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CITY AWARDED FINANCIAL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

MCALESTER, Okla. – The city of McAlester’s finance department is celebrating the sixth year to receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The award is based on the comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year 2019.

According to the Government Finance Officer’s Association, the certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and represents a significant accomplishment by a government.

“Our employees work hard every day to maintain the best standards in financial reporting and practices,” said Assistant City Manager Toni Ervin. “Ensuring the highest level of transparency is one of the most important things we do to build the confidence of citizens.”

The comprehensive annual financial report submitted for grading included categories such as auditor reports, various financial statements, accounting policies, and government-wide data. An impartial panel judges the report to determine if the city demonstrated a “spirit of full disclosure.”

“Our team has put in place a department that will not accept anything other than excellence. It is an honor to have this group work for our city,” said Mayor John Browne. “My great thanks go out to them and all the hard work they put into making our city a model for others to follow when it comes to open government.”