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## COMPTROLLER’S CHECKBOOK NYC APP WINS BEST OF NEW YORK CITY AWARD

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NEW YORK, N.Y. – Checkbook NYC, created by the Office of New York City Comptroller John Liu, was named “Best External Application” by Government Technology magazine at the 2013 Best of New York City Awards ceremony held last night at the New York Marriott in Brooklyn.

The web-based application, which can be accessed at [checkbooknyc.com](http://checkbooknyc.com), is a key part of Comptroller Liu’s commitment to financial transparency and cost savings. It allows New Yorkers to keep a close eye on government spending.

“Because of this initiative,” he said, “the public can easily see how their tax dollars are spent. Checkbook NYC helps curtail wasteful and improper spending of public money – and hopefully avoid squandering taxpayer dollars as happened with the massive 911 system contracts and the exorbitant CityTime contract. I thank the entire Government Technology team for recognizing the importance of this application to all New Yorkers.”

In presenting the award, Government Technology said, “More than a web site, [Checkbook NYC’s] components deliver unprecedented access to New York City’s finances.” In addition, they note the national implications of this innovative open-source project: “New York City has released the source code for Checkbook into the public domain so that other state, county, and local governments can leverage NYC’s investment for their own transparency initiatives.”

Comptroller Liu thanked and congratulated Deputy Comptroller Ari Hoffnung, Assistant Comptroller Michael Bott and the staff of the Comptroller’s Office of Information Technology for their hard work and dedication in “developing a web tool that is considered among the best in the nation.”

### **Background:**

Launch of Checkbook 2.0 makes NYC top in the nation for financial transparency, Jan. 23, 2013: <http://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/launch-of-checkbook-2-0-makes-nyc-top-in-the-nation-for-financial-transparency/>