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Pasco County receives Distinguished Budget Award

~~Highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners' [Office of Management and Budget](#) is being honored with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for its FY 2017 budget. This award, which Pasco County last received in 1989, is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

"This award is a significant achievement for Pasco County," said Pasco County Administrator Dan Biles. "One of the things that attracted me to Pasco County is its record of excellence in governing, and this award confirms this organization's commitment to providing our neighbors with the best possible service."

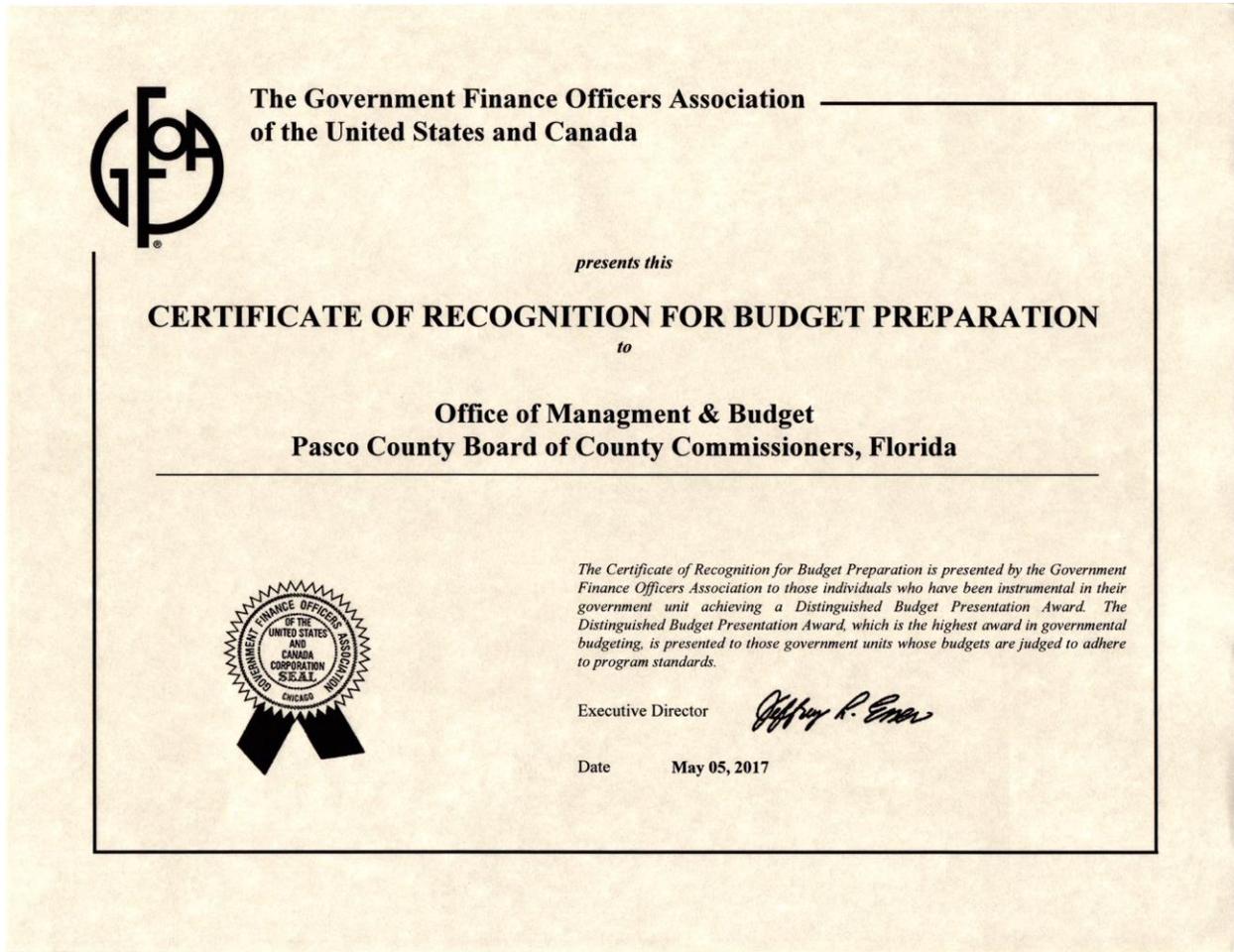
A panel of independent reviewers examined Pasco County's annual budget document. In order to receive the budget award, the County had to satisfy nationally-recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated *proficient* in all four categories, and in the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

Each organization that submits a budget document receives reviewer comments and suggestions for possible improvements. For that reason, more than 1,600 organizations participate in the GFOA's Budget Award Program. The most recent award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients pioneer efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

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To learn more about the Pasco County Office of Management and Budget, click here: <http://bit.ly/2rUAhLI>.

For more information about the Government Finance Officers Association, click here: www.gfoa.org.

