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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 2013

TO: The Honorable B. Glen Whitley, County Judge
Roy Charles Brooks, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Andy H. Nguyen, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Gary Fickes, Commissioner, Precinct 3
J. D. Johnson, Commissioner, Precinct 4
G. K. Maenius, County Commissioner
Mark Flake, Public Information Officer

CC: IT Steering Committee
eGovernment Sub-Committee
ITD Employees

FROM: Stephen L. Wetzel
Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Tarrant County to be recognized as one of the "Top Ten Digital Counties"

I am very pleased to announce that after participating in a nation-wide survey known as the "National Association of Counties (NACo) 2013 Digital Counties Survey", Tarrant County will be recognized by the Center for Digital Government as one of the "Top Ten Digital Counties" for the 500,000 or more population category in the United States. This tremendous honor is a reflection of our progressive information and communications technology (ICT) strategy, comprehensive eGovernment vision, and ongoing support from elected and appointed officials for process innovation, and new and emerging technologies that drive exceptional business value.

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute providing government, education and industry leaders with decision support, research and educational services to help them effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

Top-ranked counties will receive the Digital Counties Survey award and will be honored at a reception during NACo's annual conference in Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas, July 19 – 23. Additionally, winners will be featured on govtech.com, in *Government Technology* magazine and the Center's best practices and thought leadership white papers, such as the Digital Cities and Digital Counties Survey 2012 Best Practice Guide.

(Please note that this advance notice requires we refrain from issuing a public press release announcing this news until after the NACo press release planned for July 18.)

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Today, more than ever, citizens expect government to be transparent, open and accountable as well as provide cost-efficient services and products. At Tarrant County, information technology is a strategic "differentiator", relied upon and leveraged by County leaders as a powerful transformational agent to meet and exceed expectations of stakeholders including citizens, employees and corporate partners.

It is an honor to be recognized for not only "doing things right", but "doing the right things"! On an ongoing basis, we will strive to achieve prestigious recognition and awards in alignment with our vision of being "the best IT organization in state and local government within the United States".

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