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## **AGA Awards Five Certificates of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting in Second Quarter**

(Alexandria, Va.) AGA is pleased to announce that five organizations were awarded the AGA Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) for their 2019 submission. AGA's CCR initiative aims to simplify communication between governments and their citizens.

Visually appealing four-page documents, CCRs include community information, demographics, and the governmental service goals for the community. Additionally, the reports feature detailed revenues and expenses, performance information for key service areas, persistent challenges, and a look at the year ahead. AGA CEO Ann Ebberts said the reports offer valuable information, adding, "In today's era of tight budgets, choices must be made, and governments must be transparent with citizens about their decisions. CCRs are a useful tool to help Americans become more engaged, better-informed voters. The reports help citizens to better understand the services provided by their government — and at what cost."

Certificate recipients for the second quarter of 2020 include:

City of Albuquerque, New Mexico

City of Hudson, Ohio

City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii

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State of South Dakota

Town of Christiansburg, Virginia

Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller said his city, a certificate recipient, was pleased with the recognition from AGA. “From bringing transparency to the management of taxpayer dollars to a major overhaul of our public records systems, we’ve made breaking down the barriers around city hall a core issue,” Keller noted. “This national recognition of our efforts to make information more accessible to the public shows that we’re on the right track. I’m proud of our financial team’s efforts as we make city government more open than ever.”

The CCRs of Albuquerque and the other recognized entities are posted on AGA’s website at [agacgfm.org/CCR](https://agacgfm.org/CCR). Any government body can submit a CCR for review and feedback from AGA. Please send your document to [ccr@agacgfm.org](mailto:ccr@agacgfm.org). The AGA CCR review program is a year-round effort.

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