






1. In the past five years in your state has:

	Increased Substantially	Increased slightly	Stayed about the same	Decreased slightly	Decreased substantially	No opinion / Do not know	Rating Average	Response Count
... the number of open government violations?	18.5% (10)	27.8% (15)	35.2% (19)	5.6% (3)	0.0% (0)	13.0% (7)	3.68	54
... government officials' understanding and compliance with open government requests?	3.8% (2)	48.1% (25)	19.2% (10)	5.8% (3)	13.5% (7)	9.6% (5)	3.26	52
answered question								54
skipped question								1

2. If you have seen a POSITIVE change in government officials' understanding of and compliance with open government requests, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question and proceed to question #3 if the change you saw was negative.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Increased awareness		48.4%	15
Increased interest in transparency		45.2%	14
Increased activism from citizens		54.8%	17
Increased assertiveness by media		45.2%	14
Other (please specify)		41.9%	13
		answered question	31
		skipped question	24

3. If you have seen a NEGATIVE change in government official's understanding of and compliance with open government requests, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question if you answered question #2.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Decreased interest		13.0%	3
Decreased interest in transparency		52.2%	12
Less activism from citizens		30.4%	7
Less assertiveness by media		47.8%	11
Other (please specify)		34.8%	8
answered question			23
skipped question			32





4. Can you describe a circumstance from your area that illustrates how the open government landscape has changed?

	Response Count
	40
answered question	40
skipped question	15





5. In the past five years in your state has:

	Increased Substantially	Increased slightly	Stayed about the same	Decreased slightly	Decreased substantially	No opinion / Do not know	Rating Average	Response Count
... the number of open government lawsuits filed by newspapers or other news organizations?	3.9% (2)	7.8% (4)	21.6% (11)	21.6% (11)	25.5% (13)	19.6% (10)	2.29	51
							answered question	51
							skipped question	4

6. If you have seen an INCREASE in the number of open government lawsuits filed in your state by newspapers or other news organizations, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question and proceed to question #6 if the change you saw was a decrease.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Frequent violations		40.0%	4
Increased interest in transparency		40.0%	4
More assertive news organizations		50.0%	5
Other (please specify)		40.0%	4
		answered question	10
		skipped question	45

7. If you have seen a DECREASE in the number of open government lawsuits filed in your state by newspapers or other news organizations, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question if you answered question #5.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of resources		92.3%	24
Decreased interest in open government / transparency		3.8%	1
Lack of media resolve / commitment		19.2%	5
Other (please specify)		15.4%	4
		answered question	26
		skipped question	29

8. In the past five years in your state has:

	Increased Substantially	Increased slightly	Stayed about the same	Decreased slightly	Decreased substantially	No opinion / Do not know	Rating Average	Response Count
... the number of open government lawsuits filed by individuals or other organizations besides news organizations?	12.0% (6)	34.0% (17)	26.0% (13)	4.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	24.0% (12)	3.71	50
answered question								50
skipped question								5


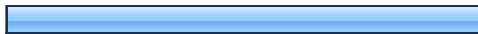

9. In the past five years in your state has:

	Increased substantially	Increased slightly	Stayed about the same	Decreased slightly	Decreased substantially	No opinion / Do not know	Rating Average	Response Count
... the number of open records requests made by professional journalists or news organizations?	8.0% (4)	18.0% (9)	38.0% (19)	14.0% (7)	4.0% (2)	18.0% (9)	3.15	50
... the number of open records requests made by private citizens or other non-media organizations?	28.9% (13)	24.4% (11)	17.8% (8)	2.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	26.7% (12)	4.09	45
answered question								50
skipped question								5

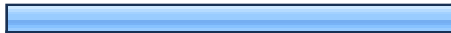

10. In the last five years has:

	Increased	Stayed the same	Decreased	No opinion / Do not know	Rating Average	Response Count
... citizen and media demands for more government openness, transparency and accountability?	68.0% (34)	20.0% (10)	8.0% (4)	4.0% (2)	2.63	50
answered question						50
skipped question						5

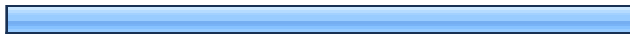



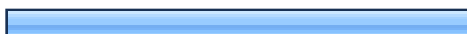
11. Does your organization have an FOI hotline that provides information, advice or legal assistance to citizens, journalists or other information seekers?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		56.9%	29
No		41.2%	21
No opinion / Do not know		2.0%	1
answered question			51
skipped question			4

