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Dear Mr. Jones:

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the Seattle Office of City Auditor's report, *Audit of the Seattle Police Department's Public Disclosure Process* won the 2015 Distinguished Knighton Award in the medium shop category.

ALGA was founded in 1985 to serve auditors who specialize in working with local governments. ALGA members represent approximately 300 local government audit organizations. Unlike the majority of auditors who work within a single industry, local government auditors must work in an environment that encompasses a wide variety of industries. Local government auditors are committed to helping their governments improve service delivery to citizens while doing so more efficiently and effectively with the limited resources available. In making the award, the judges commented:

Seattle was selected for a Distinguished Award for its methodology, impact, and format. The audit team used a broad set of research methods, including quantitative analysis, interviews, and shadowing of employees. As a result, the auditors were able to provide a solid basis for recommendations that are clear, specific, and feasible. The audit has the potential for significant impact at multiple levels. It will lead to improvements in the Seattle Police Department, address financial risks to the City, and is relevant to other governments seeking to address police and transparency issues. Finally, the report was easy to read because of its modern look and logical, message-oriented organization.

To encourage increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors, ALGA created the Knighton Award in 1995 to recognize the best performance audit reports produced by local government audit shops in the previous year. Each year, local government audit organizations submit their best performance audit report to be evaluated against five criteria: (1) an audit scope that has the potential for significant impact, and is responsive to the needs and concerns of decision-makers and/or the public; (2) audit conclusions that are persuasive, logical, and firmly supported by the evidence, which was gathered using appropriate research methods and tools; (3) audit recommendations that are feasible, and will make government programs more effective and efficient; (4) audit results that are communicated in a clear, concise way; and (5) an audit scope, methodology, recommendations, or report format that is innovative. Judges from peer organizations determined that the Seattle Office of City Auditor's report was among the best of 2015.

Congratulations to the Seattle Office of City Auditor for receiving this award!

Sincerely,

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