Press Release

Clerk's Accounting Wins Budget Award from Government Finance Officers Association

Chicago – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that the Collier County Clerk of the Courts, Florida has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the Clerk's Accounting office. It reflects the commitment of the Clerk, Dwight E. Brock and his staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the Clerk had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

For budgets including fiscal periods 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 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.

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