



2022 INNOVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

GRAND PRIZE

LEDES - Law Enforcement Digital Evidence System

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The primary issue the LEDES project addresses is the manual process surrounding the submission of digital evidence from law enforcement to the DA's Office. The DA Office has seen a 400% increase in digital evidence since 2016, and this automatic digital evidence script will help the DA office receive digital evidence timely, save countless human hours for both DA and Law Enforcement, and save taxpayers from having to request additional employees to handle all the digital evidence. Law enforcement evidence techs spend a great deal of time manually reviewing and downloading evidence from evidence.com, and subsequently uploading that data to a digital evidence system that submits it to the DA's Office for review and discovery. The new LEDES system automates much of that process and eliminates the need for law enforcement evidence technicians to download/upload data.

Additionally, in years past, when new digital evidence on a case was identified, the DA's Office had to request it from law enforcement. The DA had no automated way to know what digital evidence may be missing, and the process to determine that was completed manually by comparing evidence reports from law enforcement and the DA's Office. Now, the DA evidence technicians do not need to manually ask/search/find additional body camera evidence that would enhance the evidence for the cases they are prosecuting. This improves law enforcement's ability to share digital evidence with the DA and reduces the risk of missing evidence when preparing the case for trial. The DA's Evidence Technicians will be focused on trial prep work, and not manual evidence management and cataloging.

RUNNER-UP

Delinquent Mobile Home Tax Engagement Tracking

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Each year the Treasurer's office engages with mobile home owners and residents in danger of losing their property due to delinquent property taxes. In the past, this work was completed in a manual paper-driven, resource burdening process. This past year, the Treasurer's Office partnered with IT's GIS and Web teams to develop cloud hosted maps, mobile tracking applications, and data syncing tools to greatly improve with this engagement. The Treasurer's staff, who work diligently to engage with at risk owners and residents, now have the technology to be more effective in less time. The web services team accepted the task of syncing data between the ArcGIS tools and the updated Tax Lien List, which updates daily on larimer.org.

The GIS, Web, and Treasurer's teams designed and delivered a tracking tool which exceeded expectations in utility and process improvement.

- An interactive map made available on both the desktop and mobile devices
- The map includes site maps of mobile home parks that located the actual property
- The status of the property is immediately identified through color coding.
- The ability to update the status of a case and upload photos of tags and notes in the field, via mobile device
- The system syncs each evening with the Treasurer's central list. Inactive cases then disappear from the map and working list. Significant time savings and limits placed on errors and duplicative work all yielded an immense and immediate impact. While starting with 600 at risk properties in September, the number dwindled to 32 that went to auction!

RUNNER-UP

eBond Project (Electronic Bond Application)

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The eBond Project is a collaborative effort by stakeholders from across Larimer County and the 8th Judicial District to improve the bond application process. The eBond process facilitates the release of inmates from jail by expediting court proceedings and entry into community supervision through the electronic delivery of defendant information.

The goals and outcomes of the project included the reduction of reliance on paper and hand delivery systems, deadline-imposed pressures and stress on the day of court, and reduced workload for support staff. It also increased the review time of defendant information by stakeholders through appropriate and secure delivery of essential information. The eBond Project is cutting edge in the area of Pretrial Services both in the State of Colorado and nationally. After eight years of discussion and extensive effort, the group came to an agreement to change processes and promote innovation across four different government agencies, many with conflicting priorities and with considerable external barriers to overcome. Results such as a 58% reduction in paper (total annual savings of over 250,000 print jobs), 10 hours gained in defendant review for each court date (2,490 hours annually) and an overall satisfaction rating improvement from a 2.57 to 4.57 (on a 5 point scale), show that innovative collaboration is achievable by processing bonds electronically.