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CITY OF JOLIET HAS RECEIVED GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The City of Joliet has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2017 Budget. This is the first time the City received this award and it represents a significant achievement by the City of Joliet. It reflects the commitment of the City staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the City'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 in the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

In addition to the award, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. The City of Joliet is proud to announce this Certificate of Appreciation has been awarded to James Ghedotte, Director of Finance.

"The City Council, Employees and Department Heads all played a significant part in developing and producing a professional budget document. Winning the award demonstrates the City's commitment in maintaining transparency in all its public financial reports", said Mr. Ghedotte.

There are over 1,600 participants in the Budget Awards Program. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 19,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. The association is headquartered in Chicago, with offices in Washington D.C.

Martin J. Shanahan, Jr.
Interim City Manager

The City of Joliet is the third largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to 149,386 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.cityofjoliet.info or call 815-724-4000. The City of Joliet's Media Releases are always available on our website.