

DATA MANAGEMENT AND SHARING POLICIES

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SOS SYSTEMS

- Business Services
- Campaign Finance
- Elections
- Lobbying
- Office of Professional Regulation
- Safe at Home
- VSARA

Goal: Transparency for the Public

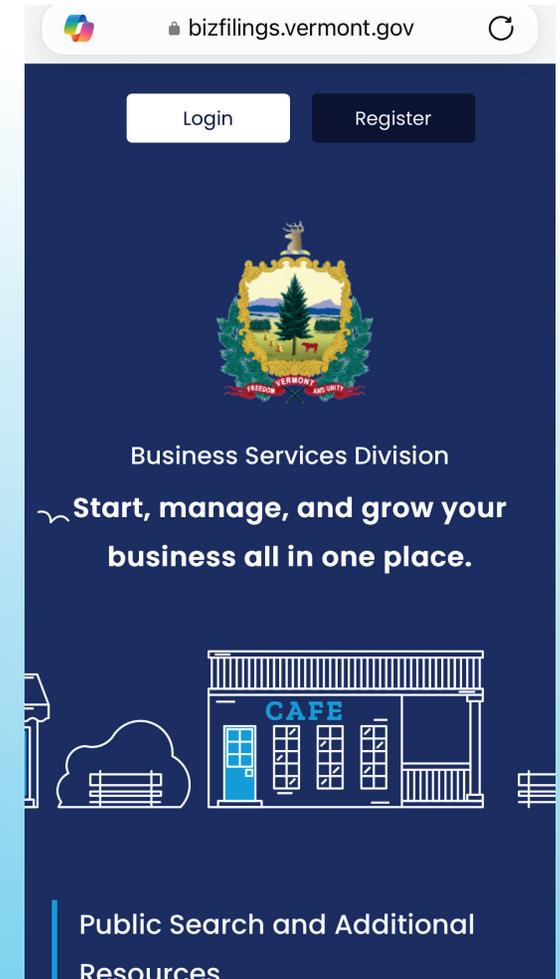


SOS SYSTEMS

System	Live Date	End of Contract	Approximate Cost
Business Services	12/15/2024	4/20/2030	3 Million (Implementation) 350,000 (Maintenance) 300,000 (Estimated Change Requests)
Campaign Finance	1/6/2025	12/3/2029	360,000 (Implementation) 20,000 (Maintenance) 150,000 (Estimated Change Requests)
Elections	5/ /2025	4/30/31	3,860,000 (Implementation) 610,200 (Maintenance)
Lobbying	1/2/2025	12/3/2029	630,000 (Implementation) 61,000 (Maintenance)
OPR	October 2017	12/13/2025 Currently in a Contract Extension RFI Responses Received, RFP will be issued Decision to be made: New System or Maintain Current System	3,000,000 – Virtusa (Implementation) 81,000 - Virtusa (Maintenance) 9,300,000 - BresaTech (Maintenance + Implementation) Approximately 5,000,000 – Pega (Software)
Safe at Home	2/20/2025	5/1/2030	96,000 (Implementation) 36,000 (Maintenance)
VSARA – VT Retain	2013	3/31/2026	63,000 (Implementation) 59,000 (Maintenance)

BUSINESS SERVICES

Security Level	High <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firewall• Geo Blocking
Key Partners	ReFrame Solutions and ADS
Types of Data	Businesses Registration Information, current and historic
Accessibility to the Public	The majority of the data is public-facing. A user can do a “bulk download” currently
Data available Upon Request	n/a
Data Feeds	In development



CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Security Level	High <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firewall• Geo Blocking
Key Partners	ReFrame and ADS
Types of Data	Candidate Disclosures (contact information, candidate and committee information, campaign expenditures and contributions)
Accessibility to the Public	Everything is public and searchable
Data available Upon Request	None

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM OF VERMONT

Vermont Secretary of State

Secretary Copeland Hanzas

Welcome to the Vermont Campaign Finance System

Ensuring the Integrity of the Elections Process and Our Public Officials

For Filing Purposes Only

Log in Register

ELECTION MANAGEMENT

Security Level	Highest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firewall • Geo Blocking • Pen Testing
Key Partners	ReFrame and ADS
Types of Data	Voter Data (Driver's license and/or last 4 SSN, address, DOB, and voting history), Candidate data, and Election results
Accessibility to the Public	Personal registration data; Who elected officials are
Data available Upon Request	Voter checklist under parameters (17 V.S.A. § 2154) Absentee ballot data Voter participation data
Data Feeds	Live feed of election night results fed to a stream on the website

vote.vermont.gov

Welcome to the Vermont Voter Portal

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

Make your voice heard. Register to vote today!

