Bond Users Clearinghouse

Providing public debt data and analysis to policy makers and the finance industry

Services

- Monthly bond data spreadsheets
- Quarterly newsletters that include a summary of bonds issued
- Two annual reports:
  - The Public Debt Report – *An Analysis of Bond and Other Debt Issues by Local and State Government*
  - The GO Report – *An Analysis of Local Government Outstanding General Obligation Debt*

Strategic Goal

Provide data and analysis of trends in the state’s bond market and local government indebtedness

Results and Achievements

- Automated entry of population data and assessed valuation data into the Bond Users Clearinghouse database.
- Took steps toward data sharing with the State Auditor’s Office, which will reduce local government reporting requirements.
- Local jurisdictions can make financial decisions based on solid data by comparing the costs of relevant debt issues.
- State-level policymakers receive easy-to-read data analysis that helps them track trends in municipal debt.
- The finance industry can draw on market data not available from other sources.

Statutory Authority

RCW 39.44.210 Bond Users Clearinghouse statute
WAC 365-130 Clearinghouse rules

Fast Facts

State agencies and local governments in Washington issued 359 bonds with a total value of $13.7 billion during 2012.

During 2012, state agencies and universities issued $5.7 billion and local governments issued $8.0 billion in bonds.

K-12 school districts in the state issued $1.9 billion during 2012.

Cities issued $1.4 billion during 2012.

Counties issued $1.0 billion in bonds during 2012.

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