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**Secretary Gale's office honored with national award**

LINCOLN – The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has honored Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale's office for an online application regarding tracking of proposed state rules and regulations.

NASS presented Gale's office with the first-ever IDEAS Award. The national award recognizes innovation, dedication, excellence and achievement in service in state member programming, as well as significant contributions to the mission of NASS.

Gale's office was honored for its creation of a state tracking and email notification system for proposed rules and regulations. NASS said this cross-agency application has yielded significant results in government economy through operational time savings in many areas.

"My office has brought the legal process of creating, amending and repealing regulations into the 21<sup>st</sup> century," Gale said.

"In a process that can be very lengthy, following up on every proposal manually could be challenging," he said. "Now, the three agency administrators involved in the regulation adoption process have a tool that will accomplish this for the public."

The online application was developed in partnership with Nebraska.gov, the state's official website.

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