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PRESS RELEASE

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that the Town of Northborough, Massachusetts has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the Town. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the Town 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
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

For budgets including fiscal period 2009, 1,214 entities received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to the Town's Financial Team, which consists of Town Administrator John W. Coderre, Assistant Town Administrator Kimberly Hood, Finance Director June Hubbard-Ward, and Town Accountant Jason Little.



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The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving over 17,600 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national award program in governmental budgeting.

The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Documents submitted to the Budget Awards Program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and by outside reviewers with experience in public-sector budgeting. The following link provides access to additional information regarding the Budget Awards Program:

http://www.gfoa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=57