e.Republic's Center for Digital Government Announces Top Web Sites and Digital Achievement Awards

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Sept. 1, 2010 - e.Republic's Center for Digital Government has announced its 2010 Best of the Web and Digital Government Achievement Awards, tapping state and local governments across the U.S. who are tops in digital delivery.

In its 15th year, Best of the Web (BOW) recognizes outstanding government portals and websites based on their innovations, functionality and efficiencies. The five top Web portals of states, cities and counties were chosen and ranked. This year's first place winners in each category were California (state), Boston, Mass. (city) and Chesterfield County, Va. (county).

The Digital Government Achievement Awards (DGAA) recognize outstanding agency and department websites and projects at the application and infrastructure level. Fifty awards were given.

Cathilea Robinett, executive director of the Center for Digital Government, said: "The winners' innovative use of the Internet to continue delivering citizen services despite tight fiscal constraints is inspiring. This skilled use of the Web embodies the spirit of the Best of the Web awards and provides examples to state and local government leaders around the country on how to bring quality services to their citizens while containing costs. We applaud all of you for your creativity and your dedication."

2010 BEST OF THE WEB AWARDS

State Portal Category:

1st Place: California 2nd Place: Arkansas

3rd Place: Alabama 4th Place: Maine 5th Place: Kentucky Finalists: Michigan Rhode Island Tennessee Texas Vermont Virginia

City Portal Category: 1st Place: Boston, Mass. 2nd Place: Louisville Metro Government, Ky. 3rd Place: Fort Collins, Colo. 4th Place: Castle Rock, Colo. 5th Place: Coralville, Iowa Finalists: Chicago, Ill. Corpus Christi, Texas Riverside, Calif. Rochester, N.Y. San Diego, Calif.

County Portal Category: 1st Place: Chesterfield County, Va. 2nd Place: Pinellas County, Fla. 3rd Place: Oakland County, Mich. 4th Place: County of Maui, Hawaii 5th Place: Park County, Colo. Finalists: Alameda County, Calif. Collin County, Texas King County, Wash. Miami-Dade County, Fla. Monroe County, N.Y.

2010 DIGITAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Government-to-government category

CASA of Maricopa County, Ariz., Volunteer-centric Website Design Hawaii Electronic Bench Warrants Maine Recovery Act (ARRA)Electronic Reporting Solution Montana Roadside Citation ePayments Richmond Public Library (RPL) Debt Setoff System, Richmond, Va. State of Utah eWarrants Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Executive Dashboard

Government-to-citizen City government category

Automating Arizona's Airport of the Year – Falcon Field Airport, Mesa, Ariz. Citizen Dashboard for Bond and Capital Improvement Projects, Mesa, Ariz. City of Aurora Expenditure Transparency GreenRiverside.com, Riverside, Calif., Public Utilities Land Use Projects Parcel Mapper, Richmond, Va. NYC 311 Online

Government-to-citizen County government category

Ada County Sheriff's Office Internet Video Visitation System Destination Oakland Portal, Oakland County, Mich. HINI Flu Vaccine On-line Appointment Booking System, Montgomery County, Md. Martin County Beach Cam Map Yumacountyaz.gov – Video-on-Demand and LIVE Streaming Services

Government-to-citizen State government category

Colorado Tax Tracks Driver License Division Scheduler, Utah Montana Secretary of State's Candidate Filing MVD Online – The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division Website Tennessee General Assembly Website West Virginia Vehicle Registration System

Government-to-business category

Electronic Plans Submission and Review, Salt Lake City, Utah ChooseMaryland.org, Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development Maine TankSmart: Online Oil Storage Tank Search and Operator Training MyFloridaMarketPlace

Government internal category

CommonCents – Employee Budget Feedback Process, Richmond, Va. District Attorney's Digital Exhibits and 3-D Computer Animation, San Diego County, Calif. Oklahoma State Department of Health Step UP Performance Management System ProjectView, Danville, Va. Snohomish County Assessor's Contact Management System Virginia Interoperability Picture for Emergency Response (VIPER)

Visit <u>www.centerdigitalgov.com</u> for the full list of awardees.

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