

### Ohio Secretary of State Campaign Finance Online Filing System

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ATGi was retained to develop the Secretary of State’s Campaign Online Filing System application to comply with recent legislation. ATGi conducted interviews with elected officials and campaign managers to better understand the user community’s needs. ATGi recommended that two parallel reporting systems were required:

- An installed client application would best serve high capacity filers who had low bandwidth connectivity.
- An online application would be desirable for all other filers.

Both filing applications communicated with a central backend processing database via web services. Either application interface could be used to file and update campaign finance records, with transactions being reconciled automatically by the central processing system. As both applications needed to work with the same data, a unified ORM layer was created which could be used both online in real-time or offline with periodic updates. ATGi developed the new website using ASP.NET, and built the client application using Windows Forms.

ATGi’s application improvements included the dynamic creation of filing reports based on entered data, overall improved ease-of-use in a totally redesigned user interface, improved transaction auditing and searching features.

The online filing application is in use today at:

<https://cfos.sos.state.oh.us>

