



City of Sisters

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CITY RECEIVES GFOA' S BUDGET AWARD

Chicago--The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that the City of Sisters, Oregon has received the GFOA's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for its budget document.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as; 1) as a financial plan, 2) as a policy document, 3) as an operations guide and 4) as a communication 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 an entity, 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. This has been presented to Lisa Young, Finance Director.

For budgets including fiscal period 2007, 1,166 entities received the Award. 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 nonprofit professional association serving over 17,600 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

At the February 11, 2010 regular Council meeting, Mark Gonzales, Finance Director for Clackamas County in the Portland area and a GFOA representative was in attendance to present the award to Director Young.

Mr. Gonzales stated that Finance Director Young submitted and won a *Distinguished Budget Award* with her first budget submission, a notable accomplishment. “It is unusually to receive the award on the first submission. The budget document was rated as proficient in nearly every category. This document was put together very well. The City should reserve a place on the wall for more awards to come!” He stated the City should be proud of Director Young and offered his congratulations on the accomplishment. He presented the *Distinguished Budget Award* plaque to Director Young stating it symbolizes hard work and excellence.

Mayor Kellstrom praised Director Young for her efforts and thanked Mr. Gonzales for attending the meeting to present the award.