

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: Feb. 26, 2013

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item I, Informational item: Recognition of 2012 Chief Financial Office's Gold Star Certificate
March 20-21, 2013, EQC meeting

Why this is important The State of Oregon's Chief Financial Office awarded DEQ the Gold Star certificate for the 18th time in 2012.

Background The Chief Financial Office's Gold Star Certificate is awarded to state agencies that meet specific financial reporting deadlines and requirements. The certificate, DEQ's 18th in a row, recognizes DEQ's contributions to state financial accountability and reliability. Oregon has earned an analogous certificate from the federal government each year since 1992, due in part to DEQ's and other state agencies' commitment to strong financial accounting and reporting.

Attachment A. Letter of recognition for certificate

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Information provided by the Oregon Chief Financial Office



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Date: January 31, 2013

To: Dick Pedersen, Director
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Re: **FY 2012 GOLD STAR CERTIFICATE**

It is a great pleasure to inform you that your agency has earned the Chief Financial Office's Gold Star Certificate for fiscal year 2012.

The Chief Financial Office's Gold Star Certificate is awarded to state agencies that provide accurate and complete fiscal year end information in a timely manner. Clearly, the Gold Star is a challenge to earn, and its achievement is due primarily to your agency's diligent efforts to maintain accurate and complete accounting records throughout the year.

Your agency's participation in the Gold Star Certificate program is important in meeting statewide fiscal performance goals and key to the timely preparation of Oregon's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the statewide Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Your agency's success in accounting and financial reporting is also critical to Oregon's success in receiving a favorable audit opinion on both statewide documents.

The Chief Financial Office's Gold Star Certificate is Oregon's equivalent to the nationally recognized GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Through the collaborative team effort of state agencies and the Chief Financial Office, Oregon has earned the GFOA Certificate every year since 1992. *Gold Star agencies* are key to making this possible.

The Gold Star Certificate was delivered to your agency's accountant, **Robert Beall**. Congratulations to your agency and your fiscal team for this outstanding work!

Sincerely,

George Naughton, Chief Financial Officer
Chief Financial Office

Kathryn Ross, Manager
Statewide Accounting and Reporting Services

