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Comptroller's Office Receives Award for Publishing Reports Demonstrating Accountability and Transparency to Citizens

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Office of Management Services has been recognized by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) for publishing reports that demonstrate accountability and transparency to citizens.

The AGA awarded the Office with a Certificate of Achievement in Citizen-Centric Reporting for its 2007 and 2008 reports to citizens. The AGA Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative encourages governments to publish short reports that inform citizens of fiscal priorities, performance results and future challenges. The reports aim to provide citizens with a better understanding of their government by communicating financial and community information in visually appealing and understandable four-page documents.

According to Charles Harrison, assistant to the comptroller for management services and past national president of AGA, the Comptroller's Office was the first Tennessee state department to issue reports in AGA's citizen-centric format. "We are pleased to have been in the forefront for issuing these reports. I encourage other state and local government agencies in Tennessee to consider using the citizen-centric format for their reports," he says.

Easily adoptable reporting options for all governments, including guidelines and design templates, are available on AGA's website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/citizen/>. The Association of Government Accountants is a 15,000-member professional Association that serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

"Good governance requires good information. The Citizen-Centric Report is a good government tool that is designed to communicate government financial data in non-complex, non-technical language and provide meaningful and understandable information to citizens," says Melinda Parton, director of the Comptroller's Office of Management Services.

The duties of the Comptroller of the Treasury include the audit of state and local governmental entities and participation in the general financial and administrative management and oversight of state government.

The Comptroller of the Treasury's citizen-centric reports may be viewed online at www.tn.gov/comptroller/oms.

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View reports and certificate of achievement online:

2008 Customer-Centric Report (599 kb pdf): <http://tinyurl.com/b8g9mw>

2007 Customer-Centric Report (105 kb pdf): <http://tinyurl.com/btvv8k>

2007 Report to the Citizens of Tennessee (130 kb pdf): <http://tinyurl.com/a9zda6>

Certificate of Achievement (13 mb pdf): <http://tinyurl.com/dcx4ne>

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