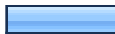
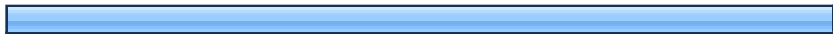


12. If you answered "no" to question #11, are you aware of a FOI hotline operated by anyone else in your state?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		38.9%	7
No		61.1%	11
No opinion / Do not know		0.0%	0
		answered question	18
		skipped question	37

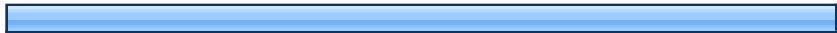



13. Who operates the FOI hotline in your state. (Check all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
My organization		54.8%	23
Another FOI group		7.1%	3
A bar association		2.4%	1
AG's office or other government entity		23.8%	10
Other (please specify)		40.5%	17
		answered question	42
		skipped question	13

**14. What best describes the maximum level of legal assistance offered by your state's hotline in most circumstances?
(Please choose only one):**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Direct representation in the form of counsel.		9.3%	4
Advice, guidance and information regarding access rights under the law.		72.1%	31
Referrals for legal counsel.		2.3%	1
Other (please specify)		16.3%	7
		answered question	43
		skipped question	12

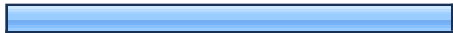


15. How are hotline queries and responses handled? (Check all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Email		72.5%	29
Website		22.5%	9
Telephone		82.5%	33
Other (please specify)		15.0%	6
answered question			40
skipped question			15



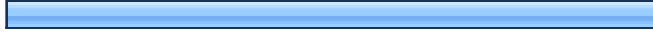



16. Regardless of who operates the hotline, or the method of contact:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Subpar	Poor	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
... how would you rate the FOI hotline's effectiveness?	29.5% (13)	43.2% (19)	15.9% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11.4% (5)	4.15	44
answered question								44
skipped question								11

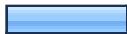





17. Is your coalition experiencing a decline in support because of financial problems with the media?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		38.8%	19
No		40.8%	20
No opinion / Do not know		20.4%	10
		answered question	49
		skipped question	6

18. If YES, how are the media's financial problems having an effect on your organization. (Check all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Decreased funding to spend on open government issues		78.3%	18
Decreased willingness to advocate vigorously		39.1%	9
Decreased willingness to sue		56.5%	13
Fewer journalists on staff making open records requests		60.9%	14
Fewer journalists on staff in general		73.9%	17
Less participation in your organization's efforts		56.5%	13
		answered question	23
		skipped question	32







19. In the past five years, has the membership of your coalition:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Increased substantially		10.2%	5
Increased slightly		24.5%	12
Stayed about the same		32.7%	16
Decreased slightly		12.2%	6
Decreased substantially		4.1%	2
No opinion / Do not know		16.3%	8
answered question			49
skipped question			6

20. In your opinion:












	Very Useful	Somewhat useful	Not very useful	Do not know / No opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
... a war chest that provided financial assistance to would-be litigants for meritorious FOI or open meeting lawsuits would be?	77.6% (38)	20.4% (10)	0.0% (0)	2.0% (1)	2.79	49
answered question						49
skipped question						6

21. Please choose the choice below that best describes your level of familiarity with the Knight FOI Fund, administered by NFOIC to help pay for court costs, filing fees and other expenses associated with lawsuits over nondisclosure or meeting access. (Choose only one. Select "Other" if none of the choices provided are accurate or adequately descriptive.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
The Knight Fund allowed our coalition or someone in our state to bring a case that might not have otherwise been possible.		14.0%	7
Our coalition or someone in our has state applied for a Knight Fund grant, but was unsuccessful.		8.0%	4
I am familiar with the Knight Fund. I have never used or recommended it, but I might in the future.		56.0%	28
I am familiar with the Knight Fund. I have never had an occasion to use or recommend it, and I do not anticipate doing so.		4.0%	2
I was not aware that the Knight Fund or anything like it existed.		12.0%	6
Other (please specify)		6.0%	3
		answered question	50
		skipped question	5

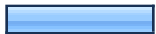

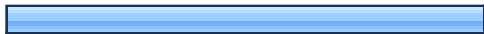


22. In which state is your coalition or member organization located?

		Response Percent	Response Count
AL	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
AK	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
AZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
AR	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
CA	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
CO	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2%	2
CT	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
DE	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2%	2
DC	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2%	2
FL	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2%	2
GA	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
HI		0.0%	0
ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
IL	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
IN	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
IA	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2%	2




