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[Gov. Pawlenty earns "A" in state budgeting from Cato Institute](#)

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The conservative Cato Institute gave Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty an "A" in its scoring of the nation's governors and their state budgeting abilities.

Two other Republican governors, South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, also earned an "A."

One Democratic governor, Gov. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, also was awarded a top score.

Down the grading list was Mississippi Republican Gov. Haley Barbour, often seen, as Pawlenty, as a possible presidential candidate, who earned a "C."

Outgoing Wisconsin Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle was slapped with an "F" by the institute.

The institute looked at a budgeting period from 2008 to present in their scoring.

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