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Gloucester County Receives Distinguished Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently announced that Gloucester County has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award represents a significant achievement by the County and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. This is the first time the County has received this prestigious award.

In order to receive the budget award, the locality had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines and meet stringent criteria for effective budget presentation. Guidelines are designed to assess how well the county budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to a locality, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. The award is being presented to Stephanie Tinsley, Director of Financial Services for Gloucester County.

"This award reflects the effort of the Gloucester team to demonstrate transparency in serving our citizens," states Interim County Administrator Sandy Wanner.

States Tinsley, “I am extremely pleased that we have received the GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. It is the first for Gloucester County and we become part of a small group of localities and special districts (approximately 1,500 at last count for 2014) nationwide, to be recognized for effective budget presentation. I believe that, through this process, we continue to provide the citizens of Gloucester County with much more information about the budget and the various County departments and agencies. I very much appreciate the assistance of the department directors and staff. I would especially like to thank Ms. Nickie Champion, Gloucester’s former Finance Director for her assistance and Mr. Wanner for his leadership and support as we worked on this project. ”

Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America. The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 18,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. The GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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