

# Government Accountability Board

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## G.A.B. Publishes 2013-2015 Biennial Report

MADISON, WI – The Government Accountability Board has published its Biennial Report for 2013-2015, describing the agency’s performance and accomplishments over the past two years.

“Recently there has been a lot of talk about things the G.A.B. supposedly did not do, most of which is exaggerated or inaccurate,” said Judge Gerald C. Nichol, who chairs the nonpartisan board. “This Biennial Report gives the public a more complete picture of everything we have been doing to serve voters, local election officials, political committees and the lobbying community.”

Kevin Kennedy, director and general counsel of the G.A.B., said the agency has accomplished much in the past two years.

“Since 2013, the G.A.B. has made major improvements to our Eye on Lobbying website, made major improvements to the ways in which we communicate with our local election official partners, launched a new voter information website, improved the voter registration process, implemented redistricting maps, and conducted hundreds of accessibility surveys at polling places across the state,” Kennedy said. “This does not include the daily requirements of the agency such as regularly scheduled elections, monitoring disclosure and compliance of campaign finance, public official’s financial interests and lobbying within the state.”

Kennedy noted that the agency has been recognized for its outstanding work by several groups, including a top national ranking by the Pew Elections Performance Index, an award from Google for the agency’s delivery of online information to voters and acknowledgement of the G.A.B.’s continued service to persons with disabilities by Disability Rights Wisconsin.

The agency submitted its Biennial Report to the Governor and Legislature on October 15, 2015, as required by state statute.

The 2013-2015 Biennial Report is available at the G.A.B. website:  
<http://www.gab.wi.gov/publications/biennial-reports/2013-2015>

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The Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) is responsible for administration and enforcement of campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying laws in Wisconsin. The G.A.B. is made up of six non-partisan, former judges and is supported by an agency of non-partisan staff members.