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COMPTROLLER LEMBO LAUNCHES “OpenPayroll” WITH REAL-TIME ACCESS TO STATE PAYROLL DATA

Comptroller Kevin Lembo today announced the launch of “OpenPayroll” – the latest expansion to the OpenConnecticut online portal that provides the public with real-time access to state financial information.

OpenPayroll will provide up-to-date compensation data for every state employee, including salaries and overtime pay. Until now, online state payroll data in Connecticut was updated only once annually. OpenPayroll will be updated bi-weekly to reflect the typical state employee pay cycle and provide the most current payroll data available. It will also allow more comprehensive search options to dig deeper into the data, as well as improved data export functions to aid in external analysis.

Lembo launched the “OpenConnecticut” website several years ago to simplify and centralize access to important information about state finances. The site has been expanded and improved several times over the years to deliver state spending and revenue data, checkbook-level state payment information, spending data on quasi-public agencies and now state payroll data.

OpenConnecticut and its related applications have been viewed over 100,000 times since the initial launch.

“OpenPayroll is an important addition to the OpenConnecticut portal that builds on my commitment to make Connecticut’s government the most open and transparent in the nation,” Lembo said. “In the flush of fake news offerings, OpenConnecticut continues to serve as an online oasis of data and facts where the public can get the most immediate and accurate state financial information.”

The latest payroll feature can be accessed directly at www.openpayroll.ct.gov. A link to the main OpenConnecticut page can also be accessed there, as well as through the Office of the State Comptroller's main page at www.osc.ct.gov.

OpenPayroll provides payroll information on state employees, including weekly pay rates, annual salary rates, overtime and other forms of pay. It also includes total fringe benefits costs for each employee (fringe includes health care and retirement benefits paid by the state on behalf of employees as well as catch-up payments to pay down unfunded liabilities).

In addition to providing total state payroll costs, users can search for information by agency, individual name and highest-paid employees.

“OpenConnecticut will never be complete – it will always remain a work in progress as we continue to find new ways to expand access to government data,” Lembo said. “I look forward to continue growing this site and other initiatives that bring Connecticut residents closer to government.”

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