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### **Wichita Falls Finance Department Receives National Budget Award**

Wichita Falls, Texas – The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the City of Wichita Falls the GOFA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The award represents a significant achievement by the city’s Finance Department. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

City Manager Darron Leiker said, “I am pleased that the GFOA has formally recognized and awarded our efforts in achieving and maintaining excellence in governmental budgeting, in accordance with national best practices. This award is a representation of the City of Wichita Falls’ commitment to sound financial management, transparency and high standards.”

In order to receive the budget award, it had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity’s budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

There are over 1,700 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.

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