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The Authorities Budget Office Updates the Public Authority Datasets on OPEN NY

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The Authorities Budget Office (ABO) has completed its annual update of the public authority datasets for the OPEN NY database. This is an annual update of the public authority budgets, contracts and other economic development information. This update results in six years of public authority data being made available to the public.

In 2013, Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued an executive order requiring state agencies to catalogue data and take steps to make it public on the website: open.ny.gov. "Allowing the ABO to submit records to the OPEN NY website dramatically increases public access to one of our most valuable assets—data," stated ABO Director Jeffrey Pearlman.

Public authorities are required by Section 2800 of Public Authorities Law to submit annual reports to the ABO that includes, but not limited to, a schedule of the authorities' debt, a summary of financial information, salary and compensation for staff, and procurement contracts data.

The ABO, in collaboration with Open Data NY, has made this information available to the general public to download, sort, search and analyze. The datasets provide information for those authorities who certified their annual reports for fiscal years ending in 2011 – 2016 except for the IDA projects dataset, which provides data for fiscal years ending in 2009 – 2016. Since the datasets are updated annually, data that was revised and resubmitted by a public authority between updates may not be reflected.

The datasets are available at: <https://data.ny.gov/>. The Authorities Budget Office (ABO) was created as an independent office pursuant to Chapter 506 of the Laws of 2009 ("The Public Authorities Reform Act"). The mission of the Authorities Budget Office is to make public authorities more accountable and transparent, and to act in the public interest consistent with their intended purpose.

The records may also be found on the ABO website

<http://www.abo.ny.gov/publicauthoritydata/PublicAuthorityData.html>