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**Applications due May 26
for the 2017 STAR Award**
Recognizing State Programs That
Exemplify Good Governance

Submit your successful state government program by May 26
for the 2017 STAR Award!

Our **STAR – State Transformation in Action Recognition – Award** recognizes innovative state government programs and services in the Southern region.

Submissions are accepted from a wide variety of state agencies, departments and institutions operating within the executive, legislative and judicial branches. We welcome multiple submissions from each state. The deadline to apply is May 26.

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At The Council of State Governments (CSG), we recognize that state employees work hard to make their states a better place to live and work. For nearly 40 years, CSG has identified and promoted exceptional state government programs. Through the STAR award, the Southern Office recognizes impactful, creative, effective and transferable state government solutions.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to **submit one or more of your state programs** for consideration.

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Following an initial review process, five finalists will be invited to present their program to the judges panel—comprising state legislators, legislative staff and policy experts—convening on August 1, 2017, at the **71st Annual Meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi**. There, two exceptional programs will be selected as models of efficiency and effectiveness in state governments in the Southern region.

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