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Oklahoma Governor's Online Appointments Suite Wins National Award

Gubernatorial Appointee Application Gains Prestige from the Digital Government Achievement Awards

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – September 11, 2013 – <u>Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin's</u> <u>Appointments Suite of Services</u> was one of three recipients presented with the award for Driving Digital Government in the State government category by the <u>Digital Government</u> <u>Achievement Awards (DGAA)</u>.

The DGAA announced 2013 winners in the international competition that recognizes outstanding United States and international government agency and department Web sites and projects at the application and infrastructure level. The Driving Digital Government Award is presented to those who use technology to re-conceptualize, transform and digitize the way Government interacts with its customers, both internally and externally.

"One of the main goals of my administration has been to streamline government processes and improve services," said Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin. "As part of that effort, I commissioned a comprehensive online system to manage the hundreds of boards and commission appointments. Our new web-based system enables a more user-friendly appointment application process for the public and simplifies work for my staff."

The Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin Appointments Suite of Services is the first online appointment system of its kind to be implemented in the nation. It serves as an online repository for Oklahoma appointments and current or potential appointees with the added functionality of customizable queries and data tracking.

The Governor's Appointments Suite of Services application has allowed the entire gubernatorial appointment process to become paperless, which saves thousands in taxpayer dollars and helps to diminish Oklahoma's carbon footprint by reducing the amount of paper utilized on a daily basis. In addition, the application has enabled a significant reduction in the resources required to manage the process, saving staff utilization hours and increasing productivity.

For more information about Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin's Appointments Suite of Services, visit <u>http://www.ok.gov/governor.</u> The online service is a product of a partnership between the

Oklahoma Office of Governor Mary Fallin and OK.gov, Oklahoma's Official Website managed by the eGovernment firm, NIC Inc. (Nasdaq: EGOV).

About Gov. Mary Fallin

Governor Mary Fallin was elected November 2, 2010, during a historic election in which she became the first-ever female governor of Oklahoma. She was inaugurated on the steps of the Oklahoma Capitol as the state's 27th governor on January 10, 2011. Learn more about Gov. Fallin at <u>www.governor.ok.gov</u>.

About OK.gov

<u>OK.gov</u> is the official website of the state of Oklahoma and a collaborative partnership between the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) and Oklahoma Interactive, LLC to help Oklahoma government entities Web-enable their services and operates without tax funds through a partnership between the state and Oklahoma Interactive, LLC. OMES is responsible for OK.gov. Oklahoma Interactive builds, operates, maintains, and markets OK.gov and is part of eGovernment firm NIC's (NASDAQ: <u>EGOV</u>) family of companies.

About NIC

<u>NIC</u> Inc. (NASDAQ: <u>EGOV</u>) is the nation's leading provider of <u>official government portals</u>, online services, and secure payment processing solutions. The company's innovative <u>eGovernment</u> <u>services</u> help reduce costs and increase efficiencies for government agencies, citizens, and businesses across the country. The NIC family of companies currently provides cost effective eGovernment solutions for more than 3,500 federal, state, and local agencies in the United States. Additional information is available at <u>http://www.egov.com</u>.

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