Enter your information to register or login. When logged in, you can view your:

- Voter registration status
- Absentee ballot requests
- Voter participation history
- Polling place information
- Municipal clerk information
- Elected officials listing
- Sample ballots
- Personalized Voter Guide
- And more!

LOBBYING INFORMATION

Security Level	High <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firewall• Geo Blocking
Key Partners	Stonewall and ADS
Types of Data	Lobbyist disclosures
Accessibility to the Public	Everything is public and searchable
Data available Upon Request	None

The screenshot shows the web browser address bar with the URL `lobbying.vermont.gov`. Below the address bar, there are two buttons: a blue "Log in" button and a green "Create New Registrant" button. The main content area is titled "Elections Division Lobbying" and includes a descriptive paragraph: "This is your location to register an entity, file reports, and search all information filed by lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and lobbying firms." Below this text, there is a "Statistics" section with three circular icons: "651 Lobbyists" (with a person icon), "714 Employers" (with a group of people icon), and "29 Firms" (with a group of people icon).

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION (OPR)

Security Level	Highest
Key Partners	Pega, Bresatech, and ADS
Types of Data	Occupational license applications and renewals (education data, SSN, criminal history); Unprofessional conduct complaints, investigations, and prosecutions (medical records)
Accessibility to the Public	Roster of regulated professions is available for download;
Data available Upon Request	Applications and renewals on request with redaction; publicly filed documents related to enforcement
Data Feeds	Limited Data Feeds now; In development

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Office of Professional Regulation in Vermont. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Vermont logo and the text "VERMONT". Below this, a dark blue banner contains text: "Before submitting your application, review the [profession website](#) for profession-specific requirements, FAQs, and instructions. General questions are answered on the [general FAQ page](#). Please allow 5 business days for processing before contacting the office. Updates are sent in real-time to the email address on file." Below the banner, there are three dark blue buttons: "FIND A PROFESSIONAL", "FILE AN UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMPLAINT", and "COURSE SEARCH". The main content area is titled "WELCOME TO OUR GUEST SERVICES." and features a "LOGIN TO ACCOUNT" section. This section includes input fields for "User ID" and "Password", both marked with an asterisk. There are icons for a user and a lock. Below the password field is a link for "Forgot User ID or Password". A prominent blue "LOGIN" button is at the bottom of the login section, with a "Create an account" link below it. At the very bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright © 2026 State of Vermont. All rights reserved. [Accessibility Policy](#) + [Privacy Policy](#)".

SAFE AT HOME

Security Level	Highest
Key Partners	ReFrame and ADS
Types of Data	Confidential contact information for participants
Accessibility to the Public	Not Accessible
Data available Upon Request	None



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VERMONT
The Secretary of State
Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program

SIGN IN

To Access Participant Portal

Registered Email

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Generate OTP](#)

Don't have an account? [Sign Up](#)

Learn more about Vermont's Safe At Home program:

The video thumbnail shows the text "Vermont Safe at Home Program" and "Vermont Secretary of State" at the top. Below that is a "Safe at Home" logo with a red play button icon overlaid on it.



Escape to weather.gov

VERMONT STATE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (VSARA)

Security Level	Medium
Key Partners	Preservica and ADS
Types of Data	Permanent archival state government records in digital format that are in VSARA's custody
Accessibility to the Public	Public portal of all documents that are not subject to PRA exemptions
Data available Upon Request	Public searches the portal; if not in the portal, then a typical request process is followed



What's Next: How Do We Budget?

*SOS has two special funds (SOS Fund & OPR Fund)

*Excess money from SOS fund is swept into General Fund

Most recent IT Builds

- The Business Services build was possible because SOS kept the money that otherwise would have been swept
- Elections builds where possible because of Federal Grant monies, but this is not a dependable revenue source
- OPR Fund is at a current deficit

Capital Fund!

- IT is expensive, all IT has a lifespan, and our IT systems are the “Front Door” for all divisions of our office
- Implementation is always the most expensive portion of an IT build.
- It is not possible to build a system with one Fiscal Year’s budget.
- Current systems are stable except for the OPR system
 - If we build a new system that is estimated to be at least 10 million dollars
- We need the ability to budget over years for planned IT spends; Capital Fund!