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### **OK.gov and Oklahoma Department of Public Safety's Municipal Court Reporting System Wins Innovator of the Year**

*Online system reduces error rates and saves state dollars*

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.** - March 14, 2008 - The Oklahoma Municipal Court Reporting System, a collaborative effort between the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and OK.gov, was recognized as an Innovator of the Year at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Journal Record award ceremony.

The online system allows Oklahoma municipal courts to report traffic conviction to DPS, which mandated by Federal law beginning in October 2008 must be entered within 10 days of conviction. Prior to the Municipal Court Reporting System, municipal courts entered all information through a paper intensive process which resulted in high error rates and slow completion. The reporting tool eliminates paper usage, time constraints and decreased the high error rates associated with the paper process from 10 – 15% to 1 – 4%.

"The creation of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Web site by OK.gov for the use by all Oklahoma Municipal Court Clerks has been of enormous benefit to our agency," stated DPS Commissioner, Kevin Ward. "The technology now used to expediently receive accurate driver license convictions and suspensions has dramatically reduced the previous high error rate and allows these convictions to be entered on a driver's record in a timely manner."

DPS estimates an average savings of \$12,000 a year in printing, mailing and shipping. In addition, DPS is now processing about 3,500 citations a month through the system, which allows for an estimated 60 full time employee hours saved. This provides about a \$9,500 dollars savings each year in employee hours.

The Oklahoma Municipal Court Reporting System is a product of a partnership between DPS and OK.gov, Oklahoma's Official Web site managed by the eGovernment firm, NIC Inc. (Nasdaq: EGOV).

#### **About DPS**

DPS is a multi-service safety and law enforcement organization dedicated to equally and objectively provides service and protection, upholding the laws and Constitutions of the United States and the state of Oklahoma. For additional information, visit [www.dps.state.ok.us](http://www.dps.state.ok.us).

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**About OK.gov**

OK.gov ([www.OK.gov](http://www.OK.gov)) built and manages the official Web site for the state of Oklahoma and partners with state and local entities to bring new government services online. OK.gov is managed by the Oklahoma Office of State Finance and eGovernment firm NIC Inc.

**About NIC**

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