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In accordance with the *Transparency in Government Act*, codified at Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-6-32, the Department of Audits and Accounts is responsible for collecting information on salaries and certain specific grant and contract payments which provide an indexed listing of federal pass-through money. We are also required to make the data available on a searchable website. To comply with the Act, the data collected will be published on the Open Georgia website (www.open.ga.gov) by January 1, 2017. Under the Act, all Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of state government and Local Boards of Education are required to submit data to be included in Open Georgia.

Please be aware of the timeline for collecting the data. The collection for salaries and travel data will open on July 11, 2016 and the deadline to submit is August 15, 2016. Collection for payments and obligations data (Audit History file) will open August 31, 2016, and the deadline to submit is October 1, 2016. Submitted data should only include activity for FY2016. The deadline to submit the Schedule of SPLOST Expenditures is December 15, 2016.

There are no changes regarding the submission of Transparency data for FY 2016. The file submission process and record layouts are the same as in previous years. If you should have questions, please email tigahelp@audits.ga.gov or call our helpline at 404-732-9100.

Respectfully,

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