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Oklahoma Professional Counselors Searches Now Available Online at http://www.OK.gov

OKLAHOMA CITY – February 11, 2009 – Citizens wanting to confirm the legitimacy of their marital or other professional counselor can now do so quickly online. The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) recently launched a public search utility providing immediate access to all professional counselor license holders in the state of Oklahoma.

"We are dedicated to improving customer service and Internet technology provides us with the tools to make it easier and more convenient for citizens to find the information they need," said Rocky McElvany, MS, Interim Commissioner of Health.

The online service located at http://www.ok.gov/health/counselor/app/, provides the public with multiple options to search for professional counselors by name, license number, license type, city, or by a licensees status. The public can also print detailed information for a professional counselor or multiple counselors including phone number, status, license issue and expiration date, if any disciplinary actions have ever been taken, and what those actions were. License types the public can search for include:

- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Licensed Marital and Family Therapist
- Licensed Behavioral Practitioner
- Licensed Genetic Counselor
- Applicant

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OSDH Professional Counselor Public Search Utility is a product of a partnership between the Oklahoma Office of State Finance and OK.gov, Oklahoma's Official Web site managed by the eGovernment firm, NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV).

About the Oklahoma State Department of Health

OSDH, through its system of local health services delivery, is ultimately responsible for protecting and improving the public's health status through strategies that focus on preventing disease. Four major service branches, Community Health Services, Family Health Services, Disease & Prevention Services and Protective Health Services, provide technical support and guidance to 68 county health departments as well as guidance and consultation to the two independent city-county health departments in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. For more information, visit **http://www.health.ok.gov**.

About OK.gov

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 (NASDAQ: EGOV).

About NIC

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