

CEDAR HILLS - On February 19, 2013 the Government Finance Officers Association presented the City of Cedar Hills with the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Finance Director Charl Louw was also presented with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation as the individual primarily responsible for having achieved this award.

According to the GFOA, the award "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting." This is the 11th year that Cedar Hills has received this award. In order to qualify, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The budget documents submitted are evaluated separately by three reviewers. Each reviewer rates each budget document as being not proficient, proficient, or outstanding in regard to 27 specific criteria, grouped into four basic categories. To receive the award, a budget document must be rated either proficient or outstanding by at least two of the three reviewers for all four basic categories, as well as for 14 of the 27 specific criteria identified as mandatory.

"We wish to thank Mr. Louw and our entire financial team for performing all of the work required to obtain this prestigious award," stated Mayor Gary Gygi. "We are lucky to have excellent people working for the City and are happy they are being recognized for their hard work and dedication."

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving over 17,500 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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