

Third Consecutive Year: NIC State Partners Sweep the Top 5 Best State Websites in the U.S.

Maryland takes No. 1 spot for the first time in state history

OLATHE, Kan. - [NIC Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: [EGOV](#)), the dominant provider of digital government services, congratulates eight of its state government partners for being ranked as the best state government websites in the country - with NIC government partners sweeping the Top 5. This is the third consecutive year NIC state government partners took all of the Top 5 honors. The rankings were announced by the [Center for Digital Government](#) as part of its annual "[Best of the Web](#)" competition.

For the first time in the state's history, [Maryland](#) took top honors, ranking as the best state government website in the country. The official state website, <https://www.maryland.gov>, was recognized for its state-of-the-art Enterprise Widget Platform. This platform provides state agencies with centralized and standardized code allowing for rapid development and deployment of a variety of widgets. These widgets include NearYou, Online Services, Google Site Search and Header, which are available across state agencies expanding the state's open data platform.

Rounding out the Top 5 were [Utah](#) in second place, [Mississippi](#) in third place, [Texas](#) in fourth place, and [Indiana](#) and [Nebraska](#) tied for fifth place. NIC partner states [Iowa](#) and [Rhode Island](#) were recognized as finalists.

"Congratulations to our state government partners and our team in Maryland for taking top honors in this year's Best of the Web competition," said Harry Herington, NIC's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. "For nearly 25 years our company has focused on making government more accessible for constituents. I applaud Maryland's success in finding new ways to quickly deploy important digital government services."

The [Center for Digital Government](#) is an international research and advisory institute on the use of information technology in government. The Best of the Web Awards will be presented September 30, 2016 in New Orleans.

About NIC

Founded in 1992, NIC (NASDAQ: EGOV) is the nation's leading provider of innovative digital government solutions and secure payment processing, which help make government more accessible to everyone through technology. The family of NIC companies provides digital government solutions for more than 4,500 federal, state, and local agencies in the United States. Forbes has named NIC as one of the "100 Best Small Companies in America" six times and the company has been included four times on the Barron's 400 Index. Additional information is available at <https://www.egov.com>.

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