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E-permitting site wins 2011 Digital Government Achievement Award Oregon's open data website also honored

Salem, Oregon — Two State of Oregon websites received awards from the Center for Digital Government's 2011 Digital Government Achievement Awards Program, it was announced today. Oregon was honored with the Government to Citizen Award for its open data website, Data.Oregon.gov, and the Government to Business Award for the Oregon e-permitting website.

"Our goal is to move more government services online allowing the citizens of Oregon to engage and interact with the state from their home or place of business any day at any time. These two awards identify two of many examples where Oregon is transforming the way government works," said Dugan Petty, the State of Oregon Chief Information Officer.

The Data.Oregon.gov website lets visitors interact with state records, as well as create their own charts, graphs, calendars, and maps, and save them online. Visitors can even suggest new "datasets" for displaying information not yet available on the site. The site displays information in a wide range of datasets, including state agencies' expenditures, buildings leased by state government, salaries of state workers, state contracts with private businesses, and more than 150 others.

"The site is mobile enabled for modern smartphones," Petty said. "We are adding geo-location smartphone search capabilities for all datasets by October."

Oregon's e-permitting website, BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov, is the nation's first electronic statewide building permit system. Administered by the Department of Consumer and Business Services' Building Codes Division, the site enables customers to access building department services from multiple cities and counties in the state at a single website. E-permitting allows construction projects to move more quickly and efficiently, and it saves contractors time and money because they do not need to travel to and from building department offices. To date, more than 90,000 permit applications have been processed online through e-permitting. Online permits are available from 34 jurisdictions, and six jurisdictions now offer a full array of building department services, including electronic plan review and online inspection scheduling through the website. The goal is to provide

24/7 access for customers to apply for, pay, and receive building permits anywhere in the state.

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government. The organization will officially present the awards at its annual awards dinner on Sept. 16, 2011, in Hollywood, Calif.

For a complete list of winners, go to <http://www.centerdigitalgov.com/survey/88>.

Data.Oregon.gov website: <http://data.oregon.gov/>

E-permitting website: <http://buildingpermits.oregon.gov>