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**ABO CELEBRATES 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH IMPROVED TRANSPARENCY FOR THE PUBLIC,  
POLICYMAKERS, AND AUTHORITIES**

**Announces New Website, Bi-Annual Newsletter, and Social Media Presence on X and LinkedIn**

**Releases Series of On-Demand PARIS Training Videos to Assist Public Authorities**

**Celebration Includes Congratulatory Video from Governor Hochul**

**Legislators Share Anniversary Video and *Times Union* Publishes Op-Ed by Former Governors Pataki  
and Paterson**

The Authorities Budget Office (ABO) is celebrating its [20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#), promoting more transparency and accessibility for the public and stakeholders. With a redesigned [website](#), bi-annual [newsletter](#) and social media presence on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#), the ABO is making more information available for New Yorkers. The ABO is also releasing a series of step-by-step PARIS training [videos](#) to help users navigate the antiquated and cumbersome data reporting system, and has recently published an update to the Local Authorities Economic Development [Database](#) that it launched last year.

A special message from Governor Hochul congratulating the ABO on its 20 years of outstanding service to the people of New York can be viewed [here](#). A celebratory video from Director Norkin, former Governor Paterson, legislators and stakeholders can be viewed [here](#).

“For 20 years, the ABO’s core mission has been accountability, transparency and integrity for New York’s myriad public authorities,” said ABO Director Joshua Norkin. “I am thrilled to lead the ABO into a new era by launching a series of tools to help the public and policy-makers better understand the public authority landscape and the work of the ABO, while also ensuring that public authorities have the tools they need to stay in compliance with the law.”

Highlights of the ABO 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary announcement include:

- The ABO launched its redesigned [website](#) in November, marking a significant step forward in the Office’s ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and accessibility. The new platform provides a more user-friendly experience for the public, government officials, and policymakers seeking information about New York’s public authorities, including financial data, governance practices, and compliance reports.
- The new PARIS training videos can be accessed on the ABO’s [YouTube channel](#). This video series is an on-demand resource that walks users page by page through the most commonly used reports in PARIS. The videos are an excellent addition to the reporting resources that are provided by the ABO.
- In January, the ABO updated the Local Authorities Economic Development [Database](#). The Local Authorities Economic Development Database is a searchable platform that transforms raw data in a visual way using graphs, charts, and maps. Published by the ABO, and updated annually, this database is comprised of Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and Local Development Corporation (LDC) projects receiving financial incentives.
- The ABO’s bi-annual newsletter, [the ABO Monitor](#), will serve as a repository of updates related to recent ABO projects as well as topical policy discussions.
- A [special commentary](#) in the Albany Times Union featured former Governors George Pataki and David Paterson opining on their shared history of public authority reform, highlighting the unique roots and rich history of the ABO.
- Other media highlights from the ABO’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary include Director Joshua Norkin’s [op-ed](#) in Empire Report and an [appearance](#) on David Lombardo’s Capitol Pressroom.

This announcement follows recent notable actions taken by the ABO. In January 2026, the ABO released a report on [the use of executive session](#) by public authorities along with a [one-page quick reference guide](#) to assist authorities in complying with the law. In October 2025, the ABO released a [special report](#) on compliance with website transparency requirements in conjunction with releasing [updated guidance](#). In September 2025, the ABO issued its [19<sup>th</sup> Annual Report](#) providing detailed information about public authorities across New York.

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