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Digital Government's Finest Showcased by the Center for Digital Government

e.Republic's Center for Digital Government has announced the 2011 winners of its annual Best of the Web and Digital Government Achievement Awards.

In its 16th year, Best of the Web (BOW) recognizes outstanding government portals and websites based on innovation, functionality and efficiency. BOW first place winners are Arkansas (state), Seattle, (city) and Stearns County, Minn. (county).

The Digital Government Achievement Awards (DGAA) highlight outstanding agency and department websites and applications. Forty-three awards in six categories were given this year. "The goal of every government website is to provide online services and information to constituents," said Cathilea Robinett, executive director of the Center for Digital Government. "However, this year's winners have taken the power of the Web to the next level – combining clear communication, design aesthetic and easy navigation. Their foresight and leadership is creating unforeseen opportunities in government-to-citizen interaction and positioning the portal as a critical piece of public service delivery. The Center thanks them for their continuing innovation and congratulates them on their achievements!"

2011 BEST OF THE WEB AWARDS

State Portal Category:

1st Place: Arkansas
2nd Place: Utah
3rd Place: Indiana
4th Place: Rhode Island
5th Place: Texas

Finalists:

Alabama
Kansas
Michigan
Tennessee

City Portal Category:

1st Place: City of Seattle, Wash.
2nd Place: Louisville Metro Government, Ky.
3rd Place: City of Arvada, Colo.
4th Place: City of Riverside, Calif.
5th Place: City of Danville, Va.

Finalists:

City of Fort Collins, Colo.
City of Mesa, Ariz.
City of Raleigh, N.C.
City of Richmond, Va.
City of Tampa, Fla.

County Portal Category:

1st Place: Stearns County, Minn.
2nd Place: Oakland County, Mich.
3rd Place: Miami-Dade County, Fla.
4th Place: Pinellas County, Fla.
5th Place: Roanoke County, Va.

Finalists:

Clark County, Nev.
County of Alameda, Calif.
Fairfax County, Va.
King County, Wash.
Monroe County, N.Y.

2011 DIGITAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**Government-to-business category****Winners:**

Air Resources Board Equipment Registration System (ARBER), CalEPA
Maine One-Stop Background Check
Online Assistance System for Insurer Submittals (OASIS), California
Oregon ePermitting
The Automated Collection Enhancement System (ACES), California (secure tax system site)

Honorable Mention:

Utah Online Notary

Government-to-citizen City government category**Winners:**

CCMobile, Corpus Christi, TX
Citizen Participation in City Government via Keyword Alerts, Georgetown, TX
Data.Seattle.Gov
Mayor's Participation Action and Communication Team, Richmond, VA
Richmond Grows Gardens Online Permit Application

Government-to-citizen County government category**Winners:**

eTownHall, Pinellas County, FL
Mobile Touch, Oakland County, Mich.
My Bexar Community Dashboard, Bexar County, TX
My Waterworks Account Manager (MyWAM), Los Angeles County, CA
North Coastal and North Inland Region Video Interviewing, San Diego County, CA
Stearns County Sheriff Public Safety Services

Honorable Mention:

BAAQMD Website, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, CA

Government-to-citizen State and Federal government category

Winners:

Arkansas.gov Mobile Portal and Online Services Suite
Benefits.gov, U.S. Department of Labor
Michigan Bridges
Nebraska ClickDMV
Oregon Open Data (data.oregon.gov)
PA Compass
Utah Online Voter Registration

Honorable Mentions:

Crystal Cove EduGator, California
Montana Connections
Serving Californians Wirelessly Through the m.ca.gov Website

Government-to-government category

Winners:

Anonymous Wireless Address Matching for Travel Speeds, Houston TranStar
Boston Legislation Information Management System (LIMS)
California Courts Protective Order Registry
Clark County, NV Integrated Justice Information System (CC-IJIS)
Common Integrated Justice System (CIJS), Texas Conference of Urban Counties

Honorable Mentions:

GeoSpace - SOA Enabled Geospatial Infrastructure for Whole of Singapore Government (Intranet site)
Portage County, OH Enterprise-Wide GIS
Salt Lake City, UT Police Records Collaboration

Government internal category

Winners:

Centralized Transcription Services, California
Collaboration Breeds Success: California Web Refresh Effort
Data Center Consolidation and Relocation Project, California
HCDA Mobile Criminal History, Harris County, TX (secure site)
Snow Operations Map, Overland Park, KS

Honorable Mentions:

Employee Intranet Inside.Arveda.org, Arveda, CO (Intranet site)
Green Output Online Project (GO-Online), California

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