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State CIOs Face Looming Retirements and Critical IT Skills Shortage Under Tight Budget Constraints

LEXINGTON, Ky., January 26, 2011 — States continue to experience a shrinking state IT workforce, according to a new survey, *“State IT Workforce: Under Pressure – A National Survey of the States,”* released today by the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO). The survey is available for download on NASCIO’s website, www.nascio.org/publications/.

“This survey reflects recent state IT workforce trends and predictions from the view of the state CIO,” said Chad Grant, NASCIO policy analyst and author of the study. “The inevitable wave of baby boomers that will leave the state workforce in the next five years has only compounded the challenges that exist for recruitment and retention of highly qualified IT personnel.”

Now more than ever, state governments are relying on state CIOs to provide dependable information technology business solutions, serve citizens and enable the delivery of agency services. These services are developed, implemented and supported by an aging IT staff that may face a critical shortage in the next few years due to retirement.

NASCIO executive director Doug Robinson stated, “retirements from of an aging state IT workforce have been a looming issue for the majority of the states and a comparison of NASCIO’s September 2007 findings and our current survey highlights that the recession has only delayed this inevitable tsunami of turnover.”

For information regarding this survey, contact Chad Grant, NASCIO policy analyst, at cgrant@AMRms.com.

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The National Association of State Chief Information Officers is the premier network and resource for state CIOs and a leading advocate for technology policy at all levels of government. NASCIO represents state chief information officers and information technology executives from the states, territories, and the District of Columbia. The primary state government members are senior officials who have executive level and statewide responsibility for information technology leadership. State officials who are involved in agency level information technology management may participate as state members. Representatives from other public sector and non-profit organizations may also participate as associate members. Private sector firms may join as corporate members and participate in the Corporate Leadership Council. For more information about NASCIO visit www.nascio.org.

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