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## Texas Veterans Portal Wins Best of Texas Award

*Project honored for Best IT Collaboration Among Organizations*

AUSTIN, Texas – June 13, 2017 – [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov) is proud to announce that the [Texas Veterans Portal](#) has received a **Best of Texas Award** from the Center for Digital Government for Best IT Collaboration Among Organizations. The Texas Veterans Portal is an important resource that connects veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors to the benefits they have earned through their military service and the resources they need to transition back into civilian life.

Originally launched in 2010, the Texas Veterans Portal had become outdated and lacked many features that are imperative to a modern-day website. The new Texas Veterans Portal, launched on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016, showcases how numerous Texas agencies worked together for more than ten months to improve the website and produce the best possible resource for Texas veterans. This group, the Veterans Portal Advisory Committee (VPAC), provided oversight and input into the project and included participation from the following agencies:

- Texas Veterans Commission
- Texas Department of Information Resources
- Texas Health & Human Services Commission
- Texas Workforce Commission
- TexVet (a Texas A&M Health Science Center initiative)
- Texas Veterans Land Board

Also involved in the project were Texas NIC, the private entity that manages the Texas.gov program, and the University of North Texas, along with a multitude of actual veteran users.

The new and improved [Texas Veterans Portal](#) features mobile-friendly responsive design, a patriotic, respectful look and feel, organized, easy-to-navigate information architecture and the ability to search, plain language content in English and Spanish, “immediate needs” for veterans in crisis, and much more.

Every year, the Center for Digital Government's Best of Texas Awards program salutes IT professionals and projects in Texas state and local government organizations. The Texas Veterans Portal joins the ranks of top IT projects that have received this prestigious recognition.

### **About Texas.gov**

Texas.gov is the official website of the state of Texas ([www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)), and is a collaborative public-private partnership managed by the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR). [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov) helps state and local government entities web-enable their services, and operates without tax funds through a partnership between the state of Texas and Texas NICUSA, LLC (Texas NIC). Texas NIC builds, operates, maintains, and markets Texas.gov, and is part of digital government firm NIC's family of companies. Since its launch in 2000, Texas.gov has securely processed more than 288 million financial transactions and has collected more than \$33 billion on behalf of participating entities.

### **About NIC**

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