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Gloucester County is 2009 Digital Counties Survey Winner

The Gloucester County Department of Information Technology recently received the distinction of receiving second place (for localities with populations of less than 150,000) in the 2009 Digital Counties Survey. The annual study and survey is conducted by the Center for Digital Government and the [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) to identify best practices and recognized counties that provide exemplary digital service to their citizens.

The survey's top digital counties were honored at a national awards ceremony coinciding with the 2009 NACo Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee July 24-29, 2009. Accepting the award on behalf of the Gloucester County and the Department of Information Technology was Ware District Board of Supervisors member Gregory Woodard and County Administrator Brenda Garton.

George Bains, Director of the Department of Information Technology credits two major factors in the county receiving this prestigious recognition. "The dedicated efforts of Brian Burchett, Applications Analyst and Web Developer for the department have been instrumental in the format and services offered by Gloucester County's website. Brian has focused on developing and maintaining our website to be interactive and user-friendly for our citizens. Our emphasis on interactive government, I feel, is a primary reason for Gloucester being recognized."

[e.Republic's](#) Center for Digital Government (Center) has found in its annual Digital Counties Survey that America's counties are embracing new technologies to involve citizens, are moving toward transparent government and are increasing green and sustainable measures while

continuing to improve online services. "As counties face the budgetary challenges of 2009 and beyond, they are finding Information Technology essential for effective and efficient government," said NACo Executive Director Larry E. Naake. "Not only are county governments using technology to continue delivering services with fewer resources, they are using innovative technology to communicate more effectively with their citizens and businesses. The Digital Counties Survey illustrates the innovation and tenacity of counties across the country."

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