KS		0.0%	0
KY		0.0%	0
LA		4.2%	2
ME		2.1%	1
MD		2.1%	1
MA		2.1%	1
MI		2.1%	1
MN		2.1%	1
MS		0.0%	0
MO		2.1%	1
MT		2.1%	1
NE		0.0%	0
NV		0.0%	0
NH		0.0%	0
NJ		6.3%	3
NM		2.1%	1
NY		2.1%	1
NC		0.0%	0
ND		0.0%	0

OH	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
OK	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
OR	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
PA	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2%	2
RI		0.0%	0
SC	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
SD	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
TN	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
TX	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
UT	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
VT		0.0%	0
VA	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
WA	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
WV		0.0%	0
WI	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
WY	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1%	1
answered question			48
skipped question			7

23. What is your title? Please select the most relevant option.

		Response Percent	Response Count
State coalition member		12.5%	6
State coalition board member		16.7%	8
State coalition Director / Executive Director		41.7%	20
MLRC Defense Counsel Section		2.1%	1
Other (please specify)		27.1%	13
		answered question	48
		skipped question	7

24. May we please have your contact information in the event we would like to follow up? This information will only be used for internal purposes.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		100.0%	44
Coalition/Organization:		95.5%	42
Email Address:		100.0%	44
Phone Number:		93.2%	41
answered question			44
skipped question			11

Page 1, Q2. If you have seen a POSITIVE change in government officials' understanding of and compliance with open government requests, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question and proceed to question #3 if the change you saw was negative.)

1	improved website and training by NYS Committee on Open Government	Aug 16, 2011 8:33 AM
2	initiative by attorney general	Aug 15, 2011 7:07 PM
3	Created new state agency to answer access questions	Aug 15, 2011 12:27 PM
4	supportive attorney general and courts, with exceptions	Aug 10, 2011 5:43 PM
5	significant changes to state's open records laws	Aug 10, 2011 9:36 AM

Page 1, Q2. If you have seen a POSITIVE change in government officials' understanding of and compliance with open government requests, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question and proceed to question #3 if the change you saw was negative.)

6	Increased awareness of the penalties for non-compliance	Aug 10, 2011 12:49 AM
7	Creation of new citizen organizations devoted to advocating more open government- strengthening o-g laws	Aug 9, 2011 2:51 PM
8	Fees imposed by courts	Aug 9, 2011 2:27 PM
9	A new law that shifts the burden of proof to those who want to keep records closed.	Aug 9, 2011 1:27 PM
10	IDOG seminars, improvements in laws	Aug 9, 2011 11:23 AM
11	high-profile corruption cases, change in administration	Aug 9, 2011 11:12 AM
12	Openness has become popular among officials, at least that's their posture	Aug 9, 2011 10:05 AM
13	trust in the Va. FOIA Council (government agency); lots of training opportunities	Aug 9, 2011 9:57 AM

Page 1, Q3. If you have seen a NEGATIVE change in government official's understanding of and compliance with open government requests, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question if you answered question #2.)

1	Less education of government employees and elected officials	Aug 15, 2011 8:25 PM
2	General tendency in society to trust government and favor privacy rights and fear of terrorists over fundamental democratic ideals. An overall lack of understanding of the intent and history of government.	Aug 15, 2011 7:57 PM
3	Turnover in govt.	Aug 15, 2011 3:03 PM
4	newly elected or appointed government officials with little knowledge or training in open government laws	Aug 15, 2011 1:45 PM
5	government budget cuts have reduced compliance	Aug 15, 2011 1:16 PM
6	Gov. Rick Scott's administration	Aug 9, 2011 4:27 PM
7	New Right to Know Law took effect 1/12009, drastically changing access and the rules of access.	Aug 9, 2011 1:52 PM
8	varies greatly by section of the state	Aug 9, 2011 10:06 AM

Page 1, Q4. Can you describe a circumstance from your area that illustrates how the open government landscape has changed?

