

Arizona Transparency Presentation



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Transparency in Arizona

- A.R.S. § 41-725 Requirements
- Project Approach and Design
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- Confidentiality and Sensitivity
- New Law & Future Activity
- Key Transparency Concepts

A.R.S. § 41-725 Requirements

- Database of Statewide Revenues & Expenditures
- Data to be Downloadable & Searchable
- May be implemented in phases
 - First phase to be live on or before January 1, 2011
- Agencies are to cooperate with ADOA
 - Initial implementation
 - Ongoing data maintenance

Project Approach and Design

- **Phase I**
 - AFIS data
- **Phase II**
 - Details from other (DES, AHCCCS, etc.) systems
- **Phase III**
 - Purchasing Card and Travel Detail
- **Later Phases**
 - Universities and other enhancements

Project Approach and Design

- GAO Transparency Website is under development
- Modeled after Utah transparency website

www.utah.gov/transparency/

- Adapt to Arizona's needs

AZ Transparency Website Contents

- Statewide Revenues and Expenditures
 - Sorted by:
 - Category (Object, Source Group, Comptroller Object)
 - Fund
 - Vendor
 - Agency
- Potential changes to Chart of Accounts

AZ Transparency Website Contents

Displayed for Each Payment:

- Payment method
- Fund name
- Agency name
- Category (OBJ/Source Group/COBJ)
- Vendor (payee) name
- Effective date & fiscal year
- Transaction amount
- Batch and document info

AZ Transparency Website Contents

- Financial Highlights
- Quick Links (Procure.az.gov, AZrecovery.gov etc.)
- Resources & Links (Including Local Governments by January 1, 2013)
- FAQs & Help
- Disclaimers

AZ Transparency Website Contents

Will **NOT** display:

- Free form fields like: Invoice number, Transaction description, etc
- Vendor number
- Vendor address

The fact that data is not displayed does NOT mean it will not be collected and used at another time (statutory updates) or for other purposes (data warehouse).

Confidential Information

As specified by A.R.S. § 41-725

- Tax payments and refunds
- Personal information of those receiving State assistance
- Payees' addresses and phone numbers
- Information protected by attorney-client privilege
- Other information so designated by law

Sensitive Information

- While not specifically identified as confidential in § 41-725, perhaps not publishable
 - Matters involving potential litigation
 - Vendor Number
 - Will not include free form fields since data can't be controlled

Confidential and Sensitive Information

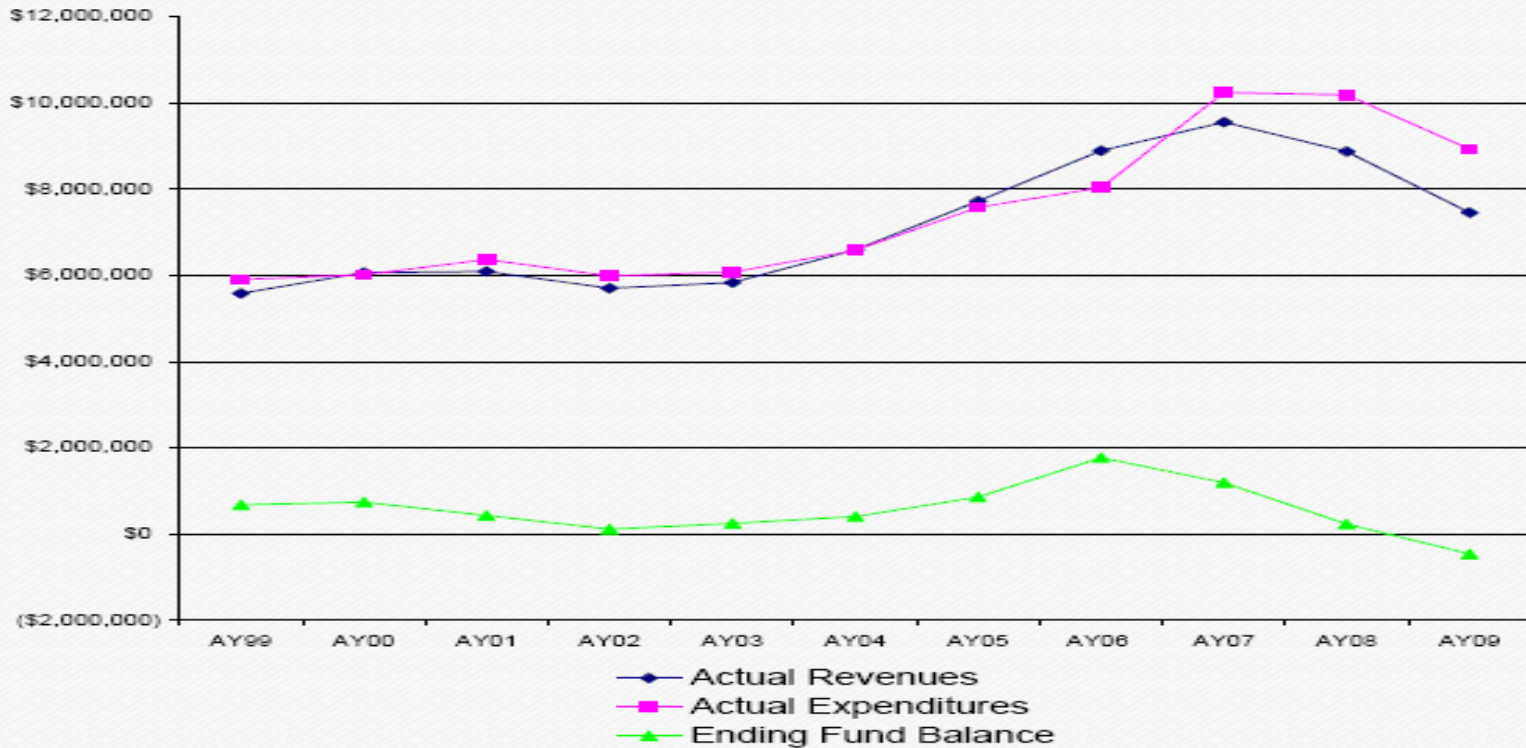
- GAO Technical Bulletin 10-03
- Form GAO-701A
 - Certification as to existence of confidential or sensitive information
- Form GAO-701B (to be published)
 - Identification of confidential or sensitive data
 - Citation or reason for confidentiality or sensitivity
- We want to know about confidentiality and sensitivity for all purposes, all fields, not merely the fields displayed by this project.

