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## **CITY AND COUNTY OF EL PASO RECEIVE AWARD AS ONE OF THE TEN BEST DIGITAL CITIES IN THE U.S.**

El Paso, Texas- e.Republic's Center for Digital Government and Digital Communities program recently announced the top ranked digital city governments in its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Digital Cities Survey. The survey focused on results achieved by cities, via the use of technology in operating efficiencies and realizing strategic objectives despite current fiscal obstacles.

For their collaborative effort and to better serve El Paso, both the City and the County's shared information technology departments have placed in the top 10 in all U.S cities with a population of 250,000 or more.

Through an Inter-local agreement between the two bodies, the City and County of El Paso have consolidated their IT services over the past 18 months. A major benefit of the City/County consolidation is the establishment of two state-of-the-art data centers. It is estimated that the City/County shared services data center project, alone, has already saved taxpayers \$7.4 million.

Each center contains the latest HP blade technology, HP SAN storage systems and Cisco enterprise network hardware allowing for a number of opportunities for cost effective solutions and insuring a high level of service to all departments and agencies served.

As one of the highest-ranking cities in the survey, El Paso and the shared visions of both the City and County boasted great strides in enabling shared agency services, government transparency and interoperability regarding communications and all operations.

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government. The Center is a division of eRepublic, a national publishing, event, and research company focused on smart media for public sector innovation

The survey is conducted annually in the summer. All United States cities, towns, and consolidated city/county governments with populations of 30,000 or greater were invited to participate in the survey.

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