1	a pro se plaintiff keeps making inroads in combatting open government violations by the City of Atlanta, formerly it would	Aug 16, 2011 8:53 AM
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Page 1, Q4. Can you describe a circumstance from your area that illustrates how the open government landscape has changed?

	have been the media who pushed these claims	
2	1) strengthening of enforcement provisions in both FOIL and Open Meetings Law; 2) numerous free continuing legal education (CLE) programs for state and municipal agency attorneys given by staff of Committee on Open Government; 3) vastly expanded content and use of Committee on Open Government website, which includes training video, thousands of legal opinions, etc.; 4) efforts to improve transparency by AG and Office of State Comptroller 5) profusion of online news media outlets, i.e., Patch, MainStreetConnect 6) continued reliance by courts on opinions of Committee on Open Government	Aug 16, 2011 8:33 AM
3	More elected officials are calling for openness.	Aug 15, 2011 9:14 PM
4	HB477	Aug 15, 2011 8:25 PM
5	With state budgets tightening, agencies are increasingly charging higher fees for public records	Aug 15, 2011 7:07 PM
6	Closed meetings, decisions made in exec session.	Aug 15, 2011 3:03 PM
7	We are receiving more citizen complaints that governmental leaders and officials are conducting government business on their personal smart phone devices, email accounts and via text messaging.	Aug 15, 2011 3:03 PM
8	increasingly, government officials are meeting behind closed doors and making decisions	Aug 15, 2011 1:45 PM
9	Recent court rulings have allowed law enforcement to with hold police reports until a case is adjudicated. The result is that in high profile cases, the media is unable to fully report on matters of grave importance to the citizens of the state or region.	Aug 15, 2011 1:24 PM
10	Judges, sensitive to local political pressures, are increasingly hostile to public record requests that impose compliance costs--searching for records, reviewing records for exemptions, copying records, etc.--on cash-strapped local governments. In some cases, judges have ordered the REQUESTERS to pay the government agency's legal fees.	Aug 15, 2011 1:16 PM
11	Have a state agency that can advise state and local records custodians and can informally mediate disputes and issue and publish advisory legal opinions.	Aug 15, 2011 12:27 PM
12	The increasing tendency of public bodies to charge excessive fees to the public has increased the past few years. Many public bodies view requests for public documents as an expensive inconvenience rather than a public duty as required by the law.	Aug 12, 2011 11:17 AM
13	The overall number of complaints we receive has remained about the same. However, the number of inquiries and complaints from non-media citizens has increased, especially among citizens I'd describe as fiscal or social conservatives.	Aug 12, 2011 9:03 AM

Page 1, Q4. Can you describe a circumstance from your area that illustrates how the open government landscape has changed?

14	I would say that in the approximately 10 years that I have been involved in open-government issues, the biggest positive change has been in the willingness of government officials to seek out training and the government associations (League of Cities, etc.) to offer it. However, it is a constant struggle to get the law enforced, and also a constant struggle to counter those who would argue there is no problem.	Aug 11, 2011 10:27 PM
15	Previous mayor (Fenty) of D.C. and his Attorney General had a very hostile attitude toward transparency: used shams to hide governmental activities, provided no support for FOI or Open Meetings efforts, opposed disclosures in administration.	Aug 10, 2011 9:08 PM
16	Gov. Scott Walker was sued (by me) for not promptly releasing emails he received from citizens in response to his anti-union initiatives. He argued that he needed to review each email for confidential information, but ended up releasing the emails en masse and posting a notice on his website that people who write him should know their emails may be made public.	Aug 10, 2011 5:43 PM
17	More legislative exemptions to disclosure and more judicial interpretations broadening FOIA exemptions	Aug 10, 2011 9:51 AM
18	2009 passage of broad open records law reform. 2008 passage of an appeals process for those denied access to government records.	Aug 10, 2011 9:36 AM
19	There are fewer watchdogs -- so you see government going back to its old habits -- holding closed door meetings on subjects that should be in public, signing contracts that are not fully released, etc.	Aug 10, 2011 7:47 AM
20	Government agencies and the organizations that represent them have been VERY active in the legislature, doing everything they can think of to weaken open government laws, reduce penalties, make it harder to sue for compliance, etc.	Aug 10, 2011 12:49 AM
21	Mandated training of elected officials	Aug 9, 2011 6:27 PM
22	There is a much diminished journalism presence in Alaska, which allows government officials to get away with much more than they did in the days when several outlets were more robust and more engaged.	Aug 9, 2011 6:01 PM
23	AG has ruled against openness.	Aug 9, 2011 4:45 PM
24	The Governor's flagrant noncompliance with some aspects of open government as well as receding from open government friendly policies that had been in effect for years (remaining "technically" compliant but still hindering access).	Aug 9, 2011 4:27 PM
25	On the city level, the new administration has demonstrated an increased interest in engaging in a participatory budgeting process, in which the government holds community discussions prior to finalizing the budget. Also, the new administration seems to be more compliant with open meetings and public records laws. On the state level, the legislature recently passed a legislative amendment that requires the evaluation of public contracts to be discussed in an	Aug 9, 2011 3:38 PM

