



CITY OF TUCSON

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TUCSON IS #3 IN THE 2007 NATIONAL DIGITAL CITIES SURVEY

Tucson is the third best U.S. "digital city" of those with populations of 250,000 or more.

In the 2007 Digital Cities Survey, Tucson tied for #3 on the list of most technologically-advanced cities. The annual survey examines how city governments utilize digital technologies to better serve their residents by combining efficiency, accessibility, and convenience.

Tucson is well-known in the top five of the "Top Ten" digital cities. Tucson placed 3rd (2006), 4th (2005), 2nd (2004), and 4th (2003).

"This year's winners have really raised the bar for cities," said Cathilea Robinett, Executive Director for the Center for Digital Government. "Digital technology connects citizens with their government on a level never before achieved."

In addition to offering e-services on the City web site, Tucson has also implemented a wireless network application called ER-Link, which is the nation's first operational, video-based, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) telemedicine system. This same network will also be used to provide access to city information and systems to City staff while in the field.

"More people than ever are digitally connecting to their governments," said Ann Strine, Chief Information Officer. "Our site offers access to City information that helps to increase resident participation and interest in their government and in our community."

The Top 10 ranking cities in the 2007 Digital Cities Survey (population 250,000 or more):

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| 1) Aurora, CO | 5) San Diego, CA (tie) |
| 2) Virginia Beach, VA | 6) Miami, FL |
| 3) Tucson, AZ | 6) Phoenix, AZ (tie) |
| 3) Tampa, FL (tie) | 7) Colorado Springs, CO |
| 4) Nashville/Davidson Co., TN | 8) Honolulu, HI |
| 4) Riverside, CA (tie) | 9) Washington, D.C. |
| 5) Kansas City, MO | 10) Mesa, AZ |

Additional information: The Center for Digital Government, a national research and advisory institute, provides technological resources to government and industry leaders. For the 2007 digital survey, Mayors, City Managers, and Chief Information Officers from hundreds of cities were asked about their cities' technology policies and operations. The complete lists of cities can be found online at www.centerdigitalgov.com/surveys.php?survey=cities

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