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CJLEADS RECEIVES 2011 *INFORMATIONWEEK* GOVERNMENT IT INNOVATOR AWARD

RALEIGH – State Controller David McCoy today announced that CJLEADS, the criminal-tracking database that helps catch criminals and keeps communities safer, was named a 2011 *InformationWeek* Government IT Innovator recipient. The *InformationWeek* Government IT Innovators contest, now in its third year, recognizes local, state, and federal agencies for their innovative use of information technology. The editors of *InformationWeek* Government selected the winners following a nomination process that resulted in dozens of entries.

“The Office of State Controller made sure CJLEADS was designed with easy-to-use cutting-edge technology to help our law enforcement officers and the courts deliver effective services in as cost effective a manner as possible,” said State Controller David McCoy whose office is implementing the project in a public-private partnership with Cary-based analytics company SAS. “With CJLEADS, criminal justice professionals can within seconds access a state-of-the-art database with offender information at their fingertips in order to make better and faster decisions. This, in turn, helps protect the lives of our officers and makes our communities safer.”

"Technology-driven innovation is happening in surprising places in government," said John Foley, Editor of *InformationWeek* Government. "Agencies are applying cloud computing, mobile applications, electronic documents, and other technologies to provide new and better public services. We've identified these government agencies as being great examples of how that's happening."

CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) integrates data found within the state's various criminal justice applications and provides up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an "offender watch" capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status.

CJLEADS replaces the manual process of looking up historical criminal data from multiple systems, reduces the risk of overlooking critical data and improves the information needs of law enforcement agencies. For example, the system will help officers on the street know immediately what the offender

looks like, if they need to approach the suspect with caution and if there are orders for arrest or warrants out on the suspect. Judges and other court officials will instantly know if the defendant sitting in court already has a lengthy criminal history.

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. After the Wake County pilot was completed, OSC began rolling out CJLEADS statewide in three phases. Phase I roll-out to the Upper and Lower Piedmont was conducted in Winter 2010/2011. Phase II began May 17, 2011 with kickoff meetings in the Lower Western and Lower Eastern regions of the state. Phase III currently is rolling out to the Upper Eastern and Western regions of the state.

As of today, over 10,000 users, comprising criminal justice organizations with an operational presence in Wake County as well as counties located in the Phase I and II roll-outs, are established in CJLEADS and are training or currently using the application.

For more information on CJLEADS, please go to: <https://cjleads.nc.gov/whatiscjleads.html>

For more information on the 2011 *InformationWeek* Government IT Innovator Awards, please go to: <http://www.informationweek.com/iw500>.

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