

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Mark LaVigne
(518) 442-4598

Center for Technology in Government Recognized by NYS Education Department Efforts to Preserve Historical Records Honored with Archives Week Award

Albany, NY - It was Abraham Lincoln who said, "We cannot escape history." But history could escape us if we fail to preserve the papers, books, e-mails, and online documents in which our history is recorded.

Thanks to its efforts to help government agencies manage and preserve such electronic documents, the University at Albany's Center for Technology in Government was selected by the New York State Board of Regents and the New York State Archives and Records Administration to receive the **1999 Archives Week Award for Excellence in State Agency Archival Program Development**.

"The award honors the Center's innovative work in helping government agencies create, manage, and preserve the electronic records of the digital age," said V. Chapman-Smith, assistant commissioner for Archives and Records Administration. The Center for Technology in Government is one of 10 state agencies to be honored for their outstanding efforts to help ensure the preservation of archival records.

One of the Center's current projects involves working with the State Archives to investigate ways to make electronic records available for secondary uses such as policy research and historical documentation. This work will result in new tools and techniques to ensure that archived electronic records will remain usable and accessible for future generations.

The Center for Technology in Government is an applied research center devoted to improving government and public services through policy, management, and technology innovation. The Center, located at the University at Albany/State University of New York, works with government, corporate, and academic partners to pursue new ways of applying computing and communications technologies to the practical problems of information management and service delivery in the public sector.