

## Eligibility

- Nominations will be accepted from state departments and agencies.
- With the exception of Fast Track Solutions, all projects must be completed between December 1, 2011 and December 1, 2013. Fast Track solution submissions are to be completed after December 1, 2013 and to have a duration of no longer than nine months.
- The nominated project must be able to stand on its own. If the initiative is a phase of a larger project, only the benefits of the phase can be recognized.
- Outsourced projects will be considered as long as they are managed and controlled by the state.
- The project must be state focused (not regional, local or national). Multi-state projects are encouraged, and must be submitted by the lead state. If the project is a finalist, all states included will be recognized.
- Multiple nominations per category per department/agency are permitted.
- Each project must be submitted in only one award category.
- A previous award recipient submission cannot be resubmitted.
- Each department/agency can win multiple recipient awards per year.