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LINCOLN -- The second of three Civics Recognitions Awards has been presented by the Secretary of State's office to the Nebraska Radio Network (NRN). Brent Martin, news director, accepted the award today at the State Capitol on behalf of the NRN.

In his position, Martin reports on the legislature, state politics and elections.

"Nebraska Radio Network strives to inform voters not only about the candidates and issues they will face in the voting booth, but about how to insure their votes count through information about voter registration as well as early voting and Election Day regulations."

Gale said he selected Nebraska Radio Network because its news department presents unbiased and comprehensive coverage and presents both sides of a story well. "Besides making good use of our press releases on election deadlines and election rules to advise the public, Brent regularly requests interviews with our office to answer questions," said Gale.

Nebraska Radio Network is part of a five-state network holding company, Learfield Communications. There are affiliates in five states: Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin and South Carolina. Some of the stations served by the NRN include KLIN in Lincoln and KFAB in Omaha as well as radio stations in many other cities across Nebraska. In addition to providing news updates to those affiliates, the NRN also hosts a public website where listeners can find the latest news coverage and audio interviews.

"In short, we work through our 35 affiliates located throughout the state and on our website to help Nebraskans know what is at stake and how to make their voices heard," said Martin.

The Civics Recognition Award has been given by the Secretary of State's office since 2008 and serves to acknowledge those efforts by individuals, organizations and media outlets to educate, engage and encourage voter participation throughout Nebraska.

The Lincoln Journal Star and KOLN/KGIN TV are the other recipients of the 2012 Civics Recognition Awards.

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