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PolitiFact® Moves North to Rhode Island

The Truth-O-Meter™ is heading north to Rhode Island, just in time for the 2010 elections.

Expanding its national network of affiliate sites, PolitiFact.com, the Pulitzer Prize-winning fact-checking Web site of the *St. Petersburg Times*, has launched PolitiFact Rhode Island in a partnership with *The Providence Journal*. The site can be accessed at www.politifact.com/rhode-island/.

“We know that the Truth-O-Meter works as well in state and local politics as it does at the national level,” said PolitiFact Editor Bill Adair. “There are some spirited campaigns in Rhode Island this year, so we know the meter will be busy.”

PolitiFact® Rhode Island has the same journalistic approach and reader-friendly design as PolitiFact. It is integrated with the national site and uses PolitiFact’s distinctive Truth-O-Meter to rate the accuracy of statements by public officials in the state.

Veteran *Providence Journal* editor Timothy S. Murphy is heading the PolitiFact Rhode Island team, which includes staff writers C. Eugene Emery Jr. and Cynthia Needham.

“Our expansion in Rhode Island continues the *St. Petersburg Times*’ commitment to PolitiFact as a superb form of accountability journalism that marries the power of the Web with old-fashioned shoe-leather reporting,” said *Times* Editor Neil Brown. The *Times* is offering affiliate opportunities to news organizations in other states as well.

The Rhode Island partnership is the fourth in a national network of affiliate sites. PolitiFact Georgia launched this month in a partnership with *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. PolitiFact Texas, a partnership with the *Austin American-Statesman*, and PolitiFact Florida, an expansion of the *Times* partnership with *The Miami Herald*, began earlier this year.

About PolitiFact

PolitiFact.com was launched in 2007 to fact-check the 2008 presidential campaign. In 2009, the site began fact-checking elected officials, lobbying groups, pundits and talk show hosts on issues such as climate change and health care. PolitiFact also launched the Obameter, a feature that tracks and rates more than 500 of President Barack Obama’s campaign promises. The site has received numerous awards, including the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting, the Digital Edge Award for Best Overall News Site from the Newspaper Association of America, a National Press Foundation award for online journalism, and a Knight Batten Award for Innovation in Journalism.