Page 1, Q4. Can you describe a circumstance from your area that illustrates how the open government landscape has changed?

	open, public meeting. This was a signficiant accomplishment. Of course, there is still much room for improvement.	
26	The League of Women Voters, FOIA Project has held several FOIA Forums throughout the state, conducted a FOIA Audit and has created a "Citizens Guide to Open Government in DE". Delaware Coalition for Open Government has sponsored several Open Government events and filed several complains	Aug 9, 2011 2:51 PM
27	A change in the Vermont law that changes language in the law pertaining to attorney's fees from "may" to "shall ," a giant leap forward. Also, legislators are conducting hearings on each of the 235 exemptions to the open government statute with an eye toward reducing that number. On the negative side - judges are ruling against us in too many transparency cases.	Aug 9, 2011 2:49 PM
28	Police were arrogant about refusing to provide information on a missing persons case; media let them get away with it.	Aug 9, 2011 2:20 PM
29	Pennsylvania put new Right to Know Law into effect 1/12009, providing -- by law -- more access, but leading to much confusion in some areas. Loopholes and problems in the law have surfaced as cases make their way through the court system.	Aug 9, 2011 1:52 PM
30	Previously, only a few records in PA were considered open. Now we can get studies by the Department of Transportation; all state government contracts are online, and we have a free appeals process. That said, there's a backlash - bills have been before the legislature trying to close some of the newly-opened records as well as some records, such as teachers' addresses, that have never been closed before.	Aug 9, 2011 1:27 PM
31	In Elmhurst, Illinois IEPA SSO violations ignored for two years and only brought to light by citizen FOIA and pending lawsuit.	Aug 9, 2011 12:19 PM
32	County prosecutors are actually engaging officials in compliance with open meetings laws. More municipalities are offering more material on websites. More clerks are aware of OPRA regulations and complying.	Aug 9, 2011 12:01 PM
33	The new governor immediately issued an executive order limiting her administration's use of the executive privilege.	Aug 9, 2011 11:12 AM
34	County attorney brought charges against the chairwoman of a county cemetery district for blatant violations of the Open Meetings Act. A mayor pleaded "no contest" to Open Meetings Act violations. Prosecutors are more willing to pursue charges.	Aug 9, 2011 10:42 AM
35	The governor refused to provide the names of state employees who were allowed to work during a recent government shutdown.	Aug 9, 2011 10:41 AM
36	The Governor of Louisiana is responsible for legislation that severely restricts access to budgetary documents that used to be available. This survey addresses understanding and compliance with existing law. Our problem is that the law itself is more restrictive in this area. In Baton Rouge and New Orleans the newspapers are very aggressive in defense of	Aug 9, 2011 10:06 AM

Page 1, Q4. Can you describe a circumstance from your area that illustrates how the open government landscape has changed?

	access. This aggressiveness lags in other parts of the state where newspapers have suffered a serious decline in staff.	
37	No single incident, but the past two governors and attorney generals, all Republicans, have made open government major planks in their platform.	Aug 9, 2011 10:05 AM
38	I believe they realize newspapers are no longer going to take them to court over FOI violations.	Aug 9, 2011 9:59 AM
39	With so many people being elected to office for the first time, there has been a slight increase in violations, most resulting from ignorance of the pertinent open meetings/records laws. That said, I have not seen a significant amount of interest in the office holders being schooled in the law.	Aug 9, 2011 9:57 AM
40	We are making progress reaching government clerks/FOIA officers by focusing on records management, and how taking better care of their records makes responding to FOIA requests easier. I've also been contacted by several elected officials looking for ways to undo the culture of secrecy in their public bodies, and from candidates for office asking what parts of FOIA need fixing.	Aug 9, 2011 9:57 AM

Page 2, Q6. If you have seen an INCREASE in the number of open government lawsuits filed in your state by newspapers or other news organizations, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question and proceed to question #6 if the change you saw was a decrease.)

