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Digital Government Achievement Award Winners Announced

Folsom, Calif. – The Center for Digital Government is proud to announce the winners of the 2005 Digital Government Achievement Awards (DGAA). This national program 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.

“Public agencies of all sizes and from all levels of governments are using digital tools to serve citizens in the digital age,” says Cathilea Robinett, executive director of the Center for Digital Government in observing this year’s winners. “The quality and quantity of interactions between citizens, business and their government has reached new levels of service.”

The DGAA is produced in conjunction with the Center’s annual Best of the Web (BOW) awards program. BOW recognizes the most innovative, user-friendly state and local government portals, while the DGAA showcases some of the nation’s most creative, advanced government Web sites and applications. The Center received more than 250 entries for the program this year.

Government-to-government category winners:

- National Institute of Health Library website (<http://nihlibrary.nih.gov>)
- Juvenile Justice Information System, Montgomery County, Md. (secure site)
- Minnesota Legislature Web site (www.leg.state.mn.us)
- Project Safe Neighborhoods Mapping and Analysis Program, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern Distr. of Penn. (secure site)
- Dashboard Services, Commonwealth of Virginia (multiple sites)
- Information System for Local Roads, Wisconsin DOT (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/wislr/index.htm>)

“What a wonderful honor it is to be recognized for our on-line achievements,” said Montgomery County Department of Technology Services Director Alisoun Moore. “We continually strive to make our government more accessible and convenient to the citizens we serve, and it’s nice to be recognized as a national leader in the field that enables us to do that.”

Government-to-business category winners:

- Survey Records System, San Diego County, Calif. (www.sdcdpw.org/srs)
- Web-Enabled File Management System, Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission (www.wcc.state.md.us/Online_Services_Overview.html)
- Business Tax Express, Montana DOR (<https://app.discoveringmontana.com/bustax/>)
- iMatchSkills, Oregon Employment Dept. (www.imatchskills.org)
- Electronic Regulatory Filing System, Wisconsin Public Service Commission (http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf_public/default.aspx)

“The City of Los Angeles is honored to be recognized for this distinguished award” said Thera Bradshaw, General Manager for City of Los Angeles, Information Technology Agency. “Our E-Democracy L.A.

initiative leverages technology to engage citizen participation and increase involvement in public decision-making processes for the residents and businesses of Los Angeles.”

Government-to-citizen City category winners:

- MyWichita, Wichita, Kan. (www.wichita.gov/mywichita)
- EPPD Commuter Info Center, El Paso, Texas (www.elpasotexas.gov/commute)
- E-Democracy, Los Angeles, Calif. (www.lacity.org)
- E-Volvement: North Portland Online, Portland, Ore. (www.portlandonline.com/northportland)
- Current Traffic Conditions and Hazards, City of Richmond, Va. (<http://eservices.ci.richmond.va.us/applications/traffic/trafficpage/TrafficPage.aspx>)

Government-to-citizen County category winners:

- Forest Preserve Picnic Permit System, Cook County, Ill. (<http://fpdcc.com>)
- Online Appraisal Values, Douglas County, Kan. (www.douglas-county.com/value/disclaimer.asp)
- e-Subscription, Montgomery County, Md. (<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>)
- Judicial Records Search, Denton County, Texas (<http://justice.dentoncounty.com>)
- What do I do with...? Web Site, King County, Wa. (www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/wdidw/index.asp)

“Douglas County Kansas is very proud to receive this award” said Jim Lawson, Information Technology Director of Douglas County, Kan. “We are always striving to make our Web site more beneficial for our citizens. Our goal is to continually expand the services that we offer our citizens in the future.

Government-to-citizen State category winners:

- Megan's Law on the Internet, California Dept. Of Justice (www.MegansLaw.ca.gov)
- Building Customer Relationships for Results, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources (www.dnr.maryland.gov)
- Unemployment Insurance for You, Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry (<https://app.mt.gov/ui4u/index>)
- License Point Of Sale, Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries (secure site)
- WiFrontDoorHousing, Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce (www.wifrontdoorhousing.org)

“When I heard that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources was an award winner in the Center for Digital Government's Web awards, I was very proud,” said Eugene Deems, Jr., eGov and Online Services Manager, Maryland Department of Natural Resources. “Our website, business model and our team, all focus on giving our customers the best online customer service. We believe our long-term success will be in building and nurturing these relationships with our customers. These efforts are laying the foundation for our customers to feel comfortable with and look forward to doing more business with us online.”

Government internal category winners:

- Information Exchange System, Georgia Dept. of Administrative Svcs. (secure site)
- Overland Park Intranet – OPNet, Overland Park, Kan. (www.opnetks.org)
- Critical Business Technology Assessment Program, Nevada (<http://doit.nv.gov/cbtap/>)
- Advanced Networking, Richardson, Texas (secure site)
- WeBudget, Nashville/Davidson County, Tenn. (secure site)
- Enterprise IT Training, Wisconsin Dept. of Administration (<http://training.state.wi.us>)

“The State of Wisconsin, like many states, is dealing with significant budget cuts. We're proud to offer an e-learning program that provides inexpensive yet extensive course offerings to staff working in all levels

of government. And we're especially proud when our efforts are acknowledged," said Prudy Stewart, Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Enterprise Technology.

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