



DisabilityInfo.Gov Receives American Association of Webmasters Gold Award

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WASHINGTON, May 17 /U.S. Newswire/ -- DisabilityInfo.gov, a comprehensive one-stop federal Web site for disability-related information and resources, has received the American Association of Webmasters (AAWM) 2006 Gold Award for outstanding design and quality of content. The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) manages the Web site, which can be found at <http://www.DisabilityInfo.gov>.

With 21 federal agencies contributing content to this Web site, DisabilityInfo.gov contains extensive, frequently updated information on a host of cross-cutting topics. Easy to navigate, DisabilityInfo.gov is organized by subject areas that include benefits, civil rights, community life, education, employment, health, housing, technology and transportation.

"DisabilityInfo.gov is an excellent resource for individuals, families, employers and caseworkers, offering them easy access to disability-related information," said Assistant Secretary of Labor Roy Grizzard, who heads ODEP. "We are also pleased that more than 4,000 people a day from 180 countries visit the site and, to date, DisabilityInfo.gov has had more than 5.5 million visitors."

The AAWM Awards recognize webmasters and designers who have shown outstanding achievement in Web design, content and creativity and who have spent considerable time building and creating their sites not just to benefit themselves, but to also make a positive contribution to the World Wide Web community by "Bringing The World Closer To Us," according to the Association's Web site.

As part of his New Freedom Initiative to ensure that people with disabilities are offered opportunities that help them to live full and more independent lives, President Bush directed the development of DisabilityInfo.gov as a one-stop Web site for federal, state and local programs related to disability. The site was launched in October of 2002.

Last year, DisabilityInfo.gov won the Web Content Managers Best Practice Peer Award. The Web Content Managers Forum is a peer group comprised of more than 900 federal, state and local government Web managers.

For more information about DisabilityInfo.gov, contact Kevin Connors, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), at Connors.Kevin@dol.gov or 202-693-7880. To place a link to DisabilityInfo.gov on your Web site, please visit the "Link to Us" page at <http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=7>.

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