



## MICHIGAN REPORT

### LAND POSTS SPENDING ONLINE

The Department of State will now post its quarterly spending on its website, Secretary of State Terri Land announced Wednesday. The report will include detailed listings of all payments made by the department, including contracts and employee travel.

“Government’s business is the people’s business,” Ms. Land said. “Taxpayers deserve full disclosure of how their dollars are used. That’s why we’re shining a spotlight on the department’s spending. Our goal is to provide meaningful, easily accessible information in a consistent format. We’re pleased to strengthen the connection between taxpayers and their government through technology.”

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy had requested posting of the information as part of its Show Michigan the Money Project. The conservative think tank is encouraging all state and local agencies to post its spending online.

“The office of Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has opened its books to Michigan taxpayers to an unprecedented degree for a state agency in Michigan,” said Kenneth Braun, the Mackinac Center policy analyst in charge of the project. “She’s placed online the department’s payments to the penny for everything from building leases to safety equipment.”

Attorney General Mike Cox has previously announced his department’s website includes more spending information and House Republicans have argued all state departments should provide more expenditure disclosure.