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LCC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPRENTICE TEAM EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

Best Practices cited in IT internship partnership

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Information Technology and Lansing Community College Business, Media, & Information Technology Division (BMIT) Information Technology Apprenticeship Team has been awarded a Best of Michigan Excellence in Technology Award for 2009 from the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO). The award was presented at the Michigan Digital Government Summit in Lansing on October 14, 2009 in Lansing.

Accepting the award on behalf of this collaborative effort were Judith K. Berry, BMIT Dean and Maria Nevai, Business & Industry Account Executive of Lansing Community College, and Jim Hogan, Chief Information Officer from Michigan Department of Human Services.

The award represents the Best Practices in IT collaboration with the State of Michigan Student Recruitment Program. BMIT earned the award for its Michigan cross-boundary IT internship and economic growth partnership project. The BMIT recruitment program is intended to retain IT workers in the Capital area and has received a National Science Foundation award for its efforts. The program, now in its second year, has 150 resumes on file and has made 100 industry visits on their behalf. Some 50% of the interns have received long-term employment in the public and private sectors.

“We knew the value of our efforts to local business and government, as well as to the regional economy,” said Berry, “but we are proud and delighted to be public recognized for those efforts.”

The Annual Michigan Digital Government Summit is event is for and about state and local government. The purpose of the event is to foster discussion and dialogue on the use of information technology as a strategic tool for managers, executives and policy makers.

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