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**Now Accepting Applications
for the 2017 STAR Award**
Recognizing State Programs That
Exemplify Good Governance

Showcase your state government program's success!

The Southern Office of The Council of State Governments (CSG) is now accepting applications for its 2017 **State Transformation in Action Recognition (STAR) award** for innovative state government programs and services. The deadline for submitting your program for consideration is May 26, 2017.

Apply Now!

The CSG Southern Office recognizes that state employees work hard, not only to provide outstanding services, but also by striving to develop and adapt new and improved programs to make their states a better place to live and work. Such efforts should be recognized, and innovative ideas should be shared among colleagues.

For nearly 40 years, CSG has identified and promoted exceptional

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state government programs. Through the STAR award, the Southern Office recognizes impactful, creative, effective and transferable state government solutions. Innovative program submissions are accepted from a wide array of state agencies, departments and institutions operating within the executive, legislative and judicial governmental branches.

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

Application Deadline

May 26, 2017

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What's Next

Following an initial review process, five finalists will be invited to present their program to the STAR 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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The Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) of The Council of State Governments was established in 1947 and is composed of the presiding officers and key legislators from 15 Southern states. The SLC is a non-partisan organization located in Atlanta, Georgia.