

The following Web sites often cite exemplary practices and programs and may be a good starting point for seeking out public sector examples.

Government Solutions/Innovations

If you are doing best/current practice research regarding innovative government solutions in different program areas, you may want to visit the following Web sites that are mostly dedicated to innovations and best governance practices.

National Center for Public Productivity: <http://newark.rutgers.edu/~ncpp>

The National Center for Public Productivity is a research and public service organization devoted to assist federal, state, and local governments improve the delivery of quality services. The Web site contains exemplary state and local programs, best practices worldwide, and many publications.

Council of State Governments: <http://www.csg.org/csg/default>

The Council of State Governments was created in 1933 to provide state officials with the tools and strategies necessary to implement effective policies and programs. The Web site contains publications, handbooks, contact information, innovation award winners, and other information on effective state governance.

Innovations in American Government:

<http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/content.cfm?CFID=66589&CFTOKEN=86851000&flashInstalled=1>

The Kennedy School at Harvard and the Ford Foundation sponsor the Innovations program to highlight exemplary programs to solve important public problems at every level of government.

National Governors Association: <http://www.nga.org>

The NGA Center for Best Practices, whose mission is to identify and share the states' best practices and innovations, maintains an index of key state issues covering many program areas that you can browse online.

National Association of State Chief Information Officers: <http://www.nascio.org>

NASCIO represents state chief information officers and information resource executives and managers from the 50 states. Its mission is to address opportunities and challenges of improving the business of government through the application of information technology. The Web site presents best practices in the use of information technology in states, as well as numerous publications. In addition, it features StateSearch, a comprehensive directory of information technology and management initiatives in state governments.

International City/County Management Association: <http://www.icma.org>

ICMA's two-fold mission is to enhance the quality of local government and to support and assist professional local government managers and administrators. Toward that end, the association develops and publishes a vast array of publications and reference material to help improve the process of local government management. ICMA also serves as a major clearinghouse for the collection, analysis and dissemination of information and data about local government.

Public Technology, Inc: <http://pti.nw.dc.us/>

Created in 1971, PTI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the use of technology in both cities and counties. The Web site features PTI publications which demonstrate the "best technology practices" of cities and counties in the U.S.