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ALAMEDA COUNTY WINS NATIONAL AWARDS FOR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

The Public Technology Institute (PTI) this week announced that Alameda County has won five 2015 PTI Solutions Awards for five County initiatives that leveraging technology to make local government operations more efficient, enhance service to the community and save taxpayer dollars.

Winning Alameda County initiatives cited in the annual PTI awards program were:

- **Open Data Sharing Initiative** – A multi-pronged initiative launched in 2012 that makes reams of County data made easily available to the public. More than 200 data sets – including crime reports, health data, and renewable energy information – are currently available in formats to encourage the public to integrate it into web and mobile applications.
- **SitStat System, Alameda County Fire Department** – ‘SitStat’ is an online GIS mapping application for use by local Fire and Emergency Medical Services agencies. It provides real-time visual presentation of information – such as the location and details of emergency incidents and responder units – to help emergency personnel in the field or station.
- **Electronic Workflow for Probable Cause Declarations (PC DEC)** –The County’s Information Technology Department worked with numerous law enforcement agencies in creating this electronic workflow process to eliminate inefficiencies in the steps law officers must take to obtain Probable Cause Declarations. Court approval of these Declarations is required in connection with each and every arrest made in Alameda County.
- **Shuttle Mobile Web Application** – This application makes an innovative Alameda County shuttle service easier to use for people seeking to travel between County facilities and public transportation hubs.
- **Registrar of Voters Lease Card System** – An electronic system that has streamlined the process the County Registrar of Voters Office follows to lease space for as many as 900 polling places it operates during major elections. The system has helped reduce staff time devoted to this process by 75 percent.

“Alameda County has placed a priority on using technology to make County services more effective and efficient in this era of limited public resources,” said Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator. “This recognition from the Public Technology Institute is proof of the success we are having in carrying out this priority.”

Added Tim Dupuis, Alameda County’s Chief Information Officer: “The initiatives cited in this prestigious awards program are creating new efficiencies in local government operations, and thus are preserving precious public resources. They also are helping us build new avenues for the public to access important local services and to have a say in critical decisions by our County government leaders.”

PTI, which has operated its Solutions Award program for more than 30 years, also awarded **Significant Achievement Awards (SA)** to several other Alameda County technology efforts, including:

- **Assessor Field Canvassing Mobile Application** – a mobile technology tool that has reduced by 50 percent the effort by County staff involved in the canvassing of business properties.
- **Electronic Warrants Approval** – An electronic process aiding law officers in obtaining court approval of arrest warrants, search warrants and other legal actions.
- **READY.ACGOV.ORG** – The new emergency preparedness website launched by Alameda County in 2014 that provides a step-by-step process to help anyone prepare for the next major emergency.
- **Urban Shield Mobile Web Application** – A new mobile tool that helps participants in the annual Urban Shield first responders exercise.
- **The Auditor Property Tax Information System (APTIS)** – A web-based solution that helps the Alameda County Auditor Tax Analysis team manage over 2 billion dollars in property tax revenue per year.
- **Election Mobile Apps Suite** – a series of mobile applications created by the County that provide important time-sensitive information to voters, poll workers and candidates about local elections.