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### AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Honolulu, Hawai'i -- **City and County of Honolulu, Office of City Auditor** has been awarded a 2023 Exemplary Knighton Award for best performance audit among local government audit organizations of similar size across the U.S. and Canada. This national award from the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) recognizes excellence in local government performance audits among its 300 member organizations.

City and County of Honolulu, Office of City Auditor will receive the award at the 2024 ALGA Annual Conference, which is being held May 5-8 in Seattle, Washington.

The winning report, “*Audit of Select Management Issues Impacting the City’s Ability to Effectively Hire and Sustain Its Workforce*,” was judged on several key elements, such as the potential for significant impact, the persuasiveness of the conclusions, the focus on improving government efficiency and effectiveness, and its clarity and conciseness. Judges from peer organizations determined this audit was among the best of 2023.

The judges’ comments:

*The audit was responsive to decision-makers and addressed a timely concern and area of risk to the City and County. Additionally, the audit team adjusted its scope, objectives, and testing to complement and build on a separate, recent analysis; this avoided duplicating recent work and led to added value for decision-makers and the public. The report balanced a recognition of recent progress with fair and constructive critiques of current capabilities. The report was well organized and easy to read, and the judges were also impressed by the conclusions, which were persuasive and flowed clearly and logically from the analysis. Similarly, the audit included effective recommendations that also were clearly tied to and flowed from the work performed. Most importantly, the audit subject, scope, and methodology tackled an issue of significant impact, both in terms of the dollars at stake as well as the breadth of services impacted by the issues and eventual recommendations.*

Each year, local government audit organizations from around the U.S. and Canada submit their best performance audit reports for judging in the Knighton Awards program. The purpose of the competition is to improve government services by encouraging and increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors. Knighton Awards are given at two levels: Exemplary and Distinguished.

The Association of Local Government Auditors is a national audit association founded in 1985. It is committed to supporting and improving local government auditing through advocacy, collaboration, education, and training, while upholding and promoting the highest standards of professional ethics.