million. Today, HomePages® is the nation's largest publisher of community telephone directories. In 2010, Adam ran for Governor of Illinois in the Republican primary. Adam narrowly lost despite endorsement from Polish Solidarity founder, President Lech Walesa. In 2007, he founded For The Good of Illinois to educate, engage and empower citizens to demand transparency and accountability. Today, this mission continues nationally at American Transparency. Adam founded the transparency website, www.openthebooks.com, and launched it by posting the salaries and pensions of all 1 million Illinois public employees (2011). Today, OpenTheBooks.com is the world's largest private repository of public spending with 2.6 billion individually captured transactions from the federal government, 48/50 states and 36,000 local units of government across America. Andrzejewski's work has been repeatedly featured on The Wall Street Journal editorial page, USA Today, and in a column at Forbes Magazine. Adam is a contributor at Forbes. Adam lives in Hinsdale with his wife, Kerry, and three daughters. He enjoys playing the violin and chess, and ran his fifth Chicago marathon last fall.

Andrzejewski speaks to us today as a private citizen not the CEO of OpenTheBooks.com.