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THINKING BEYOND YOUR WEB SITE: LESSONS FROM THE XML TESTBED PROJECT

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Five New York state agencies have discovered the strategic advantage of using XML technology for content management. Come hear how they learned the value of creating a single source, open standard document to achieve streamlined workflow processes, content consistency and reusability, and multichannel publishing. Representatives from each of the agencies (NYS Department of Civil Service, NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal, NYS Higher Education Services Corporation, NYS Office of Cultural Education, and NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence) will participate in a panel discussion to share the organizational, fiscal, and technical benefits of XML.

The featured speaker for the event will be Tim Bray, co-inventor of XML and currently director of web technologies at Sun Microsystems. Attendees will also have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with all of the agency team members at a poster session representing their individual team projects.

To register online by January 20, 2006, please go to: www.ctg.albany.edu/projects/xmltb-registration.

For more information on the XML Testbed project go to: <http://www.ctg.albany.edu/projects/xmltb>.

CTG COLLABORATES WITH SOFTWARE INDUSTRY LEADER SAP ON PUBLIC ROI RESEARCH

Research to Inform Ways Governments Can Uncover True Value of Programs and Services

The Center for Technology in Government (CTG) and SAP, the world's leading provider of business software solutions to public sector organizations, are partnering on a new ROI research project focused on improving government's ability to analyze expected returns on information technology (IT) related investments. SAP has contracted with CTG, an independent research center, to produce a comprehensive, non-proprietary public ROI methodology.

Full press release at: http://www.ctg.albany.edu/about/press_proi_20051205.

For more information on the project go to: <http://www.ctg.albany.edu/projects/proi>.

CTG RELEASES CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT FOR MORE EFFECTIVE INFORMATION SHARING

Toolkit Lays Foundation For More Effective Information Sharing

Around the country, justice agencies are striving to improve public safety by sharing information across boundaries of organizations and jurisdictions. To assist in building these capabilities, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, awarded CTG funding to create a toolkit to assess information-sharing capability within and across justice agencies. "Sharing Justice Information: A Capability Assessment Toolkit" assesses capability in a way that can be customized and designed for a wide variety of contexts. It provides an enterprise-wide approach for assessing where capability for sharing information exists and where capability must be developed. The results of the assessment can help determine how to fill gaps in capability both within and across organizations.

To download a PDF version of the Toolkit go to:
http://www.ctg.albany.edu/publications/guides/sharing_justice_info.

For more information on the project go to: <http://www.ctg.albany.edu/projects/dj2>.