Background
Monmouth County in the State of New Jersey was looking at streamlining the New Jersey Department of Archives and Records Management (NJDARM) and reducing the recurring cost of managing paper records.

The Open Public Records Act (OPRA) went into effect in the State of New Jersey in 2001. Since that time, state and local governments have been committed to providing public citizens access to all records deemed "permanent and public." In 2002, Monmouth County, New Jersey was looking to streamline the NJ Department of Archives and Records Management (NJDARM) and reduce the recurring cost of managing paper records.

The Opportunity
The NJDARM houses most of the county's public records. Easy access to information in an efficient and timely manner is essential and facilitated by open government statutes. Sunrise Systems recognized the opportunity to create a Records Management solution module that would provide easy access to search and publish electronic records.

The Sunrise Business Solution
Sunrise Systems is a leading provider of technology, services and complete IT solutions for state and local government.

We developed Public Records Electronic Search System (PRESS), a unique tool to help entities publish any Tax, Property, Meeting Minutes, Appeals and Judgements records from one website. An efficient tool like PRESS reduces these recurring costs of managing paper records.

PRESS also assists government entities to comply with transparency and OPRA requirements.

Since 1990, we have been providing the states of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania with records management, public facing interfaces, cloud technology solutions, and custom application development. Since 2002, PRESS has been used in 4 New Jersey counties.

Technologies used
Since the tool is implemented online it simplifies Search and Retrieval of Tax and Property records to a huge degree. PRESS has an open interface with:

- MS-SharePoint and other ECM systems
- Interface to support online eGovernment services