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City of Boston Receives Awards for Technology Achievement from the Renowned Public Technology Institute

*Technology Goes Home, GIS Street Address system recognized by
Public Technology Institute*

Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced today that the City of Boston has won two distinguished awards from the Public Technology Institute (PTI). The awards recognize the city's Technology Goes Home program as the winner in the Web & E-Government category and the innovative SAM (Street and Address Management) master address database was recognized for significant achievement in the GIS (Geographic Information System) category. This annual competition recognizes PTI members who demonstrate how they use technology to innovate, solve problems, reduce costs, and improve services and internal operations.

"The City of Boston is thrilled be recognized by the Public Technologies Institute for these innovative programs," Mayor Menino said. "These projects are extremely important, helping to close the digital divide by making the internet accessible to all residents and implementing a seamless way to share data among city departments. We continue to explore new ways to use technology to make government more efficient and accessible for all of our residents."

Technology Goes Home (TGH), www.techgoeshome.org, was the winner in the Web Services & Government category. TGH is an innovative program that provides Boston families with 15 hours of training offered in multiple languages, a netbook computer for \$50 and assistance in finding low cost connections to the Internet. The focus of the program demonstrates to families how they can use the Internet to Live, Learn, Earn, Work, and Play.

"The Technology Goes Home program is honored to be selected as a PTI Technology Solutions winner. We are thankful to have great supporters in Mayor Menino, CIO Bill Oates and the many partners who have given us the opportunity to address the important issue of digital inclusion in Boston," said Deb Socia, Director of TGH.

Street Address Management (SAM) was recognized for significant achievement in the GIS category. SAM was created by the City as a master repository for all addresses in the City. The City of Boston has over 350,000 individual addresses. Most City departments maintain their own list of addresses

which leads to duplication and confusion when locating addresses referred to in multiple ways. SAM is not just a master address database but also a collection of tools designed to manage and maintain the address data.

“All Bostonians need the tools to engage with government and to succeed in their lives and TGH helps to close that gap. SAM is an innovative use of technology to ensure a master database and central location to maintain important information. Both of these programs are examples of Boston using technology to develop programs that make a difference in the lives of citizens and the efficiency of government,” said Bill Oates, Chief Information Officer for the City of Boston.

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