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## AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

LEXINGTON, KY -- A 2014 Distinguished Knighton Award for best performance audit in the extra-small audit shop category has been awarded to the City of Santa Fe Internal Audit Department by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). The Award will be formally presented at ALGA's Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, on May 4, 2015.

The report, *False Alarm Monitoring System – Performance Audit*, was judged on several key elements, such as the potential for significant impact, the persuasiveness of the conclusions, the focus on improving government efficiency and effectiveness, and its clarity, conciseness and innovation.

The audit is a thorough and well-documented examination of an issue—false alarm monitoring— that affects a broad swath of the public. In particular the audit used *effect* consistently to clarify for the readers why the findings mattered to policymakers and citizens.

The report also effectively used formatting, including headers, signposting, and exhibits, to help readers move through significant detail and comprehend findings of high importance.

Each year, local government audit organizations from around the U.S. and Canada submit their best performance audit reports for judging. The purpose of the competition is to improve government services by encouraging and increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors. Judges from peer organizations determined that this audit was among the best of 2014.

The Association of Local Government Auditors is a national audit association founded in 1985 committed to supporting and improving local government auditing through advocacy, collaboration, education, and training, while upholding and promoting the highest standards of professional ethics.