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New Jersey Web Site Rated Second Best in Country by National Magazine

New Jersey's web site has been rated as the second best in the nation in a review of top state government sites by Web Guide Monthly, a national magazine about the web.

According to the magazine, "Clean, simple, well-organized, and visually appealing, New Jersey's site ranks among the best."

"It is certainly a compliment that our state's web site has been ranked to be one of the two best in the country," said Gov. Whitman. "We are constantly striving to improve the site and make it more attractive, interesting and useful for those who visit it."

Governor Whitman noted that the state's web site receives almost 300,000 hits per day. She was the first governor in the nation to have her State of the State speech carried live on the Internet. The Governor's Inaugural and Budget speeches were also carried live. In April, Gov. Whitman participated in an online chat with America Online.

"Our goal has always been to use the latest in technology to enable citizens to learn more about the state and to interact more easily with state government," said Gov. Whitman.

Web Guide Monthly rated sites for their content, design, navigability, and links. Out of a possible 10 rating, New Jersey's site received a 9 for content, 9 for design, 10 for navigability, and 9 for links.

A copy of the Web Guide Monthly article is attached.