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NCDG Hosts Officials from Kazakhstan

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Amherst, MA– The National Center for Digital Government (NCDG) welcomed a delegation of business and government leaders from the Republic of Kazakhstan on Wednesday, September 26, 2007.

The visit was part of a 21-day program titled “Electronic Government for Transparency and Public Services: A Project for Kazakhstan” and designed to introduce Kazakhstani leaders to e-government in the U.S. and to explore the role it plays in strengthening democratic institutions. Special emphasis was placed on transparency, efficiency, accountability, and civic participation as a result of increased use of e-government tools and applications.

The National Center for Digital Government is supported by the National Science Foundation and based in the Center for Public Policy and Administration and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. NCDG arranged briefings for the delegation with researchers and others on campus with expertise in information technology and governance including the Electronic Enterprise Institute, the Open Source Computing Laboratory, the National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution, and the W.E.B. DuBois Library Learning Commons.

The program was arranged through the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts and the U.S. Department of State's International Visitors Leadership Program. For more information about the National Center for Digital Government and its e-government research program, please visit www.umass.edu/digitalcenter.

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