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## **Western Carolina Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

For the thirteenth consecutive year, Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

In addition, Pamela H. Carnes, Western Carolina's Controller, received an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement as the individual responsible for preparing this award-winning CAFR. John Boyette, chairman of the board of commissioners, presented the award to Carnes.

An impartial panel of judges evaluates each CAFR for its ability to clearly communicate its financial story and to motivate potential users to read it. Receipt of this award represents the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The CAFR award is presented annually by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving over 12,000 government finance professionals.