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City Wins GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Akron, Ohio (December 14, 2012) - The City of Akron received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's (GFOA's) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget which includes the fiscal period 2011. Akron's Director of Finance, Diane L. Miller -Dawson, was also awarded a certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation for her role in the City's nationally recognized accomplishment.

"This is a great honor," said Diane Miller-Dawson. "Every year for the past several decades, we have achieved national recognition for our outstanding budget presentations. I have always believed that our method of budget reporting utilizes the best practices available, and again this has been confirmed by the GFOA."

As stated in the Press Release sent out of Washington, the award represents a significant achievement, reflecting the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized expert's guidelines for effective budget presentation. Akron's budget presentation rated "proficient" in all four categories designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as (1) a policy document, (2) a financial plan, (3) an operations guide, and (4) a communications device, as well as "proficient" in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories.

"I am pleased that this prominent group of experts, the GFOA, which consists of financial officers throughout the United States and Canada, recognizes that Akron has an outstanding method of budget reporting," said Mayor Don Plusquellic.

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