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National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council (eC3) to Recognize Outstanding State e-Government Projects at Annual Convention in Austin, Texas

WASHINGTON, DC – The ability of government agencies to keep up with technology in today's Web-centered society will serve as the focus of the 2007 National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council (eC3) Annual Convention in Austin, Texas on December 3-5, 2007, the organization announced today.

"When you talk about the Internet, you are really talking about how people are living their lives," eC3 President and North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall said. "Experts refer to this increasing reliance on the Internet as 'Web 2.0.' We are seeing people use the Web to manage everything from their jobs, to their banking and finances—even their health care. Government agencies cannot fail to relate to a growing population that is comfortable making big life decisions through Web-based communications."

Marshall added that this year's eC3 conference will bring together public and private sector leaders from across the country to explore the Web 2.0 phenomenon through topics such as delivering health and human services electronically, managing a multi-generational workforce in the digital age and identifying how government can play a role in Internet-based social networks.

The conference will also include sessions aimed at the eC3's core mission: to promote e-government advances through sharing best practices, lessons learned and real case studies from state and local government agencies. The organization stresses lowering barriers between government agencies and finding cost-effective ways to deliver more services.

eC3 also plans to recognize a number of state government agencies for their contributions to the organization's core mission with national awards, including:

The 2007 Award for Excellence in Administrative or Financial Transformation will be awarded to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Enterprise Invoice Management Services. This project consolidates contract management, reporting and billing activities between 13 state agencies and more than one thousand non-governmental organizations.

The 2007 Award Winning Project for Excellence in Using Technology for the Preservation of Information will be awarded to the State of Washington Digital Archives for its work to preserve original digital objects in perpetuity.

The 2007 Award for Excellence in Government Transformation Using Technology will be awarded to the California Department for HealthCare Services. The agency's California State On-Line Query provides real-time, immediate access to a range of federal and state government agency information, including client information to determine Medicare and Medicaid eligibility.

Major sponsors of the 2007 eC3 Annual Convention include Accenture, Microsoft, Oracle, Cisco, CGI-AMS, Computing System Innovations, ForeSee Results, The Hackett Group, KPMG, NACHA and InfoGraph.

National organizations represented by eC3 include the National Association of Secretaries of State, Association of Government Accountants, Information Technology Association of America, National Automated Cleaning House Association, National Association of Counties, National Association of Governmental Archives and Records Administrators, National Association of State Treasurers, National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the Public Technology Institute. For more information on the 2007 eC3 Annual Convention, please visit www.ec3.org. #####

The National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council (eC3) is a consortium of national organizations that includes public & private sector leaders committed to identifying best practices for strategic change within government. For more information, visit www.ec3.org.