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UAlbany's Center for Technology in Government Co-Organizer of Preeminent Global Conference on Electronic Governance

Albany, NY - The Center for Technology in Government (CTG) at the University at Albany - SUNY is co-organizer of the 2010 International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV2010). This year's conference is taking place October 25-28 in Beijing, China and is co-located with the 5th China e-Government Forum (CEF2010). In its fourth year, ICEGOV has risen to prominence as a multi-stakeholder, global conference, attracting submissions from more than 45 countries and providing a rich sharing opportunity for government, academia, industry, and nongovernment organizations on the latest findings in the theory and practice of electronic governance.

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"This year's conference offers an exciting opportunity to connect the international ICEGOV community with over 450 e-government professionals working at all levels of the Chinese government," said Theresa Pardo, director, CTG and conference co-chair of ICEGOV2010. "This co-location helps strengthen existing and build new relationships among a truly global network of research, practice, and solution focused researchers and practitioners interested in the transformational use of technology in government."

Along with its organizing responsibilities, CTG staff are active participants throughout the four day conference sharing expertise and research on topics ranging from information policy, open government, interoperability, information sharing, IT governance, and social media.

Pardo and Sharon Dawes, CTG senior fellow, will be leading a tutorial session on *Information Policy: Concepts, Principles, and Dynamics* focusing on how government uses information to achieve policy goals in areas such as public health, environmental quality, economic development or social justice. They will also jointly lead a thematic session on Open Government, sharing CTG's recent work on developing an Open Government Framework for government practitioners to use, which is based on the three principles of transparency, collaboration, and participation.

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Pardo will also be a participant in a thematic session on *Interoperability* moderated by Lorenzo Madrid, Microsoft's World Wide Director for the Government Interoperability Initiative. Also participating with Pardo in this session is Jay Kesan, professor & Mildred Van Vorrhis Jones Faculty Scholar and Director of the Program in Intellectual and Technology Law at the University of Illinois.

Dawes, along with colleagues Elsa Estevez, senior researcher in the Center for Electronic Governance at United Nations University, International Institute for Software Technology in Macao and Jing Zhang, associate professor at the Graduate School of Management of Clark University, will be leading a *Doctoral Colloquium*. This interactive workshop gives doctoral students the opportunity to discuss a variety of themes related to electronic governance research, as well as topics and issues associated with their dissertation research and career plans. Similar to CTG's annual iGov Research Institute, the Colloquium allows these students to become a part of a network of likeminded researchers with whom they can continue to interact and collaborate beyond the conference.

CTG staff and graduate students will also be presenting several conference papers and a poster, as well as having participated in conference organizing efforts, as follows:

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- Anna Raup-Kounovsky, program staff assistant, will present *IT Governance to Fit Your Context: Two U.S. Case Studies*, co-authored by Donna Canestraro, program manager, Pardo, and Jana Hrdinová, program associate.
 - Mohammed Ghawari, graduate assistant and doctoral student at UAlbany's College of Computing and Information, will present *Conceptualizing Knowledge and Information Sharing in Transnational Knowledge Networks*, co-authored by Dawes.
 - Pardo is co-author on a paper being presented by Lei Zheng, former CTG graduate assistant, now assistant professor at School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University and Tung-Mou, graduate student at UAlbany' Department of Informatics. The paper is entitled *The Boundaries of Information Sharing and Integration: A Case Study in Taiwan e-Government*.
 - Taewoo Nam, graduate assistant and doctoral student in Public Administration at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at UAlbany, is presenting two papers: *Internet Effects on Political Participation: An Empirical Study on the Reinforcement vs. Mobilization Effect* and *New Voices or Old Voices in Political Talk?*
 - Ghawari will be presenting a poster, *An Exploratory Study of Social Media Adoption in Government*, co-authored by Natalie Helbig, program associate, Hrdinova, and Derek Werthmuller, director of technology services.
 - Jana Hrdinová, program associate, served as sponsorship chair for the scholarship process.

Keynote presentations at ICEGOV this year include: Yang Xeushan, Vice Minister, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China; Beth Simone Noveck, Deputy CTO and Head of Open Government Initiative, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Haiyan Qian, Director, DPADM, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

ICEGOV2010 is under the patronage of China's National School of Administration, National Development and Reform Commission, and Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, People's Republic of China.

In addition to CTG, the conference is co-organized by the Electronic Governance Programme, UNU-IIST, Macao SAR; Electronic Government Research Center, National School of Administration, China; Department of Public Administration, Fudan University, China; Computing Laboratory, University of Oxford, UK; and Informatization Institute, State Information Center, China.

For more information, visit the conference website at: <http://www.icegov.org/>. A full workshop report is due by summer 2010.

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