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Dear Ms. Johannes:

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Awards Program Committee is pleased to announce that the City of Riverside Internal Audit Division's report, *Wastewater Collection System ~ Asset Management*, won the 2016 Distinguished Knighton Award in the Extra Small 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:

The audit assessed the effectiveness and efficiency of five core components of the wastewater asset management for wastewater collection system and raised recommendations to preserve the City's capital investment in the sewer system while improving internal operations. The evidence gathered supports the conclusions and recommendations address the root cause. The report was reader friendly with a modern and contemporary style, including good use of a summary page, color, graphics, and fonts. Implementation of audit recommendations will improve effectiveness by integrating the maintenance management system with a robust GIS mapping system and operational efficiency by adding equipment to remotely monitor pump motor readings.

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 City of Riverside Internal Audit Division's report was among the best of 2016.

Congratulations on receiving this award!