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STATE WELFARE DIVISION RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS HONOR

Carson City—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mike Willden announced today that the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) has been selected as a recipient of a Computerworld Honors Program Laureate Award for an innovative new system that has greatly increased productivity. The Division will receive its award and be recognized during the 19th annual Laureates Medal Ceremony and Gala Awards Evening on June 4, 2007, in Washington D.C.

Utilizing various Novell components, DWSS instituted an automated identity management solution that has simplified user access, improved security, and greatly reduced IT administration. As a result, user administration time has been cut by 80 percent and two full-time IT personnel have been reassigned to other projects. The system is used by various external affiliated organizations and will be used by child care providers throughout the state.

“Our DWSS IT staff is well deserving of this recognition for its exceptional performance in initiating and bringing online this new system that has multiple benefits to the Division and the State,” Willden said.

DWSS Administrator Nancy Ford said, “The single sign-on solution has saved staff significant time in performing their daily work. I am very proud of our IT staff for implementing a positive solution to an ongoing challenge.”

Founded by International Data Group in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Award is governed by the not-for-profit Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation. The Program brings together the principals of the world’s foremost information technology companies to recognize and document the achievements of men, women, organizations and institutions around the world, whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social, economic, and educational change.

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Each year, members of the Computerworld Honors Chairmen's Committee, a group of 100 chairman/CEOs from leading global IT companies, select Laureate Award honorees in 10 distinct categories: Business & Related Services; Education & Academia; Environment; Energy & Agriculture; Finance; Healthcare; Insurance & Real Estate; Government & Non-Profit Organizations; Manufacturing; Media, Arts & Entertainment; and Healthcare Transportation.

Nominees and recipients are based on a case study submitted to the Computerworld Honors Program, which includes a description of the project, its benefits to society, the role played by information technology in furthering the project, and the ways in which this use of information technology is original or innovative.

For more information on the Computerworld Honors Program, go to www.cwhonors.org.

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