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Parole Board Project Protecting Law Enforcement Considered for Third National Honor

TRENTON – A NJ State Parole Board (SPB) innovation that protects police throughout the United States has earned national recognition for a third time.

The SPB's "Supervised Release File Project" has won the 2016 GMIS "G2" Award in the category "Government to Government." The technology, which can alert law enforcement nationwide in real time when they encounter one of the more than 15,000 individuals under parole supervision in New Jersey, was cited for "its efficiency and excellence."

According to GMIS International, an association of government information technology leaders, the award recognizes a public safety-sector agency "whose exceptional (government-to-government) project serves as a shining example of how governments should be expanding their reach in delivery of public services."

"We continue to be gratified that our project earns national recognition and, more importantly, continues to help protect police nationwide," said James T. Plousis, chairman of the SPB.

The project was previously awarded a 2016 Technology Solutions Award by the national Public Technology Institute and 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 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.

“We are very proud to earn the continued recognition of our peers in government information technology. This project is just the beginning of our efforts to leverage technology for the protection of police and the public,” said Jeremy Jedynak, chief information officer for the SPB.

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.

The award-winning project team included:

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