

1. What is Transparency and what does MATA stand for?

“Transparency” and “MATA” are interchangeable terms referring to the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008 (MATA), passed by the 2008 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature (Section 27-104-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended). In response to the Transparency legislation, the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) has created a public access website to display state agency expenditures and other information beginning with Budget Year 2009.

2. Where can I get more information relating to the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008?

Visit the MMRS website to view additional information pertaining to the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act at

http://www.mmrs.state.ms.us/statewide_applications/Transparency/index.shtml

Other Related Links:

The Department of Finance and Administration Website

<http://www.dfa.state.ms.us/>

3. What is the web address of the Transparency website?

Transparency information is accessible via the web at:

<https://merlin.state.ms.us/merlin/merlin.nsf/Navigation?OpenForm&Home>.

4. Are a user name and password required to access the Transparency information?

No. A user name and password are not required for viewing Transparency data.

5. Who may I contact if I have questions?

Please contact the MMRS Call Center by phone at 601-359-1343 or by email at mash@dfa.ms.gov if you need assistance.