
From: Sandy Urbanek <sandy.urbanek1@wyo.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 7:42 PM
To: Jennifer McPherson
Cc: Mike Robinson; SAO Admin
Subject: Re: One last question

Good afternoon Ms. McPherson,

This email is in response to your August 25, 2017 request where you asked, "Would it be possible, moving forward from this point in time, to receive a copy of the data file that is put together for upload to the transparency site before it is purged every 90 days".

After consulting with our technology division, I must decline your request. The information you requested is published on our public transparency website for the purposed for which you are seeking a data file. In order for our office to publish the information on the public website, it takes a sizable level of manual effort to create the file and to load it to the public website, which is done twice a week immediately after a vendor payment cycle is run. In order for us to comply with your request, it would take time and human resources away from our statutory duties and responsibilities and would indeed impede our operations. The Wyoming Public Records Act specifies that an "agency shall not be required to compile data, extract data or create a new document to comply with an electronic record request if doing so would impair the agency's ability to discharge its duties." Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 16-4-202(d)(iii).

As a point of clarification, you may use the * sign as a wildcard in the vendor search criteria. By using the * sign, all payments made to state vendors in the last 90 days will be return to you . You do not need to know the specific vendors doing business with the state in order to do a query against the vendor transparency website.

Thanks,
Sandy

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On Fri, Aug 25, 2017 at 8:19 AM, Jennifer McPherson <Jennifer.McPherson@openthebooks.com> wrote:
Hello Sandy

I want to thank you for your time in explaining how the auditor's office process data for the transparency web site and why collecting data from last year would be a hindrance to productivity in your office.

I have one last question I forgot to ask when we talked yesterday.

Would it be possible, moving forward from this point in time, to receive a copy of the data file that is put together for upload to the transparency site before it is purged every 90 days. I would then be able to keep a running tabulation of the data for a year end total.

Thanks again for your time

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From: Sandy Urbanek <sandy.urbanek1@wyo.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Jennifer McPherson
Subject: Re: Checkbook data denial American Transparency

Ms. McPherson,

As I stated in my letter of June 29, 2017 addressed to Justin Kramer, American Transparency, the Wyoming State Auditor Office processes over 1.8 million payments to various vendor's doing business with the State of Wyoming. Our vendor files is over 150,000 vendors. As previously state, to comply with the request to provide an electronic copy of 'any' and 'all' vendor (transfer of property or services) payee payments for the year 2016 would be a daunting effort and would impair the State Auditor's Office's ability to discharge its duties to the citizens of Wyoming. The vendor payment records contain a great deal of protected information and would require a manual review to ensure that no confidential information was included.

The State Auditor's Office post the last 90 days of vendor payments on their website. You may access this information at the following link: <http://sao.wyo.gov/vendor-payments>

[Vendor Payments - State Auditor's Office](#)

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This is the Wyoming State Auditor's Office official web site.

Thanks,
Sandy

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On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 8:30 AM, SAO Admin <saoadmin@wyo.gov> wrote:

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From: **Jennifer McPherson** <Jennifer.McPherson@openthebooks.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 10:07 AM
Subject: RE: Checkbook data denial American Transparency
To: "SAOAdmin@wyo.gov" <SAOAdmin@wyo.gov>

Dear Ms. Urbanek

I understand that the Auditor's office has determined that the checkbook data request would be too cumbersome to produce. I am aware of the vendor search tool, however I would have to know the names of all vendors that do business with the state in order to look them up. Is there any data that the Auditor's office can provide for the year of 2016?

Thank you

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