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UG Nominated for National Financial Excellence Award

The Unified Government is once again nominated for the prestigious *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada. This is the 11th consecutive year the Unified Government's accounting and budgeting practices have been recognized by the organization.

The Unified Government has a long history of excellence in its budget and accounting practices. The UG has garnered the award for 10 consecutive years.

All Unified Government budgets and accounting documents undergo rigorous review. Unified Government budgets are submitted to the State of Kansas Budget Director for review and are subject to an annual independent audit to ensure they meet state budget laws and accepted accounting principles.

Excerpts of the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, prepared by an independent outside audit firm are included below. The auditors note the high level of financial controls and oversight in the Unified Government budgeting process and accounting systems.

- *"The Unified Government's annual budget is prepared in conformance with and certified as required by Kansas State Statutes. The Unified Government Administrator and the Unified Board of Commissioners evaluate budget proposals of the various Unified Government departments to determine funding for operating, capital and public service programs. After giving due consideration to the input received from citizens, the Unified Board of Commissioners adopts the budget.*
- *Thus, the adopted budget is a document which places before the people of the Unified Government a clear and precise picture of the cost of public services*

which are to be provided. The budget process is automated and appropriately controlled through an online accounting system to assure effective fiscal management and accountability.”

Budgets, Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports and federally required Single Audits are all available for review on the Unified Government website www.wycokck.org.