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CONNECTICUT'S eREGULATIONS SYSTEM WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

HARTFORD: Connecticut's [eRegulations system](#) was recognized by the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, as part of its [2017 Bright Ideas initiative](#).

Known as “eRegs”, the Connecticut Secretary of the State’s [eRegulations system](#) provides access to all agency regulation-making records with real-times updates. Known as “eRegs,” the program is centrally located for easy regulation tracking rather than navigating through a variety of different, individual agencies. It has user-friendly search and browse features and email alert function for regulation tracking.

Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, the state’s chief business registrar, said, “The eRegs system is good for business and good for government. We want to help businesses easily access information that helps them succeed. It is yet another national honor for eRegs and we couldn’t be more proud!”

The 2017 honorees include programs from all levels of government — school districts, county, city, state, federal agencies, and tribal nations, as well as public-private partnerships.

“These programs demonstrate that there are no prerequisites for doing the good work of governing” [said Stephen Goldsmith, director of the Innovations in American Government Program at the Ash Center](#), “small towns and massive cities, huge federal agencies and local school districts, large budgets or no budgets at all — what makes government work best is the drive to do better, and this group proves that drive can be found anywhere.”

The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation advances excellence in governance and strengthens democratic institutions worldwide. Through its research, education, international programs, and government innovations awards, the Center fosters creative and effective government problem solving and serves as a catalyst for addressing many of the most pressing needs of the world's citizens.

This is one of many honors given to eRegs. Last year, the Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR), a professional section of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), honored Connecticut's groundbreaking eRegulations tool with the Robert J. Colborn Innovation Award at its annual summer conference in Nashville, Tennessee.