NASPE Communications Awards Nomination

Submission Title: S. C.'s E-Learning Center Café

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1. Please provide a brief description of the submission.

South Carolina's State Budget & Control Board's Office of Human Resources [OHR] developed an elearning site as part of its state web site. During the Summer of 2008 OHR saw a need to develop an E-Learning Café which would provide information and training resources for managers/supervisors, employees, Human Resources Practitioners, and Certified Public Manager (CPM) participants. This information is accessible through the OHR web site. The E-Learning Café provides e-learning courses, job aids, and a central location for information to all CPM participants (e.g., training calendars, training locations and directions, participant directories). The E-Learning Café also has links to various sites such as the South Carolina State Library and the National Society of Public Managers.

http://www.ohr.sc.gov/OHR/elearning/main.swf

2. How long has the submission been in existence?

The development of the E-Learning Café began in the summer of 2008. The Managers/Supervisors and CPM sections of the web site were completed and functioning in August of 2008. The remaining categories are under development.

3. Why was the submission created?

South Carolina's E-Learning Café was developed to provide a central location for managers, supervisors, employees, and Human Resources practitioners to find and share information that is used for professional development and to provide one stop for CPM participants and graduates to get information that is timely and accurate relating to course work, upcoming events, training sessions, and national requirements.

4. How does this submission support the goals and objectives of your agenda/department?

The Office of Human Resources has been moving toward the increased use of e-learning where appropriate. There was a need to have training opportunities that were not classroom training only, but a blended approach to learning. In addition, the Office of Human Resources has a communication plan that is designed to improve the use of its services. The new E-Learning Café was designed to fit these goals and objectives.

5. Have you been able to measure the effectiveness of this submission? If so, how?

The E-Learning Café's effectiveness is being measured by the decreased number of telephone calls received in reference to the CPM program.

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