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McHenry County Receives Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

WOODSTOCK - The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to McHenry County by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Fiscal Year 2009 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR), representing the 12th consecutive year. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

McHenry County Auditor Pam Palmer and her staff are primarily responsible for preparation of the CAFR. Ms. Palmer stated, "The creation of the CAFR involves additional work to meet the requirements of the GFOA award. This supplemental financial information assists with supplying McHenry County citizens with noteworthy operational results and demonstrates the County Board, Elected Officials, and Department Directors commitment to strong financial stewardship. This report is the culmination of efforts throughout the year by all involved in the financial processes. I would especially like to thank my Financial Reporting Manager, Jim Bernier, and the County's external auditors, Baker Tilley Virchow Krause, LLP."

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with office in Chicago, Illinois and Washington, D.C.

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