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April 12, 2013

The Honorable Robert Hebert  
County Judge  
Fort Bend County  
301 Kacalspm. Street  
Suite 719  
Richmond, TX 77469

Dear Hon. Hebert:

I am pleased to notify you that Fort Bend County, Texas has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to:

**Budget Office**

We hope you will arrange for a formal public presentation of the award, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A press release is enclosed for your use.

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.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director  
Technical Services Center

Enclosure

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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Chicago--The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that **Fort Bend County, Texas** has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

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For budgets including fiscal period 2011, 1,328 entities received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

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 Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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**The Government Finance Officers Association  
of the United States and Canada**

*presents this*

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR BUDGET PREPARATION**

*to*

**Pamela Gubbels  
Director of Finance and Investments  
Fort Bend County, Texas**



*The Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to those individuals who have been instrumental in their government unit achieving a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which is the highest award in governmental budgeting, is presented to those government units whose budgets are judged to adhere to program standards.*

Executive Director

Date

**April 12, 2013**