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## **Platte Institute Awarded Grant for Government Transparency Work**

**(Omaha, Neb.)** Roger Lempke, executive director of the Platte Institute for Economic Research, announced today the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$77,600 from the Government Transparency Fund of Donors Capital Fund.

Receiving the grant will enable the Platte Institute to do detailed research on state and local government and school district transparency as well as enhancing court transparency, according to Lempke. There are plans for a two-day conference on government transparency, a first-of-its-kind endeavor in Nebraska. The ultimate goal from this funding will be to make transparency in government a topic of regular discussion in Nebraska, focus attention on current efforts, encourage cooperative dialogue among agencies and interested parties and lay out a plan for future growth.

“Nebraska excels in some areas of transparency in government, but can definitely improve in other areas,” said Lempke. “The grant provides the resources to further enhance the ability of Nebraska citizens to re view what government is doing.”

The Platte Institute began operations in November of 2007 to do rigorous academic research on issues effecting Nebraska’s economic landscape. The Platte Institute for Economic Research is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research and education organization whose mission is to advance alternatives that foster limited government, personal responsibility and free enterprise for Nebraska.

“This is a private grant with no ties to government and can only go to a privately funded think tank such as the Platte Institute,” said Lempke. “Though new, the Platte Institute is already tapping into resources that will help Nebraska chart a new course in economic growth.”

Donors Capital Fund is a philanthropic supporting organization associated with DonorsTrust. Both organizations were formed to promote liberty through limited government, personal responsibility, and free enterprise, and are designed to provide donors with a means of protecting and exercising their charitable intent through a variety of philanthropic services, including donor-advised funds.

For more information on the Platte Institute, visit their web site at [www.platteinstitute.org](http://www.platteinstitute.org).

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