



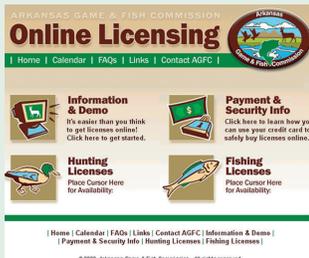
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New Sites

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

On-line hunting and Fishing License
www.state.ar.us/agfc/

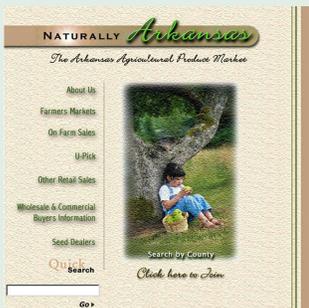


State Board of Nursing

On-line Licensing Renewal
www.state.ar.us/nurse/

Naturally Arkansas

Locate Agricultural Products
www.naturallyarkansas.org



Arkansas Board of Apportionment

The ABA oversees the process of redistricting the state for fair legislative representation based on the 2000 Census.
www.state.ar.us/aba

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Smart Moves Program

The Smart Moves Program is an initiative designed to recognize proactive use of technology within State Government in efforts to improve operational efficiency and simplify the process for businesses and/or citizens to interact with the deploying agency. Each Agency recognized will:

- ▶ Be featured on a Smart Moves Website, where the application will actually be described and the benefits identified. This site will be available off of the state website and will be linked from the agencies home page.
- ▶ Receive a Smart Moves Certificate of recognition, signed by the Governor. This will be presented to the Director or Commissioner of the receiving agency.
- ▶ Included in a press release sent to both print and TV media across the state.



▶ Included in an email to all state employees

▶ Included in articles sent to national publication like Government Technology, Governing and State News.

▶ Be included in the INA eGovernment Newsletter.



Submissions will be sent in each quarter. INA will recognize each of these deployments on the Smart Moves Website. Finalist will be identified and voted on by the INA board. The Governor will have final approval on the recommendation for a winner. Each Quarter there will be a recognized winner. Enter your nominations at www.state.ar.us/smartmoves

INA and eGovernment = Savings

Welcome to the first issue of the INA eGovernment Newsletter. INA has now been in place in Arkansas three (3) years. Over the past three years we have seen the Internet evolve from being a marketing resource to an alternative channel for agencies, offices, boards and commissions to conduct business with their customers. As a result, INA has seen a dramatic increase in the development of interactive web based applications. Often in association with this development, the question is asked regarding savings associated with these applications and INA. Subsequently, I thought it would be appropriate to address savings the state has recognized in this first newsletter.

Savings can be categorized in three areas. One is associated with the deployment of INA for the state to use as a hosting and development resource. The second is associated with the operational efficiencies recognized by the agencies deploying eGovernment applications. The third is that of the convenience and time savings recognized by business and individuals that interact with the State of Arkansas.

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Who is INA?

The Information Network of Arkansas (INA) is a public instrumentality of the State of Arkansas. INA operates under the authority of Arkansas code 25-27-101 et. seq. with the statutory responsibility of assisting the state in exploring and improving citizen and business access to public information.

Our goals include expanding the base of users who can access public information as well as increasing the amount and availability of public information and transactions with the State of Arkansas.

As part of our role in the state, INA works with the State Government of Arkansas, the public and businesses of Arkansas, and the citizens. We listen to the needs of each community then work with the state to develop new applications and transactions to meet those needs.

INA and eGovernment=Savings cont.

Regarding INA, over the past 3 years the State of Arkansas has saved over \$75,000 in Web hosting expense, \$500,000 in application development and over \$2.1 million in personnel, equipment and office expense.

The largest amount of savings though, has been recognized by the agencies deploying applications and the businesses or citizens utilizing those applications. In one case the **Department of Education** has totally eliminated paper and postage for Directors Memo's that are now sent out to every school electronically.

In another instance, the **Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A)** now receives all Motor Fuel Tax Filings electronically. This application eliminated data entry at DF&A and postage by the filer. Soon, DF&A will allow businesses in the state to file and pay Excise tax online. This system will calculate the business tax, build the filing and allow for payment online. This will save countless hours of work for the 50,000+ businesses that file and pay this tax monthly.

In a final example, **Game and Fish** recently deployed online licensing for hunting and fishing. This has provided individuals that want to hunt or fish in Arkansas the ability to obtain licenses without leaving their home.

To all of us here at INA, the savings and convenience incurred by the State, its businesses and citizens, represents that the mission of the enacting legislation forming INA is being met successfully. Each and every employee of the network is focused on working with the State of Arkansas and its offices and agencies so they will be recognized as leaders in electronic government, thus benefiting all businesses and citizens that interact with the state.

Thank you for your support.

Robert Chandler
Network General Manager

National eGov News

Clinton Signs Digital Signature Bill

Saying it would "open up new frontiers of economic opportunity while protecting the rights of American consumers," President Bill Clinton Friday signed the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce act, or E-Sign. The bill, which Congress passed two weeks ago, puts the force of national law behind electronic signature transactions.

E-Sign will render digital signatures legally equivalent to those signed on paper, laying "the basic legal foundation for e-commerce," according to Steve Boyd of the White House press office. The new law will bolster e-commerce by eliminating companies' fears about the enforceability of online commerce, according to a statement released by the White House.

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