Top State and Local Government Web Portals and Applications Awarded

Folsom, Calif. – After thorough examination and analysis, The Center for Digital Government has determined the winners of the 2006 Best of Web and Digital Government Achievement Awards. Winners will be acknowledged at the 10th Anniversary Awards Gala in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 22, 2006.

The Best of Web is an annual awards program that recognizes the most innovative, user-friendly state and local government portals. This national awards program judges state, city and county Web sites on their innovation, Web-delivery of public services, efficiency, economy, and functionality for improved citizen access.

The Digital Government Achievement Award is a national program that recognizes outstanding agency and department Web sites and applications that enhance information interactions, transactions and/or services. The categories include government-to-government, government-to-business, government-to-citizen, and government internal.

"Our 2006 awards showcase the best state and local government Web sites and on-line applications in the nation. These winners set the mark for delivering innovative, efficient and effective government services to all of their many constituencies," states Center Executive Vice President, Cathilea Robinett. "Congratulations to all winners in each category."

Visit the www.centerdigitalgov.com for additional information and a complete listing on winners, finalists and links to the winning sites.

2006 Best of the Web and Digital Government Achievement Awardees:

2006 BEST OF THE WEB AWARDS:

State Portal Category:
Places:
1st Place Michigan
2nd Place: Maine
3rd Place: Utah
4th Place: Virginia
5th Place: Arkansas

City Portal Category:
Places:
1st Place: Seattle, Washington
2nd Place: Tampa, Florida
3rd Place: Louisville, Kentucky
4th Place: Las Vegas, Nevada
5th Place: Corpus Christie, Texas
5th Place: Portland, Oregon

County Portal Category:
Places:
1st Place: Seminole County, Florida

2nd Place: Fulton County, Georgia
3rd Place: King County, Washington
4th Place: Sacramento County, California
5th Place: Douglas County, Colorado

2006 DIGITAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Government-to-government category:
Winners:
Systems Partnering In a Demographic Repository (SPIDeR), Commonwealth of Virginia
OakVideo, Oakland County, Michigan
Grants.gov, US Department of Health and Human Services
TexasOnline Vital Records Application, Texas
DCStat, Washington D. C.

Government-to-business category:
Winners:
State Treasurer's Electronic Trading, Oklahoma
Choosemaryland.org, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development
TankHelper, Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Dallas Online Applications & Inspections Portal, Dallas, Texas

Government-to-citizen Local government category:
Winners:
Aurora Connect, Aurora, Colorado
ParkFinder, Portland, Oregon
Mesh Network, Buffalo, Minnesota
Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, Arizona
Northwest Native Plant Landscaping Guide, King County, Washington Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Government-to-citizen State government category:
Winners:
Michigan eLibrary, Library of Michigan and Department of History, Arts and Libraries
On the Spot Renewal, Utah Department of Motor Vehicles
Mediator Profile Entry and Search, North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission
Bureau of Motor Vehicles Suite of Services, Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Arizona 2-1-1 Online, Arizona

Government internal category:
Winners:
Correspondence, Storage, Tracking and Response (CSTAR), California Department of Justice
Emergency Whiteboard, Seminole County, Florida

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