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DisabilityInfo.Gov Wins Web Content Managers Best Practice Award *Web Site Honored for Outstanding Citizen-focused Services*

WASHINGTON—DisabilityInfo.gov, a one-stop Web site for disability-related information and resources, has received the Web Content Managers Best Practice Peer Award. The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), which manages DisabilityInfo.gov, accepted the award that honors the Web site's outstanding "citizen-focused online services."

The Web Content Managers Forum is a peer group comprised of more than 900 federal, state and local government Web managers. The Web Managers Advisory Council established the "best practice peer" awards this year to showcase innovative and successful Web practices that can be replicated across government. The Council received over 70 nominations from more than a dozen government agencies.

"With over 70 federal representatives across 16 agencies lending their program and policy expertise to DisabilityInfo.gov, the volume and quality of the information on this one-stop Web portal is impressive," said U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor Roy Grizzard, who heads ODEP. "We are very proud of this honor and will continue to ensure that DisabilityInfo.gov serves our citizens well."

A part of President Bush's *New Freedom Initiative*, DisabilityInfo.gov was created to provide people with disabilities easy access to the information and resources they need to live full, independent lives. Through an Executive Memorandum, the President directed the development of DisabilityInfo.gov as the citizen-centric entry point to federal, state and local programs. The Web site is a collaborative effort among 16 federal departments and agencies. Since it was launched in 2002, DisabilityInfo.gov has received more than 4.4 million visitors from 180 countries, averaging more than 3,000 users a day.

Earlier this year DisabilityInfo.gov was awarded Disability Network's 2005 Outstanding Web site Award. Disability Network is an information resource for people with disabilities and their families. The Outstanding Web site Award is presented to Web sites disability network leaders feel offer "a tremendous benefit to those who access and use the Internet on a daily basis."

To view the Web site, visit www.DisabilityInfo.gov.

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