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## County Honored For Excellence in Financial Reporting

FAYETTEVILLE – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded Cumberland County with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the county's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal 2013. The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The award names County Manager Amy Cannon as the finance officer responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. Cannon was deputy county manager when the CAFR was prepared and became county manager June 9.

Cannon, Assistant County Manager for Finance and Administrative Services Melissa Cardinali and Finance Department staff were recognized by the Board of Commissioners at the Sept. 2 regular board meeting.

"This award recognizes the hard work and professionalism of our Finance Department staff and I am very proud of their efforts," Cannon said.

The county's CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.