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**Oklahoma Improves eGovernment Services:
Now Ranked 14th in the Nation**

OKLAHOMA CITY – August 9, 2007 – Oklahoma moves up 26 spots and now ranks 14th in the nation, according to the eighth annual eGovernment analysis conducted by researchers at Brown University. The State and Federal E-Government in the United States study annually evaluates government Web sites for the presence of various electronic features. The study shows that Oklahomans are able to interact with their government via the internet with much more ease compared to the previous year.

“We are thrilled to see Oklahoma’s online efforts recognized on a national level,” said Joe Fleckinger, Deputy Director of Information Technology at the Office of State Finance. “Our goal is to make the online experience between Oklahoma citizens and our government as convenient and simple as possible.”

The study is conducted by Darrell M. West, Director of the Taubman Center for Public Policy at Brown University, and a team of researchers. The study examines 1,548 state (or an average of 30 sites per state) and various federal sites. The researchers ranked the 50 states on overall eGovernment performance and measured the presence of the following: online services, attention to privacy and security, disability access, and foreign language translation, researchers rated the various state sites and compared their performance to 2006.

“This study shows that Oklahoma’s growth in eGovernment excellence is paying off. We are proud to serve Oklahomans with improved efficiency, convenience, and better accessibility of public services,” commented Governor Brad Henry.

To view the study at length, please visit: <http://www.insidepolitics.org/egovt07us.pdf>.

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