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WELD COUNTY ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD FOR THE 34TH YEAR

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners is proud to announce the Weld County Accounting Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 34th consecutive year. Weld County received this award, which is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. The CAFR is the annual comprehensive look at the county's finances.



Commissioner Sean Conway, Commissioner Julie Cozad and Commissioner Mike Freeman present the award to Weld County Controller Barb Connolly and members from the Accounting Department as well as Weld County Print Shop, who print the CAFR.

"It's truly remarkable to win this award for 34 consecutive years," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "Weld County is committed to being transparent with our residents. The Accounting Department makes that possible through the annual report."

To receive this award, Weld County had to submit the CAFR within six months of the end of the fiscal year. The report was then reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and the GFOA Special Review Committee, which are individuals with expertise in public-sector financial reporting including financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics, and other finance professionals.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirement of acceptable accounting principles when preparing comprehensive annual reports.

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