Benefits

- Enhance access to financial information
- May Minimize Public Information Requests
- Promotes Efficiency, Effectiveness and Accountability
- Managerial Tool

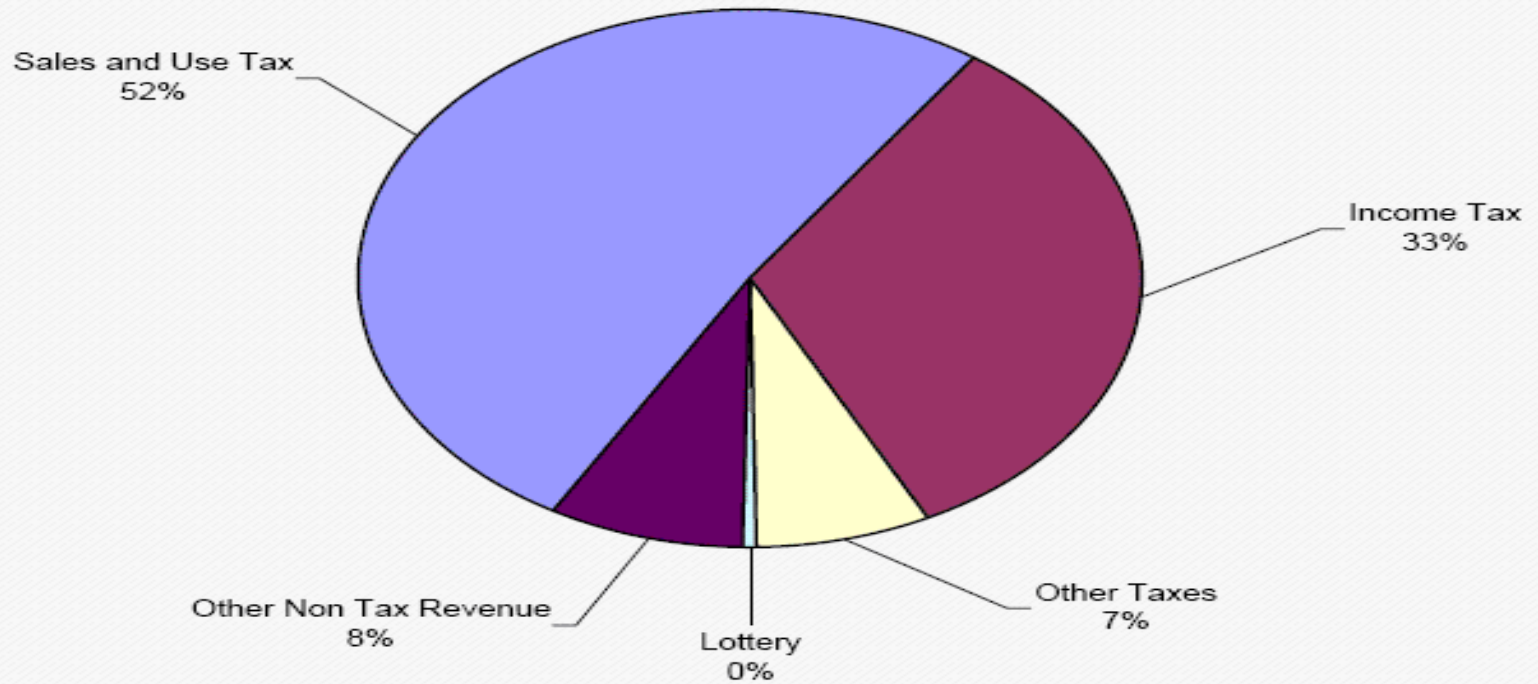
Examples of Financial Highlights

General Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Ending Fund Balance



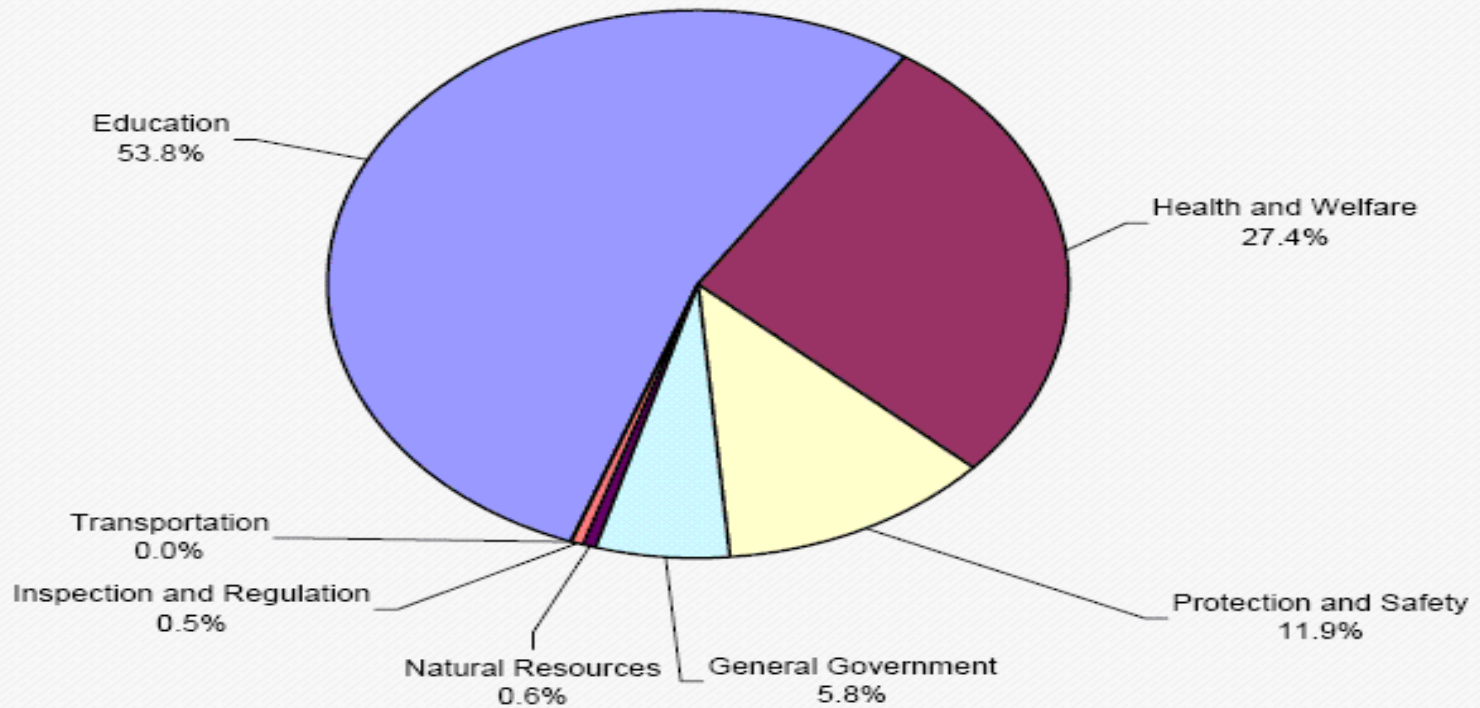
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FY09 Total General Fund Revenues: \$7,457,617 (in thousands)



Examples of Financial Highlights

FY09 Total General Fund Expenditures: \$8,926,669 (in thousands)



New Law & Future Activity

- Plan to work with Local Governments prior to January 1, 2013
- Initial Steps will be coordinated with representative organizations:
 - The League of Arizona Cities and Towns
 - Arizona Association of Counties
 - Arizona Association of School Business Officials
 - Etc.

Key Transparency Concepts

- Manage Expectations
- Information vs. Data
 - Context
 - Historical and Factual
 - Accuracy and Integrity-Speak Truth
 - Help Understand Government Organization
- Identify barriers to success early
- Incorporate Best Practices
- Continually Manage

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Questions?



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