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Nebraska DMV a winner in the Pioneer Institute's 23rd Annual Better Government Award for Online Handicap Permits

Lincoln, Nebraska – September 12, 2014 – Yesterday the Pioneer Institute, a Boston, MA based research organization, recognized the winner and runners-up for the 23rd Annual Better Government Competition. The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) was recognized with a runner up award for their Nebraska Handicap Parking Permit Application and Management System for medical professionals and permit holders. This year the Pioneer Institute is recognizing ideas that leveraged technology to improve the public sector.

Prior to the online handicap permit service, the outdated process was weighed down by complex legislation and a legacy database resulting in this necessary public service to be a time consuming, aggravating process for all parties involved. Collaboration between government agencies, support from law makers, and a partnership with Nebraska.gov made it possible to move this process into the digital age and make it as efficient and accessible as possible for the public.

This award winning DMV service allows applications for handicap parking permits to be submitted electronically, directly to the DMV, by the authorizing medical professional. It also allows permit

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holders to request additional permits or replacements from the DMV. No paper application, no signatures, no trips to the DMV, and no waiting in line required.

“This online service saves applicants days and even weeks of waiting to receive their permit in the mail. It helps medical professionals efficiently assist their patients and has made it possible for the DMV to eliminate the backlog of applications. This service epitomizes what the Digital Government Achievement Awards looks for in government efficiency and innovation. We are so very proud of this service for Nebraskans.” says Rhonda K. Lahm, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

This service is available on the Nebraska DMV’s online services portal, www.clickDMV.ne.gov.

The Nebraska Handicap Parking Permit Application and Management System has previously been recognized with a 2013 Digital Government Achievement Award (DGAA) and was also selected by the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) as a finalist in the 2013 Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Information Technology.

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles has a large and growing suite of online services available at www.ClickDMV.ne.gov including;

- [License Plate Renewals](#)
- [Specialty License Plates](#)
- [Driver License, State ID & Teen Driver Permits](#)
- [Driving Records](#)
- [Reinstatements](#)
- [Ignition Interlock Permits](#)
- And many [more...](#)