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Oklahoma Increases Transparency Efforts

New Federal and State Datasets Available on Data.OK.gov

OKLAHOMA CITY – April 24, 2012 – <u>Data.OK.gov</u>, the state of Oklahoma's online data repository, recently integrated with the federal government's <u>Data.gov</u> site to provide new Oklahoma-specific federal datasets.

<u>Data.OK.gov</u> currently offers 215 datasets created by Oklahoma state agencies in addition to the 5,249 datasets now available from <u>Data.gov</u>. The seamless integration of the two sites is possible because both sites are hosted by Socrata, the Seattle-based company that provides the website's software-as-a-service (SaaS) open data platform.

"The additional access to federal data on Data.OK.gov increases the transparency of our state," said Secretary of Finance Preston Doerflinger. "It brings a level of openness and interactivity with government data that our citizens deserve. It lets them see for themselves where Oklahoma stands and where we rank in relation to other states."

The new federal and Oklahoma-specific federal datasets are located on Data.OK.gov under the Federated Domains subheading in the left navigation. The 'This Site Only' link provides Oklahoma-specific federal datasets and the 'explore.data.gov' link provides federal datasets.

"Locating data from the state and Data.gov portals can be cumbersome due to the abundance of data available," said Alex Pettit, State Chief Information Officer. "Now all data concerning Oklahoma, both state and federal, will be at our citizens' fingertips."

The datasets available on <u>Data.OK.gov</u> and <u>Data.gov</u> enable the public and media to utilize state and federal data in a variety of ways, including:

- View and download raw statistics
- Conduct research and analysis of datasets
- Build applications for use on websites
- · Embed charts, maps, and other data on websites and blogs
- Share data on Facebook, Twitter, Delicious, Digg, and through email

The state's new online data repository is a product of a partnership between the Oklahoma Office of State Finance, Socrata, a leading provider of open data services for federal, state and local governments, and OK.gov, Oklahoma's official website.

About Socrata

Socrata, Inc. provides turnkey Open Data solutions that dramatically increase data access and usability for constituents, while streamlining data publishing for government organizations. These cloud solutions also eliminate costly infrastructure, reduce custom development and can be implemented in days. For more information, please visit http://socrata.com.

About the Oklahoma Office of State Finance

The Office of State Finance is responsible for producing the Governor's Executive Budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, partnering in the implementation of the State of Oklahoma's Integrated Central Financial System (CORE), and managing OK.gov, the state's Internet portal. Additional information is available at http://www.osf.ok.gov.

About OK.gov

OK.gov is the official website of the state of Oklahoma and a collaborative effort between the Oklahoma Office of State Finance (OSF) and Oklahoma Interactive, LLC to help Oklahoma government entities web-enable their information services. OSF is responsible for OK.gov. Oklahoma Interactive operates, maintains, and markets OK.gov and is part of eGovernment firm NIC's (NASDAQ: EGOV) family of companies.