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Nebraska.gov wins national Best of the Web awards

LINCOLN, Neb. – November 5, 2007– In September, the Center for Digital Government ranked Nebraska.gov as one of the top 10 state government Web sites in its 2007 Best of the Web competition. The Center also awarded Nebraska an honorable mention in its Digital Government Achievement Awards for the Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations Tracking System.

"We're pleased that the Nebraska state Web portal has received this prestigious recognition," said John Gale, secretary of state and chairman of the Nebraska State Records Board. "Our portal is an example of a first-class governmental online service that is easy to use."

The Center for Digital Government, an international research and advisory institute on the use of information technology in government, conducted the 2007 Best of the Web competition (http://www.centerdigitalgov.com/surveys.php?survey=cdg_bow). Now in its 11th year, Best of the Web evaluates government Web sites based on their innovation, Web-based delivery of public services, efficiency, economy and functionality. Representatives from the Center for Digital Government and officials from the 2006 Best of the Web-winning state and local governments served as judges for the 2007 competition.

The Nebraska State Agency Proposed Rules and Regulations Tracking and Email Notification System earned its Digital Government Achievement Award for multiple features. It combines a password protected interface for each agency involved in the adoption process, a secure archive for proposals no longer on the docket, a public interface with an online comments submission feature, and an email notification registration system, for users to create their own customized docket and track only the regulations they wish. The online docket has given the three State offices involved in the adoption process the ability to all view the same information, concurrently, in the same place. The creation of this cross-agency application has provided for operational efficiencies and enhanced governmental economy.

"The Center for Digital Government saw in our tracking system exactly what we set out to deliver – government that is responsive to its citizens, transparent and efficient," Gale said.

The 2007 Digital Government Achievement Awards recognizes outstanding agency and department Web sites and applications that enhance information interactions, transactions or services. The categories include government-to-government, government-to-business, government-to-citizen and government internal.

Since its launch in 1995, the Nebraska.gov web portal has served as the gateway for news and information about Nebraska state government. In those 12 years, the portal has seen six major redesigns—including the new Secretary of State Web site—, launched a wide variety of new features and added more than 150,000 pages of content.

Nebraska's state Web site boasts content including citizen alerts, a dynamic news page and live online customer service. In addition, the portal continues to provide simplified access to Nebraska's nearly 300 electronic government services 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

About Nebraska.gov

Nebraska.gov (http://www.Nebraska.gov) is managed and operated without tax funds through a public-private partnership between the state and Nebraska Interactive, the Lincoln-based official eGovernment partner for the state of Nebraska. Nebraska Interactive is a subsidiary of eGovernment firm NIC (Nasdaq: EGOV).

About NIC

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