

Local Government and Community Services

A. This section should be initially completed by an individual or group of individuals designated by the information technology committee to be the section leader(s).

Local government and community services factors to assess:	yes	no	future actions
Do governments collaborate on telecommunications and information networking infrastructure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are computers in local government networked within buildings and across jurisdictional lines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do local governments use mobile wireless data networks (WIFI or WiMax) to enhance efficiency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do local governments regularly include budgeted funding for technology upgrades and employee training?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the city government have a Web site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Are meeting agendas available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Are meeting minutes available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Are budget documents available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Are property tax appraisals available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Are ordinances available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Are land use and zoning maps available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Is information for new or prospective residents available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Are permits, forms, and applications available online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Can citizens perform online information searches?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Can citizens complete online transactions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the county government have a Web site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Do local governments use the Internet to post bids and buy goods or services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do local officials play a role in state-level information networking policy formation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have existing local ordinances been reviewed and modified to remove anti-technology bias?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do human service organizations have a centralized computer database of community resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do human service organizations communicate with the public and each other electronically?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the community have a World Wide Web site for the community with links to other local home pages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do community Web sites have information of specific interest to newcomers and visitors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there a community-maintained Web site for posting of community events and discussion of local issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do the city and county governments cooperate in a computerized geographic information system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has there been an assessment of the overlapping data and/or mapping needs of local agencies such as the County Assessor, County Register of Deeds, city/county emergency response, city/county planning and zoning authorities, city/county public safety agencies, natural resources districts, local utilities and public works departments, economic development entities, and County Engineer/Highway Superintendent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has there been an effort to determine what digital maps, geospatial data or technical assistance is available through state government agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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On a scale of 1 to 4, evaluate local government's e-readiness:¹

- 1 Local governments have informational Web sites.
- 2 The county and municipal government post meeting announcements and materials online. The Web site is updated regularly. 100% of employees have e-mail.
- 3 Citizens can make transactions via local government Web sites. Data is shared electronically between departments.
- 4 Governments use information technology to run operations more efficiently and to serve citizens 24 hours a day.

What are our strengths in the area of local government's e-readiness?

What resources and assets are available in the community to address local government's e-readiness? What resources and assets are available regionally or in the state?

The University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension's Connecting Nebraska Team offers an e-government training program (connecting.unl.edu). Nebraska Online will develop county Web sites free of charge (contact Dan Brown at danb@nol.org). The Nebraska GIS Steering Committee (www.calmit.unl.edu/gis/) has information on sharing data for GIS.

¹ These assessment factors have been adapted from the *CSPP Readiness Guide* (<http://www.cspp.org>).

What are some ways in which local government's e-readiness could be strengthened?

Does a more thorough assessment of this area need to be made? Yes No

C. These questions should be discussed and answered by the entire information technology committee or have community members provide input on these questions at a community forum.

In two to five years, how would you like your community to score in this area?²

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How would you prioritize local government's e-readiness?

- 1 Low priority
- 2 Medium priority
- 3 High priority
- 4 Highest priority