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**Tech company honors Human Services Department; honorarium
donated to Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Initiate Systems, Inc., a company specializing in data management and information exchange, recently honored the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Information Technology Services Division and three other customers including Capitol One with Innovation Awards at its annual user conference in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The company recognized the department for its Client Information Sharing System project, which brings together eligibility and program information from public assistance programs and other human services programs that use different computer systems.

Department Executive Director Carol K. Olson has designated Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota to receive the \$500 honorarium from the award. The not-for-profit organization is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through public awareness and education, training and support for parents and others, and service coordination.

The computer system will comply with confidentiality requirements while reducing duplicate data entry, enhancing data quality, and providing reliable unduplicated caseload and program trend information. It is also an integral part of the Medicaid Management Information System project.

The department expects to test it in March 2009. The State Information Technology Advisory Committee ranked the project second highest among proposed technology projects in the fall of 2006, and state lawmakers approved it for the 2007-2009 biennium.

The company's announcement is on-line at

http://www.initiatesystems.com/news_events/news/Pages/InitiateSystemsAnnouncesWinnersof2ndAnnualInnovationAwards.aspx

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