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To require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Funding Ac-
5 countability and Transparency Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FULL DISCLOSURE OF ENTITIES RECEIVING FED-**
7 **ERAL FUNDING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) WEBSITE.—Effective beginning January 1,
10 2007 and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Of-

1 fice of Management and Budget shall ensure the ex-
2 istence and operation of a single updated searchable
3 database website accessible by the public at no cost
4 that includes for each entity receiving Federal fund-
5 ing—

6 (A) the name of the entity;

7 (B) the amount of any Federal funds that
8 the entity has received in each of the last 10
9 fiscal years;

10 (C) an itemized breakdown of each trans-
11 action, including funding agency, program
12 source, and a description of the purpose of each
13 funding action;

14 (D) the location of the entity and primary
15 location of performance, including the city,
16 State, congressional district, and country;

17 (E) a unique identifier for each such entity
18 and parent entity, should the entity be owned
19 by another entity; and

20 (F) any other relevant information.

21 (2) INITIAL DATA.—Effective January 1, 2007,
22 the website shall include data for fiscal years 2006
23 and 2007.

24 (3) PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS.—Not later than
25 January 1, 2009, information required by this sec-

1 tion shall be posted on the website for fiscal years
2 1999 through 2005.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity”—

5 (A) includes—

6 (i) a corporation;

7 (ii) an association;

8 (iii) a partnership;

9 (iv) a limited liability company;

10 (v) a limited liability partnership;

11 (vi) any other legal business entity;

12 (vii) grantees, contractors, and, on
13 and after October 1, 2007, subgrantees
14 and subcontractors; and

15 (viii) any State or locality; and

16 (B) does not include—

17 (i) an individual recipient of Federal
18 assistance;

19 (ii) a Federal employee; or

20 (iii) a grant or contract of a nature
21 that could be reasonably expected to cause
22 damage to national security.

23 (2) FEDERAL FUNDING.—The term “federal
24 funding”—

1 (A) means Federal financial assistance and
2 expenditures that include grants, contracts,
3 subgrants, subcontracts, loans, awards and
4 other forms of financial assistance; and

5 (B) does not include credit card trans-
6 actions or minor purchases.

7 (3) SEARCHABLE DATABASE WEBSITE.—The
8 term “searchable database website” means a website
9 that allows the public to—

10 (A) search Federal funding by name of en-
11 tity, parent entity, or type of industry, geog-
12 raphy, including location of the entity and the
13 primary location of the performance, amounts
14 and types of federal funding, program sources,
15 type of activity being performed, time factors
16 such as fiscal years or multiple fiscal years, and
17 other relevant information; and

18 (B) download data included in subpara-
19 graph (A) including outcomes from searches.

20 (c) WEBSITE.—The database website established by
21 this section—

22 (1) shall not be considered in compliance if it
23 links to FPDS, Grants.gov or other existing websites
24 and databases, unless each of those sites has infor-
25 mation from all agencies and each category of infor-

1 information required to be itemized can be searched elec-
2 tronically by field in a single search;

3 (2) shall provide an opportunity for the public
4 to provide input about the utility of the site and rec-
5 ommendations for improvements; and

6 (3) shall be updated not later than 30 days
7 after the award of any assistance requiring a post-
8 ing.

9 (d) AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director of
10 OMB shall provide guidance to agency heads to ensure
11 compliance with this section.

12 (e) REPORT.—The Director of OMB shall annually
13 report to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
14 and Government Affairs and the House Committee on
15 Government Reform on implementation of the website that
16 shall include data about the usage and public feedback on
17 the utility of the site, including recommendations for im-
18 provements. The annual report shall be made publicly
19 available on the website.

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