1	Improved enforcement provisions	Aug 16, 2011 8:57 AM
2	A couple or three active citizens filed several lawsuits against Palin administration, so that might show an increase in lawsuits.	Aug 9, 2011 6:04 PM
3	See previous responses	Aug 9, 2011 2:53 PM
4	Don't know	Aug 9, 2011 12:21 PM

Page 2, Q7. If you have seen a DECREASE in the number of open government lawsuits filed in your state by newspapers or other news organizations, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question if you answered question #5.)

1	Lack of cohesive media support networks	Aug 15, 2011 1:25 PM
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Page 2, Q7. If you have seen a DECREASE in the number of open government lawsuits filed in your state by newspapers or other news organizations, to what do you primarily attribute the change? (Check all that apply. Skip this question if you answered question #5.)

2	Media can no longer afford discretionary litigation.	Aug 15, 2011 1:19 PM
3	Better compliance with the law (though not by all)	Aug 9, 2011 11:24 AM
4	Staff cuts have also made them less aggressive	Aug 9, 2011 10:00 AM

Page 3, Q13. Who operates the FOI hotline in your state. (Check all that apply.)

1	Georgia Press Association	Aug 16, 2011 8:54 AM
2	SPJ	Aug 15, 2011 8:26 PM
3	individual lawyers give 10 minutes free advice	Aug 15, 2011 7:09 PM
4	Colo. Press Ass'n	Aug 15, 2011 3:06 PM
5	Colorado Press Association	Aug 15, 2011 1:47 PM
6	Michigan Press Association	Aug 15, 2011 1:26 PM
7	the state newspaper and broadcasters associations pay for one for their members	Aug 10, 2011 5:45 PM
8	State FOI Commission	Aug 10, 2011 9:55 AM
9	n/a	Aug 9, 2011 6:29 PM
10	Pennsylvania Newspaper Association	Aug 9, 2011 1:31 PM
11	My organization, but it's a listserv.	Aug 9, 2011 12:03 PM
12	Minnesota Newspaper Association	Aug 9, 2011 10:43 AM
13	Iowa Freedom of Information Council	Aug 9, 2011 10:25 AM
14	State Press Association	Aug 9, 2011 10:25 AM

Page 3, Q13. Who operates the FOI hotline in your state. (Check all that apply.)

15	Louisiana Press Association. The Coalition had a hotline but is now virtually out of operation. The LPA assumes the lobbying and hotline duties.	Aug 9, 2011 10:11 AM
16	Va. FOIA Council operates its own hotline, as does Va. Press Association	Aug 9, 2011 10:08 AM
17	Arkansas Press Association	Aug 9, 2011 10:01 AM

Page 3, Q14. What best describes the maximum level of legal assistance offered by your state's hotline in most circumstances? (Please choose only one):

1	legal guidance, in writing, which requesters can use in interaction with agencies.	Aug 15, 2011 1:22 PM
2	mediates and adjudicates FOIA disputes; defends decisions in court	Aug 10, 2011 9:55 AM
3	don't know	Aug 9, 2011 11:45 PM
4	n/a	Aug 9, 2011 6:29 PM
5	When asked, the AG's office will determine, investigate if a particular act is a FOIA violation and (when appropriate) take legal action	Aug 9, 2011 2:59 PM
6	not known	Aug 9, 2011 2:57 PM
7	We provide advice and guidance, but we will make referrals to legal counsel if asked	Aug 9, 2011 10:08 AM

Page 3, Q15. How are hotline queries and responses handled? (Check all that apply.)

1	Advisory legal opinions issued based on statutory authority	Aug 16, 2011 8:58 AM
2	In person	Aug 10, 2011 9:55 AM
3	don't know	Aug 9, 2011 11:45 PM

Page 3, Q15. How are hotline queries and responses handled? (Check all that apply.)

4	n/a	Aug 9, 2011 6:29 PM
5	Written requests	Aug 9, 2011 2:59 PM
6	Facebook/Twitter responses	Aug 9, 2011 10:08 AM

Page 5, Q21. Please choose the choice below that best describes your level of familiarity with the Knight FOI Fund, administered by NFOIC to help pay for court costs, filing fees and other expenses associated with lawsuits over nondisclosure or meeting access.

1	We are considering cases in which the Fund would be useful if not essential.	Aug 15, 2011 11:43 AM
2	don't know much about it yet	Aug 9, 2011 11:46 PM
3	Some money was given to us.	Aug 9, 2011 12:04 PM