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IBO Unveils Web Site Redesign, Launches Weblog “Hard Times, Easy Access to Information”

The New York City Independent Budget Office today unveiled a redesigned Web site and also launched a new Web feature, IBO’s Weblog. The new design makes it easier for visitors to navigate the Web site while the new Weblog enables IBO to present timely information on emerging budget issues.

“New Yorkers may be facing hard fiscal times, but we want to provide them with easier access to objective information and analysis of the city’s budget,” said IBO Director Ronnie Lowenstein. “Our new Web design makes it much easier to use the site to find reports and other data produced by IBO. And the Weblog provides a new outlet for presenting short and timely looks at important economic and fiscal issues.”

The improvements to the Web site and the launching of the Weblog are part of IBO’s ongoing effort to fulfill its City Charter-mandated mission to enhance New Yorkers understanding of the city budget and their ability to participate in the budget process. Our Web site continues to offer all of the reports, budget guides, public testimony, revenue and spending data, and other resources produced by IBO.

IBO’s initial Weblog posting looks at the potential savings in Medicaid spending for the city under the federal stimulus bill introduced in Congress yesterday.

IBO’s Web address remains www.ibo.nyc.ny.us. The Weblog is available through a link on our home page as well as through our RSS feed.