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International Working Group on "Online Consultation and Public Policy Making" Meets

The first international working group to officially meet under the umbrella of CTG's international digital government initiative is the Working Group on Online Consultation and Public Policy Making. Co-chairs Peter Shane, Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, and Stephen Coleman, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, organized a meeting of the members at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in Boston. This group of international researchers is one of four to receive funding to advance digital government (DG) research on issues that cross national boundaries, made possible through a \$1 million grant to CTG from the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Digital Research Program (DG).

Conference on Telecommunications Reliability in the Information Capital

May 17, 2007 @ Columbia University, New York Presented by the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information (CITI) and the New York Telecommunications Reliability Advisory Council (NYTRAC)

CITI and NYTRAC are organizing a full-day conference to examine New York City's telecommunications infrastructure. Expert representatives of major users, suppliers of telecom services, and all levels of government will ask and answer the critical questions surrounding telecommunications reliability in New York.

Is New York's telecommunications infrastructure up to the challenge - is it reliable enough support an information-dependent economy and society? Could it be more reliable? Are users willing to pay for an ultra-reliable infrastructure? Could network operators provide such a network, and what would it cost? What can (and should) government do to help?

CTG director, Sharon Dawes, serves on the executive board of NYTRAC.

Register online at <http://www.ersvp.com/r/nytrac>.

For more information, go to <http://www.nytrac.org> or contact John Heywood at jwh2121@columbia.edu or 212-854-4222.

National Summit on Ensuring the Authenticity of States' Online Legal Resources

The American Association of Law Libraries recently held its first-ever national summit on ensuring the authenticity of states' online legal resources in Schaumburg, Illinois. Brian Burke, senior program associate at CTG, was one of approximately 50 delegates selected to participate based on our recently published research on state government digital information preservation efforts. This research was conducted as part of a National Science Foundation grant funded the U.S. Library of Congress.

Other delegates to the summit included representatives from state courts, offices of state chief information officers, state registrars, state administrative law divisions, state archives, law libraries, law schools, the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, the Government Printing Office, and others with an interest in managing and preserving important government information in digital form.

The summit was organized around the American Association of Law Libraries recently published "State-by-State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources," which can be downloaded at: http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/authen_rprt/AuthenFinalReport.pdf.

State government digital information resources from CTG can be found at: <http://www.ctg.albany.edu/projects/pubs?proj=lc&sub=pubs>.