

Survey credits Louisville for use of technology

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Louisville's city government is one of the best in the country in using technology to better serve its citizens, according to a new survey.

Metro Government placed second nationally behind Boston among cities of more than 250,000 population in the Digital Cities Survey, conducted by e.Republic's Center for Digital Government.

The survey looks at how well city governments use **information technology** in improving and delivering basic services, managing budgets, providing public safety and other areas.

The 15th annual survey looked more closely than previous years at the bottom line results and achievements that technology has been able to create in local governments. Louisville Metro Government scored high marks for public safety — especially for the recently completed MetroSafe Communications system that links all police, fire and other emergency responders.

The survey analyzed how well cities are working to increase energy efficiency in daily operations. Louisville Metro Government, which was named the 2010 EPA Energy Star Partner of the Year, highlighted the Go Green Louisville! initiative, which includes goals of reducing energy and fuel consumption in city government.

Also highlighted in the survey were technology improvements in the city's Office of Management and Budget that will **increase efficiency** in invoicing and budgeting.

The survey also recognized the city's website, through which citizens can track city government spending, find and map services and other information such as top stories, events, restaurant inspection scores and a Metro Parks "Park Finder" tool.

The website can be found at www.louisvilleky.gov.
