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CBN wins 2026 ICMA Élan Award of Excellence for the new South Carolina under-21 Identification Card

Ottawa, Canada — Canadian Bank Note Company Limited (CBN) is proud to announce that, in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV), it has won a 2026 International Card Manufacturers Association (ICMA) Élan Award of Excellence for the new South Carolina under-21 Identification Card. The award recognizes the card's security and design as the "Best ID Card" of the year and marks CBN's sixth consecutive Élan Award win in this category. The recognition reflects the collaboration with SCDMV and CBN's continued excellence in secure card design and manufacturing.

This award-winning under-21 Identification Card, introduced by SCDMV last year, features a security-forward, citizen-centric design proudly showcasing South Carolina's iconic imagery – from the Statehouse to the Loggerhead Turtle. The card is built on a 100% laser-engraved polycarbonate body layered with 40+ advanced security features integrated within, making it the most secure credential in the state's history.

Congratulations to our partners at SCDMV on this achievement as their U-21 ID joins the CBN collection of recent award-winning cards. This award highlights what strong collaboration can accomplish. Together, we have delivered a state-of-the-art credential that South Carolinians can carry with pride and confidence.

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