

Idaho Democratic Party

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Dishonest DC-Style Politics From IRP

Boise, Idaho—The Idaho Democratic Party has a contract to manage payroll services for the AJ Balukoff for Governor campaign. Why did the Idaho Republican Party issue a press release questioning a practice that is common in business, as well as in their own campaigns? Indeed, Gov. Otter's campaign used a similar approach to contracting out payroll services in 2010.

The IRP's new chairman has only lived in Idaho a couple of years after a long stint as a Washington, D.C., political operative. Sadly, it seems that he and Gov. Otter are working hard to bring that dishonest, Washington, D.C., style of politics to Idaho.

With the IDP contract, Balukoff is giving voters a fully transparent view of his campaign payroll. By contrast, GOP candidates use private contractors who provide a shield from transparency regarding the names and salaries of employees. IDP's contract has been carefully vetted by C.P.A.s, as well as compliance experts. We are fully confident in its legality.

The statement from the IRP seems to be part of an orchestrated smear campaign launched by Republican career politicians, and their lobbyist infrastructure, because they cannot defend Idaho's rank as last in income, last in education investment, and 2nd in minimum wage jobs.

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