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## Second Honor for NJ Parole Board Project Protecting Law Enforcement Nationally

TRENTON – An award-winning project by the NJ State Parole Board (SPB,) designed to keep law enforcement officers safer all over the nation, has been nominated for another national honor.

The SPB's "Supervised Release File Project" has been nominated by "Government Computer News (GCN,)" as a finalist in the publication's annual "Discovery & Innovation in Government" or "DIG IT" awards.

The project, can notify officers nationwide in real time when they encounter one of the more than 15,000 individuals under parole supervision in New Jersey, was previously awarded a 2016 Technology Solutions Award by the national Public Technology Institute.

"We are extremely proud that this project continues to get national attention. We are even prouder that the innovation continues to protect law enforcement officers in New Jersey and all over the country," said James T. Plousis, chairman of the SPB.

The project links the National Crime Information Center (NCIC,) administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and available to virtually all law enforcement agencies in the country, with the SPB's Parole Board Information System, which contains names and case information about all New Jersey parolees. The project was developed in collaboration with the NJ State Police (NJSP) and the NJ Division of Criminal Justice.

With the innovation, an officer anywhere in the nation can get near instant notification via computer that an individual he has made contact with is on parole in New Jersey. The system also immediately notifies the parole officer in New Jersey responsible for that parolee and facilitates contact between the two agencies.

Since the system went on line in nearly a year ago, the SPB has received dozens of notifications daily from agencies around the country.

"The DIG IT Awards showcase the best examples of discovery and innovation in government IT ... We're very pleased to make your project part of that tradition," Troy K. Schneider, GCN Editor-in-Chief, wrote in a recent letter informing the SPB of its nomination.

Final winners in the category of "Big Data, Analytics and Visualization" will be announced Oct. 13 in Washington D.C. The award from the Public Technology Institute, announced in March, was in the public safety category.

The SPB project was funded by grants of \$318,000 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, awarded by the state Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Policy Advisory Committee, and \$190,000 from the Parole Board.

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