**Best of the Web Judging Process**The Best of the Web contest reviews publicly facing state, territory, tribal, and local government information security websites and rates them on a standard set of criteria. Best of the Web winners are selected in two categories: States\Territories, Tribal, and Local Government.  **Contest Timeline**

September 1: The contest announcement is released. States, territories, tribal, and local governments are provided with a copy of the criteria and encouraged to refresh their websites.

October 31 – Mid-November: Judging takes place and the winners are selected.

November: Winners are announced on the MS-ISAC Monthly Call at the end of November

**Judging**

State, territory, tribal, and local government websites are reviewed using a standard set of criteria (please see companion excel grading sheets). Each item in the criteria earns points for the website. States and Territories comprise one contest division, and Local Governments, Tribes, and Educational organizations comprise their own individual contest divisions.

The websites are divided among the team of judges with each member reviewing 8-12 sites. Team members **do not** review the website for the state, territory, tribal, or local government they represent.

The Best of the Web lead tabulates the scores from the team members. The Best of the Web lead reviews all sites looking for anomalies in the scoring.

The finalists are selected based on their total score. The Best of the Web team reviews the finalists for each category: States\Territories, Tribal, Local Government, and Educational Organizations as mentioned above. The Best of the Web sites are chosen based on the scores, and in cases of a tie, multiple winners may be announced.

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