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**Alameda County Wins Two Awards in National Communications Awards Program**

Two innovative Alameda County programs were recently named as winners in the 2016 Savvy Awards competition, sponsored by the Washington D.C.-based City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA).

The awards winners will be celebrated in a presentation by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors at the Board's weekly meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11. The meeting will be in the Board Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland.

In the Digital Interactive-Customer eGovernment Services category, Alameda County won a SAVVY Award this year for its new Permit Portal, an online one-stop-shop that helps residents through the permitting process to complete major property upgrades, start businesses or undertake many other tasks regulated by local government. Available at <http://permit.acgov.org>, the Permit Portal allows individuals and business operators to easily access information about required permits issued by Alameda County and other local jurisdictions. "This project has a broad reach and uses technology to create a direct improvement in the lives of residents," 3CMA judges wrote about the Permit Portal.

Alameda County's Green & Healthy Awards program was also recognized. This employee engagement effort won a Silver Circle Award for Go Green Communication Program Efforts. Organized by Alameda County General Services Agency's Sustainability Office, the Green & Healthy Awards recognized county employees for their game-changing resource conservation efforts at events and meetings. More than 9,200 County employees and residents were engaged in green and healthy practices as a result of the awards outreach.

For 28 years, 3CMA has recognized the best communications efforts by local governments across the country, with awards given for outstanding achievements in communications, public-sector marketing and citizen-government relationships.