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### Comptroller Indicates CTHRU Transparency System Launch was “Flawless”

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The Comptroller’s new open data/open records platform for spending and payroll went live yesterday. The new system, provides an open data dive into how taxpayer’s dollars are spent. It also provides an intuitive experience in reviewing spending data going back to fiscal year 2010 and payroll data back to calendar year 2010 through the present for most state agencies. The system is now publically available by accessing the Comptroller’s website at [www.mass.gov/comptroller](http://www.mass.gov/comptroller).

“The launch was flawless and we have now started to examine future expansion of the system to include retiree payments, tax credits, and authority and quasi-governmental spending among other data sets – so our transparency revolution has just begun” said Comptroller Tom Shack.

“I am enormously proud of our team’s effort to get this system up and running in less than seven months and the vast information and major cost savings the system will provide to the public. I am also grateful to our partners in the Baker–Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD), and the Massachusetts Office of Information Technology all of whom supported our effort at bringing a new business approach to IT system design and implementation here in Massachusetts state government” said Shack.

As just one example of this collaboration, working with the MOD and service provider [Socrata](#), dozens of improvements relative to accessibility for those with disabilities have been made in the testing phases and that effort will continue. Those improvements will benefit not only CTHRU users, but all users of the Socrata platform throughout the world. “This is a great benefit of getting away from the outdated customized legacy system model in favor of a single instance running in the ‘cloud’. When improvements are made for one subscriber, they are made for all which breaks down silos within and among the states and we are on the right path to making the system as accessible to as many users as possible” Shack continued.

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