MEMORANDUM

TO: All Municipal and County Finance Officers

FROM: John A. Gallegos, Budget and Finance Bureau Chief
       DFA, Local Government Division

DATE: October 6, 2009

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 NEW MEXICO BUDGET AWARDS

This year the New Mexico Budget Awards Program is being conducted subsequent to the submission and approval of the regular local government operating budget requests for Fiscal Year 2009-10. The DFA, Local Government Division (LGD) sponsors this program to:

1. Encourage professional budget presentations by local governments;
2. Recognize budget preparation to meet the awards criteria of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA);
3. Recognize local governments that meet or exceed the GFOA budget performance criteria; and
4. Promote professional development.

All counties and municipalities are eligible to participate and encouraged to meet the budget criteria developed by the GFOA. If you decide to participate, you will need to provide your entity’s GFOA budget and the required criteria information in the (attached) Detailed Criteria Location Guide, which are due to LGD by November 15, 2009.

LGD will evaluate budget compliance with GFOA required criteria and ensure that the entries strictly adhere to those criteria in order to determine which entities will receive awards. The awards will be acknowledged to the recipients by mail and on the LGD, Budget & Finance Bureau web site. There will be no formal awards presentation due to the cancellation of this year’s 2009 Annual Budget Workshop.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your LGD Executive Budget Analyst. Thank you.

cc: Robert Apodaca, LGD Director
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