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## A Request from The Council of State Governments (CSG)

Dear State Official:

CSG provides insights about major trends to state officials. It also highlights state responses to these trends. Our Innovations Awards Program, now in its 21st year, is a key component of both endeavors. As such, I am pleased to invite your agency to consider applying for a 2007 Innovations Award.

You can download an application at [www.csg.org/programs/innov/apply.aspx](http://www.csg.org/programs/innov/apply.aspx). Fill out the application, then email it to Nancy J. Vickers, National Program Associate, at [innovations@csg.org](mailto:innovations@csg.org). Or, you can mail a paper copy to CSG headquarters. CSG must receive your completed application by **April 2, 2007** to consider it for a 2007 award. See the enclosed brochure for more information about applying for this year's awards.

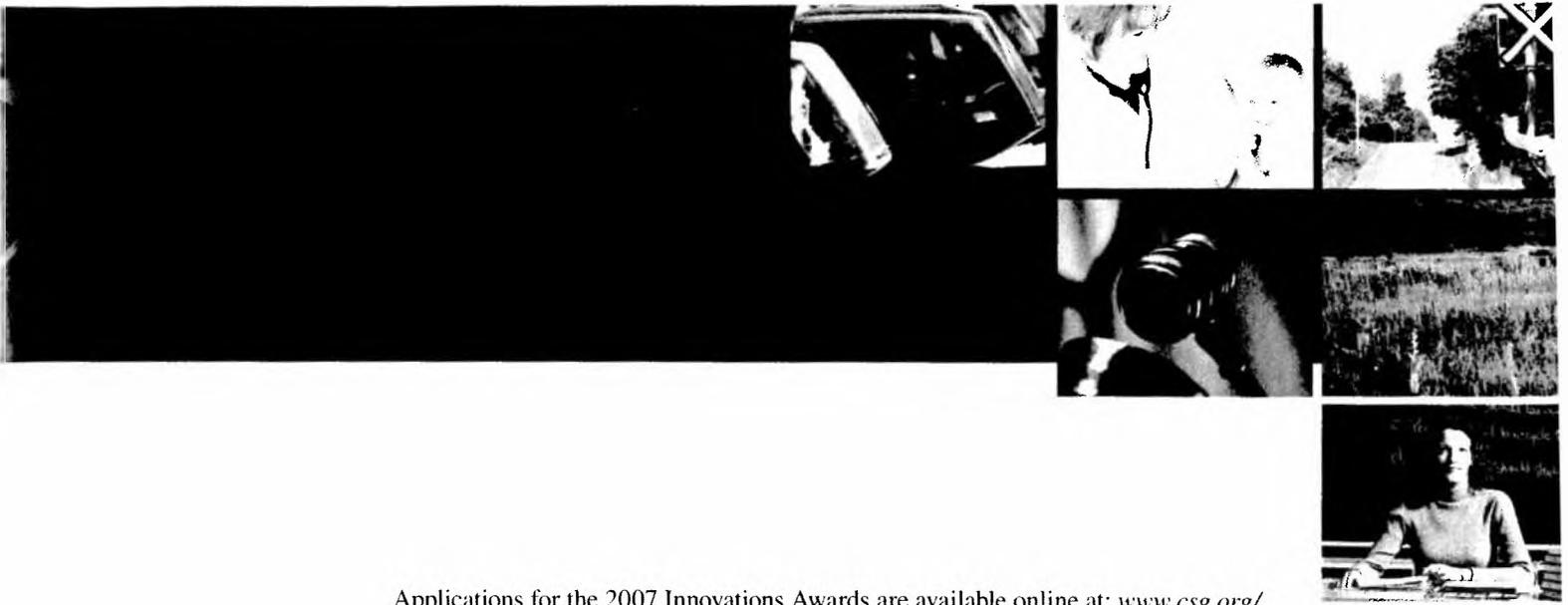
I look forward to learning about innovative programs in your state that respond to the daunting challenges of the 21st Century.

Sincerely,



Daniel M. Sprague  
Executive Director





Applications for the 2007 Innovations Awards are available online at: [www.csg.org/programs/innov/apply.aspx](http://www.csg.org/programs/innov/apply.aspx). Agencies should provide the following information.

Program Name  
 Administering Agency  
 Contact (Name and Title)  
 Address  
 Telephone Number  
 FAX Number  
 E-mail Address  
 Web site Address  
 Please provide a two-sentence description of the program.  
 How long has this program been operational (month and year)? Note: the program must be between 9 months and 5 years old on April 2, 2007 to be considered.  
 Why was the program created? What problem[s] or issue[s] was it designed to address?  
 Describe the specific activities and operations of the program in chronological order.  
 Why is the program a new and creative approach or method?  
 What were the program's start-up costs? (Provide details about specific purchases for this program, staffing needs and other financial expenditures, as well as existing materials, technology and staff already in place.)

What are the program's annual operational costs?  
 How is the program funded?  
 Did this program require the passage of legislation, executive order or regulations? If YES, please indicate the citation number.  
 What equipment, technology and software are used to operate and administer this program?  
 To the best of your knowledge, did this program originate in your state? If YES, please indicate the innovator's name, present address, telephone number and e-mail address.  
 Are you aware of similar programs in other states? If YES, which ones and how does this program differ?  
 Has the program been fully implemented? If NO, what actions remain to be taken?  
 Briefly evaluate (pro and con) the program's effectiveness in addressing the defined problem[s] or issue[s]. Provide tangible examples.  
 How has the program grown and/or changed since its inception?  
 What limitations or obstacles might other states expect to encounter if they attempt to adopt this program?

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Qualified programs must address an issue under one of the following categories and related subcategories:

- **Infrastructure and Economic Development:** Business/Commerce; International Trade; Transportation
- **Government Operations:** Administration; Elections; Public Information; Revenue
- **Public Safety/Corrections:** Corrections; Courts; Criminal Justice; Drugs; Emergency Management; State Security; Public Safety
- **Natural Resources:** Agriculture; Energy; Environmental Protection; Natural Resources; Parks and Recreation; Water Resources
- **Health and Human Services:** Aging; Children and Families; Health Services; Housing; Human Services

CSG uses these criteria to evaluate Innovations Awards applicants.

- **Newness**—Will the program be between 9 months and 5 years old on April 2, 2007?
- **Creativity**—Does the program represent a new and creative approach to problems or issues?
- **Effectiveness**—Has the program or practice been effective in achieving its goals and purposes to this point?
- **Transferability**—Could the program or practice be easily transferred to other states?
- **Significance**—Does the program or practice address significant regional issues or problems which are regional in scope?

Regional panels of state officials review the applications and determine the Innovations Award winners.

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