



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Jim Staschiak II, City Auditor
City of Findlay
313 Municipal Building
Findlay, OH 45840

Dear Mr. Staschiak II,

Congratulations! Based upon your recently completed financial audit, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the City of Findlay has received the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*. Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability.

The *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* is given to those entities that file an annual CAFR and timely financial reports in accordance with GAAP, as well as receive a "clean" audit report. The "clean" audit report means that your financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or any questioned costs.

Congratulations again on receiving the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*. My office looks forward to continuing to work with you to ensure clean, accountable and efficient government for all Ohioans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
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November 30, 2012

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Dear Mr. Staschiak:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Each entity submitting a report to the Certificate of Achievement review process is provided with a "Summary of Grading" form and a confidential list of comments and suggestions for possible improvements in its financial reporting techniques. Your list has been enclosed. You are strongly encouraged to implement the recommended improvements into the next report and submit it to the program. If it is unclear what must be done to implement a comment or if there appears to be a discrepancy between the comment and the information in the CAFR, please contact the Technical Services Center (312) 977-9700 and ask to speak with a Certificate of Achievement Program in-house reviewer.

Certificate of Achievement program policy requires that written responses to the comments and suggestions for improvement accompany the next fiscal year's submission. Your written responses should provide detail about how you choose to address each item that is contained within this report. These responses will be provided to those Special Review Committee members participating in the review.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certificate. As the designated individual we have enclosed your AFRA.

Your Certificate of Achievement plaque will be shipped to you under separate cover in about eight weeks. We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release has been enclosed. We suggest that you provide copies of it to local newspapers, radio stations and television stations. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website, www.gfoa.org.

A current holder of a Certificate of Achievement may include a reproduction of the award in its immediately subsequent CAFR. A camera ready copy of your Certificate is enclosed for that purpose. If you reproduce your Certificate in your next report, please refer to the enclosed instructions. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year. To continue to participate in the Certificate of Achievement Program it will be necessary for you to submit your next CAFR to our review process.

In order to expedite your submission we have enclosed a Certificate of Achievement Program application form to facilitate a timely submission of your next report. This form should be completed and sent (postmarked) with three copies of your report, three copies of your application, three copies of your written responses to the program's comments and suggestions for improvement from the prior year, and any other pertinent material with the appropriate fee by June 30, 2013.

Your continued interest in and support of the Certificate of Achievement Program is most appreciated. If we may be of any further assistance, please contact Delores Smith (dsmith@gfoa.org or (312) 578-5454).

Sincerely,
Government Finance Officers Association

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen J. Gauthier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director
Technical Services Center

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