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SBA's Business Gateway Initiative Wins 'Excellence.Gov' Award

WASHINGTON – The Business Gateway Initiative has been awarded the ACT/IAC Excellence.Gov Award for its Business.gov Web site, demonstrating best practices in a federal e-government program and improving organizational performance using information technology.

Presented by the American Council for Technology (ACT) and its Industry Advisory Council (IAC), the awards were established to recognize successful programs that improve delivery of programs and information to citizens, businesses, taxpayers, government agencies, and other end-users through the use of IT.

“This award clearly demonstrates the initiative in technology that excels within the SBA and its leadership team,” said Steve Preston, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration. “We are proud of the work Business.gov has done to help our nation’s businesses.”

This Excellence.Gov Award represents the program’s second win so far this year. In March, Business.gov won the Government Information Technology Executive Council (GITEC) 2008 Project Management Excellence Award for project management excellence in the category of Delivering Mission Critical Services/Practical Innovations.

Nancy Sternberg – the Business Gateway Program Manager – is also in the running for the 2008 *Government Computer News* (GCN) Technology Leadership Award, which recognizes distinguished individuals for their outstanding work and leadership in the field of government information technology.

“It is truly an honor to be gaining so much recognition for doing something we at Business.gov feel so passionate about,” Sternberg said. “At the end of the day, as long as we’re saving business owners’ time and money, we’ve done our jobs. These awards are icing on the cake.”

SBA’s Disaster Credit Management System, managed by Michael Sorrento, was also identified as a top-20 finalist in the government-wide competition.

About Business.gov

Business.gov is the official business link to the U.S. Government. Business.gov is managed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in a partnership with 21 other federal agencies. This partnership, known as Business Gateway, serves as an incubator of technologies designed to improve the delivery of services and information to the nation’s small business community. Originally launched in 2004, Business.gov provides a single access point to government services and information to help the nation's businesses with their operations.

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