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Alabama EMA Information Technology Development Team receives a state award for second consecutive year

CLANTON- The Alabama Emergency Management Agency Information Technology Development Team is the winner of the 2010 Innovative Alabama Governments Awards in the Digital Government Innovation: State/Regional category. The development team is being recognized for their innovative use of technology to create the Emergency Management Information Technology System (EMITS) Mapper tool. EMITS is used to communicate with local County Emergency Management Agencies across the state.

“Our innovative use of technology is very important to the first responders being able to serve the citizens of this state,” said EMA Director Art Faulkner. “The EMITS Mappers tool is just one more way we can increase our preparedness capability.”

Historically, the data collected in EMITS could not be easily shared with other Decision Support Systems. The AEMA IT Development Branch utilized xml technology to share the EMITS data with other Decision Support Tools. The latest addition to the EMITS toolbox is the EMITS Mapper, which employs XML technology and ESRI’s Flex API to provide a spatial representation of the data. The EMITS Mapper provides the emergency management community with a way to visualize the status of emergency management locations across the state, relative to external data sources including severe weather information.

The AEMA IT Development Branch consists of Ginger Boling (DBA/IT Development Branch Director), Trea Wilson (Webmaster), and Melissa Mayo (GIS Specialist).

The 2010 Innovative Alabama Governments Awards recognizes innovative government programs (non-technical) and digital government solutions (technology-driven), implemented between October 1, 2007 and September 31, 2010. The award ceremony was February 24th in Montgomery.

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