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Cottonwood, Ariz. -- Cottonwood's Mayor and Council Members recognized Cottonwood Administrative Services General Manager Rudy Rodriguez and Budget Analyst Carol Brown for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2011-12 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by the City of Cottonwood.



City Manager Doug Bartosh and the Council presented Mr. Rodriguez with a plaque. Ms. Brown received a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation at the Aug. 21 City Council meeting. From left, Council Member Jesse Dowling, Mayor Diane Joens, Council Member Terence Pratt, Vice Mayor Karen Pfeifer, Council Member Linda Norman, City Manager Doug Bartosh, Budget Analyst Carol Brown, Council Members Ruben Jauregui and Tim Elinski, and Administrative Services General Manager Rudy Rodriguez display the GFOA plaque.

GFOA Technical Services Center Director Stephen J. Gauthier said, "We appreciate your participation in GFOA's Budget Awards Program. Through your example, we hope that other entities will be encouraged to achieve excellence in budgeting."

"The City Council is proud of our Finance Department and the work they do on behalf of the citizens of Cottonwood," said Mayor Joens. "Winning this award demonstrates the capabilities, hard work and attention to detail that our Finance Department gives to their tasks. This is a great honor and very exciting for the community."

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> time Cottonwood has been recognized by GFOA for their significant achievement in budgeting.