HONOLULU – Attorney General Russell A. Suzuki announced today that the national Web Marketing Association awarded the Best Information Services Mobile Application of 2014 to the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC), a division of the Department of the Attorney General, for its “Hawaii Sex Offender Search” mobile app in its annual MobileWebAwards competition.

In January 2014, HCJDC partnered with the Hawaii Information Consortium, LLC (HIC) to create and release the Hawaii Sex Offender Search app to the Android and Apple App Stores. The mobile app allows users to locate the residence and business addresses of sex offenders and other covered offenders registered with the State of Hawaii, as well as view those offenders that reside or work in relation to the user’s then current location. The mobile app also provides users with a photograph of the offender and a list of the crime or crimes for which he or she has been convicted.

“The combined efforts of HCJDC and HIC have a direct and immediate impact on the safety and well-being of Hawaii’s residents,” said Attorney General Suzuki. “We are very proud of their efforts and their commitment to fulfilling their mission of ensuring public access to important information.”

The Web Marketing Association announced the winners for the 3rd annual MobileWebAwards Competition Thursday December 11, 2014. The Competition is judged by experienced, objective professionals with an in-depth understanding of the current state-of-art in mobile web development, design, and marketing according to a predefined set of criteria. WebAwards are granted at three levels: Best of Industry, Outstanding WebAward, and Best of Show.

Users without a mobile device can view an online directory of Hawaii registered sex offenders and other covered offenders at http://sexoffender.ehawaii.gov. Both applications were created in partnership with HIC.
Chapter 846E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), mandates that the HCJDC maintain a central repository of covered offenders in the State of Hawaii. A covered offender is a sex offender or an offender against minors, as defined in Chapter 846E, HRS. Public access to this information is based solely on the fact of each offender's criminal conviction and is not based on an estimate of the offender's level of dangerousness.

About the MobileWebAwards
The MobileWebAwards Competition (http://www.mobile-webaward.org) is produced by the Web Marketing Association to honor excellence in mobile websites and apps, recognize the individuals and organizations responsible, and showcase the best in award winning mobile development. The Web Marketing Association was founded in 1997 to help set a high standard for internet marketing and development of the best websites on the World Wide Web.

About HIC
Hawaii’s official Internet portal (http://www.eHawaii.gov) is managed by Hawaii Information Consortium, LLC, a Hawaii corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment firm NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV). HIC works with Hawaii state and county government agencies to enable them to conduct state business online and improve public access to government information.

About NIC
NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV) is the nation’s leading provider of official government portals, online services, and secure payment processing solutions. The company’s innovative eGovernment services help reduce costs and increase efficiencies for government agencies, citizens, and businesses across the country. NIC provides eGovernment solutions for more than 3,000 federal, state, and local agencies that serve 98 million people in the United States. Additional information is available at http://www.nicusa.com/.

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