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WHEAT RIDGE RECEIVES BUDGET AWARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Award Recognizes Excellence in Local Government Budgeting

WHEAT RIDGE, CO – Doug Farmen, Finance Director for the City of Littleton, recently presented Mayor Jerry DiTullio and City Manager Patrick Goff with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

“This award represents a significant achievement by the City,” said City Manager Patrick Goff. “It reflects the commitment of our City Council 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 the City’s budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communication device

Budget documents must be rated “proficient” in all four categories, as well as 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive 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 17,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. For more information about GFOA, please contact Stephen J. Gauthier 312.977.9700.

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Pictured left to right: Doug Farnen, Finance Director for the City of Littleton; Patrick Goff, Wheat Ridge City Manager; Heather Geyer, Wheat Ridge Administrative Services Director; and Nathan Mosley, Wheat Ridge Management Analyst