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Roanoke County GIS App Wins 2014 Governor's Technology Award

(ROANOKE COUNTY, Va.) - The 2014 Governor's Technology Awards were presented to honorees in nine categories at a special ceremony at the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovative Technology Symposium (COVITS) in Richmond on September 3, 2014.

On behalf of Governor Terry McAuliffe, Secretary of Technology Karen Jackson and Attorney General Mark Herring presented the awards to a distinguished group of Virginia government entrants, including state and local government and universities. Winners were determined by a panel of government information technology experts.

Roanoke County's Communication and Information Technology Department was chosen as a winner in the "IT As Efficiency Driver – Government to Business" category for its OneView GIS application. Roanoke County developed OneView as a new professional-grade, location-aware mobile application to enable streamlined access to GIS data through an intuitive and conveniently accessible platform. This improved access and increased transparency promotes engagement and helps foster informed decision-making by government and local business.

The County now delivers rich, graphical GIS content based on Esri's ArcGIS Platform, combined with Google StreetView and Pictometry. This flexible and multi-faceted approach allows existing and prospective businesses users to explore Roanoke County from every angle.

In addition to the OneView GIS application, Roanoke County's Stormwater Collections Database & Application emerged as a finalist in the overall competition. The Stormwater application utilizes ArcGIS Server and mobile technologies to locate and track stormwater systems that outfall to state regulated waterways, allowing for staff to document inspections, monitor outfalls and plan follow up monitoring visits. The stormwater application is mobile-ready, and allows inspectors to dynamically update the stormwater management database in real time from the field using iPad or Android tablets.

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