

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager
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SUBJECT: Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

SUMMARY: The Government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented its "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with Special Performance Measures Recognition" to the City of Peoria for the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. The awards program, which was established in 1984, recognizes exemplary budget documentation by state, provincial and local governments. This award is the highest form of recognition and is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the budget award, a government must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Entities participating in the program submit copies of their operating budgets for review. Each budget document is evaluated using a comprehensive evaluation checklist in four broad categories:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

After a preliminary screening, eligible budgets are sent to three independent reviewers who are members of GFOA's Budget Review Panel. To receive the award, budgets must be judged proficient in each of four categories by two of the three reviewers. The reviewers also must agree that the budget meets each of 14 "mandatory" criteria.

This award marks the 16th time the City of Peoria has received the Distinguished Budget Award. In addition to meeting the criteria for the Distinguished Budget Award, we also received "Special Performance Measures Recognition" for the second straight year. This distinction is awarded to governments who receive outstanding ratings in categories relating to performance management – performance measures, long-term financial goals and objectives, and unit goals and objectives.

For City of Peoria staff, the award represents a significant achievement. It reflects the commitment of the City Council and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In addition, the preparation of an effective budget document is considered a core function of the Budget Department. This award provides excellent feedback on our efforts and is a good measurement of our performance in this area.

ATTACHMENT: GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2009



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
Award*

PRESENTED TO
**City of Peoria
Arizona**

Special Performance Measures Recognition

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

July 1, 2008

President

Executive Director