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### **CGR Launches Cutting-Edge Web Tool for Tracking Government Spending**

*For individual state and local governments, Govistics™ shows amounts spent, where the money goes,  
and how peers measure up*

Rochester, NY – July 8, 2010 – The Center for Governmental Research (CGR) today launched Govistics™, a cutting-edge web tool that can be used to quickly access information on government spending for individual state and local governments across the U.S. The Govistics™ tool can be found at [www.govistics.com](http://www.govistics.com), and includes information on more than 38,800 state, county, city, town and village governments in the U.S.

“We’ve designed our tool to be user friendly, with a highly graphic interface, so that anyone, anywhere, at any time can quickly find out just how much their state or local government spends, what they spend it on, and how that spending stacks up against peer governments,” said Joseph Stefko Ph.D., CGR Director of Public Finance.

CGR offers a free version of the tool, known as Govistics™ Lite, and a more detailed paid version, Govistics™ Pro. “Our introductory pricing on the Pro version offers subscribers the choice of one day (\$4.49), 31 day (\$14.99) or 365 day (\$49.99) memberships. CGR will be adding additional information, starting with data on spending by individual school districts across the country, in the near future. As enhancements and new features are added they will be available to Govistics™ Pro subscribers whose accounts are active when the updates are released.

“We believe our tool has the power to revolutionize the way individuals, groups, communities, regions, and states track tax dollars,” said Stefko. “We’ve built Govistics™ using the 2010 release of U.S. Census of Government data, but the tool has been more than a year in development.” He pointed out that Govistics™ informs and empowers users through:

- Powerful search functions – that are broken down by community, level of government and spending type
- Innovative visualizations – that provide context and facilitate understanding

- Built-in peer comparison capability – that allow assessment of a government’s spending levels vs. peers’ spending.

“Our top goal is to inform and empower users,” noted Stefko. “Whether you’re a sophisticated user of government data, or a taxpayer wanting information on how your money is spent, Govistics™ is your best choice. It offers more detail on public expenditures than any other source.”

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***Editor’s Note:*** The Center for Governmental Research ([www.cgr.org](http://www.cgr.org)) is a nonpartisan and independent not-for-profit based in upstate New York, specializing in information management and implementation support for government.