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At the 97th Annual Conference of the Governmental Research Association (GRA) in Chicago, IL the following organizations were awarded GRA research awards:

Outstanding Policy Achievement Category

State Level Winner – North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, “Financial Aid for Students in North Carolina’s Public and Private Colleges and Universities and Community Colleges”

Local Level Winner – Bureau of Governmental Research, “Contracting with Confidence: Professional Services Contracting Reform in New Orleans”

Most Effective Education Category

State Level Winner – TTARA Research Foundation, “An Introduction to School Finance in Texas”

Local Level Winner – Public Policy Forum, “Should it Stay or Should it Go? Exploring the potential for structural reform in Milwaukee County government”

Certificate of Merit – Center for Governmental Research for their model for creating online community profiles, repositories of descriptive data and analysis

Certificate of Merit – Citizens Research Council of Michigan, Michigan Constitutional Issues

Certificate of Merit – Government Finance Officers Association, “The 12 Steps to Recovering from Financial Distress” website

Most Distinguished Research Category

State Level Winner – Center for Colorado’s Economic Future, “Financing Colorado’s Future: An Analysis of the Fiscal Sustainability of State Government”

The purpose of these awards is to recognize exceptional research on state and local governmental issues performed by staff members of governmental research agencies. Categories of the awards are Most Distinguished Research, Outstanding Policy Achievement, and Most Effective Education.

The Governmental Research Association was established in 1914 and is the national organization of individuals professionally engaged in governmental research. The purpose of the Association is to encourage individuals and organizations to engage in governmental research in the general interest. Governmental research involves the collection, analysis, and distribution of factual information on governmental activities to citizens and officials for the improvement of government and the reduction of its cost. In furtherance of this aim, the Association works to foster the establishment of governmental research agencies, aid and coordinate the activities of governmental research agencies, facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences among the professional staff of such agencies, and undertake other related activities.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the organizations listed above or GRA at 205-726-2482.