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Minnesota Department of Revenue receives award for nation-leading online system for filing Certificates of Real Estate Value

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Recently, the Minnesota Department of Revenue accepted a State Innovation Award for its work on Electronic Certificate of Real Estate Value (eCRV). The award, presented by the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs and the Bush Foundation, recognizes the agency’s new online system for processing and cataloging real estate transactions in Minnesota. Minnesota is among the first states in the nation to offer the certificate online.

“Minnesota Revenue is leading the way in finding new ways to serve our customers by utilizing technology to improve their experience and save resources,” said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. “Customers now have access to this easy and convenient online system for filing and retrieving certificates of real estate value and we’re saving 600,000 pieces of paper each year.”

Minnesota requires that all real estate transactions over \$1,000 file a Certificate of Real Estate Value (CRV). Implemented in 1978, filing a CRV used a four part paper form. Minnesota counties reviewed the submitted form and then transferred it to the state. This process took both time and resources for the submitters, the counties, and the state.

The department streamlined the process and became national leader by creating an electronic system for processing and storing real estate transactions. The change has made the process more convenient, secure, accessible, transparent, and efficient. [Learn more about eCRV by visiting our website.](#)

This is the second Minnesota State Government Innovation Award won by Revenue. The department was recognized last year for its plain language work. Watch a [video overview](#) of the Department of Revenue’s plain language effort.

To learn more about the State Innovation Awards as well as the individual award winners and their innovations, visit <http://sgja.umn.edu/home>.

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