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Connecticut eRegulations Receives 2016 Colborn Award

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WASHINGTON, DC - Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR), a professional section of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), honored Connecticut's groundbreaking eRegulations tool with the Robert J. Colborn Innovation Award at its annual summer conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

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The Connecticut Secretary of State's eRegulations system provides access to all agency regulation-making records with real-times updates. Known as "eRegs," the program is centrally located for easy regulation tracking rather than navigating through a variety of different, individual agencies. It has user-friendly search and browse features and email alert function for regulation tracking.

Connecticut Secretary of State **Denise W. Merrill** said, "This is a tremendous honor and we are grateful to ACR and its members for the recognition. The eRegs program is a boost for transparency and public access to information. This is the kind of program that shows businesses that we are there to help them succeed."

"Connecticut's eRegs tool was singled out for national recognition because of its innovative features and prospective applicability to other states, two key elements that help to multiply the force of good government amongst state administrative code divisions," noted Washington State Register Editor **Kerry S. Radcliff**, who presented the award as ACR President.

The Colborn Award was presented during the NASS ACR Section's annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee, which was held from July 14 through 17.

The Robert J. Colborn, Jr. Innovation Award was created in July 2001 in honor of **Robert J. Colborn, Jr.**, who served as the administrator of the Maryland Division of State Documents from 1974 through 2001 and founded ACR.

The Robert J. Colborn, Jr. Innovation Award annually recognizes a program that demonstrates creativity and innovation in providing public access to, or managing, administrative rules. It honors the state agency that has made substantial contributions to the flow of information to the public by improving efficiency and delivery of services to citizens, businesses and other governmental entities.

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