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## Snohomish County named one of nation's top 10 most tech-savvy County governments

County Executive Aaron Reardon announced that Snohomish County is ranked as one of America's most technologically-advanced, cutting-edge county governments.

The Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties ranked Snohomish County ninth nationally in its prestigious 2006 Digital Counties Survey. Awards were presented last night by the National Association of Counties (NACo) at their annual conference in Chicago, IL.

“My goal to make Snohomish County a premier ‘IT’ government has made significant progress over the past several years,” said Executive Reardon. “This survey tells us that Snohomish County offers one of the best online customer service delivery systems in the nation.”

The survey examines how county governments across the country are evolving in their use of information technology (IT), primarily email and the internet, to deliver services to their citizens. Counties were grouped into three population categories. Snohomish County was ranked ninth in highest population category, 500,000 or more. All 140 counties in the United States are invited to participate in the survey.

“Bob von Wolffrad, Director of the County's Department of Information Services, and his entire team have done an outstanding job,” said Executive Reardon.

Some of the public services currently provided via Snohomish County internet content include:

- County Parks program and activity calendar and event registration application
- Planning Department online Contractor services, Focus on Farming, Animal services, bids and RFP's, county records search, court services, occupational license renewal, property assessment/tax information, and taxes.
- Executive Office's Charter Review and Paine Field Mediated Role Determination (MRD)
- Improved GIS mapping programs
- Snohomish County Sheriff operations: registered sex offender (RSO) information, wireless mobility, justice portal to Prosecutor and Court information and trial calendars, crime prevention and community reporting.

Von Wolffradt noted the current most popular county web pages are property information query, election results, recorded documents, interactive property information maps, daily jail register, registered sex offenders (RSO) site, interactive permit, planning, zoning maps along with permit lookup and county employment.

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government. Their website is [www.centerdigitalgov.com](http://www.centerdigitalgov.com)

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to county governments. Their website is [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)

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## Ninth Place Award

500,000 OR MORE POPULATION

Snohomish County, Washington

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cathilea Robinett'.

Cathilea Robinett  
Executive Director, Center for Digital Government

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