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### **Outstanding Achievement in State IT: NASCIO Announces Finalists for 2009 Recognition Awards**

(Lexington, KY) – The National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) has selected 30 state IT initiatives in 10 categories as finalists for the **2009 Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Information Technology in State Government**. This year’s high quality of nominations shows that states continue to innovate and achieve great results, despite the difficult economic climate.

“State information technology best practices should be promoted and shared,” said Deputy Director of Information Technology, State of Oklahoma and NASCIO Awards Committee Co-Chair, Joe Fleckinger. “The Recognition Award program provides a showcase of innovative initiatives from across the nation and encourages state governments to continue to focus on efficiency, excellence and quality service to citizens.”

Celebrating its 21st consecutive year, the Recognition Awards Program features categories reflecting the wide range of IT projects currently under development within state government. Emphasis was placed on recognizing programs that exemplify best practices, support the public policy goals of state leaders, represent an innovative use of existing and new technology, assist government officials to efficiently execute their duties, provide cost-effective service to citizens and are transferable to other agencies or units of government.

“NASCIO’s Recognition Award program highlights leadership, innovation and collaboration,” stated Greg Wass, Chief Information Officer, State of Illinois and NASCIO Awards Committee Co-Chair. “Learning from the successes of our colleagues around the country, we can all reap the benefit of efficient business practices, quality information management, and sound technology policy.”

Thirty exemplary initiatives were chosen as finalists from 117 submissions by 31 states. NASCIO’s Awards committee, comprised of judges from NASCIO’s state and corporate members, selected the 2009 award finalists. Full submissions from all nominations are posted on NASCIO’s website at [www.nascio.org/awards](http://www.nascio.org/awards).

One initiative in each category will be honored as the award recipient during the State Dinner and Award Presentation at NASCIO’s Annual Conference on October 26 in Austin, Texas.

The following is a list of award finalists organized by category:

**Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery**

State of Illinois – Illinois National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS)  
State of Tennessee - Enterprise Storage, Backup/Recovery, and Tape Virtualization  
State of Utah - Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Across Government Boundaries

**Cross Boundary Collaboration & Partnerships**

State of Michigan - Government, Business and Academia collaboration to increase supply of graduating technology professionals, and promote economic growth  
Commonwealth of Virginia - University IT Internship Partnership  
State of Washington - Enhanced Driver License/Identification Card Project

**Data, Information & Knowledge Management**

State of New York - NYS Enhanced Drivers License - A Smart Way to Travel  
State of Texas - Revenue and Sales Reporting (RASR) Business Intelligence Platform  
Commonwealth of Virginia - Virginia Performs: Virginia's Performance Leadership and Accountability System

**Digital Government: G to B**

State of Michigan - Certificate of Need (CON) e-Serv  
State of Nebraska - Court Document E-filing  
State of Utah - On the Spot Renewal System and Highway Patrol Safety Inspections

**Digital Government: G to C**

State of Minnesota - Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Technology Initiative Project  
State of North Carolina - Integrated Voice Recognition System for Unemployment Insurance Initial and Continued Claims  
Commonwealth of Virginia - Virginia.gov Portal Widgets

### **Digital Government: G to G**

State of California - DCSS - California Child Support Automated System

State of Michigan - Michigan Standard Desktop Environment

State of North Carolina - Probation Officer's Dashboard

### **Enterprise IT Management Initiatives**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - IT Shared Services

State of Texas - Business Process Improvements Project at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

State of West Virginia - West Virginia IT Consolidation Program

### **ICT Innovations**

State of North Carolina - Wearable Inspection Grading Information Network System

State of South Dakota - Research, Education & Economic Development Network

State of Washington - Statewide Electronic Collision & Ticket Online Records (SECTOR)

### **Information Security & Privacy**

State of Maine - CERTS

State of Michigan - Secure Wireless LAN

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Commonwealth Application Certification & Accreditation (CA)<sup>2</sup>

### **IT Project & Portfolio Management**

State of California - How to transform from a Project Management Office to a Performance Management Office on a shoestring budget

State of Oklahoma - Information Technology and Telecommunications Application

Commonwealth of Virginia - Virginia Technology Portfolio 2.0

State government projects and initiatives from the member states, territories, and the District of Columbia were eligible to be nominated for these prestigious annual awards. Criteria for selection included a description of the business problem and solution, significance of the project to the improvement of the operation of government, and the benefits of the project.

NASCIO is the premier network and resource for state CIOs and a leading advocate for technology policy at all levels of government. NASCIO represents state chief information officers and information technology executives from the states, territories, and the District of Columbia. The primary state government members are senior officials who have executive level and statewide responsibility for information technology leadership. State officials who are involved in agency level information technology management may participate as state members. Representatives from other public sector and non-profit organizations may also participate as associate members. Private sector firms may join as corporate members and participate in the Corporate Leadership Council. For more information about NASCIO visit [www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org).

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