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AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Gastonia, NC -- A 2021 Exemplary Knighton Award for best performance audit in the Extra-Small shop category has been awarded to Gaston County, Internal Audit by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). The Award will be presented to the audit shop during ALGA's annual conference on May 2, 2022.

The report, *Minority Business Participation in Construction Contracts 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 and conciseness.

In auditing minority business participation in county construction contracts, auditors selected a very timely and relevant subject that had the potential to be highly impactful. Judges also found the subject responsive to the needs and concerns of the public and county decision-makers. The report provided clear linkage of conditions and conclusions with audit results supported by sufficient detail, data, and information. Judges found the recommendations specific, actionable, and feasible, which was further supported by management's full acceptance of the recommendations. The audit report was well structured and organized by using easily identifiable sections, an acceptable variety of fonts, and highly effective visuals.

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 2021.

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.