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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Parish Financial Report Receives Highest Honor for Third Straight Year**

Lafourche Parish Government has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the third straight year Lafourche Parish Government has received this award.

Qualification for this award was achieved after Lafourche Parish received an unqualified opinion for its 2009 CAFR. This marks the third consecutive year the Parish has had “no findings” in their annual financial statement. The 2009 CAFR also marked the fifth report that Lafourche Parish has compiled and submitted for review.

“The Parish employees truly deserve the credit for this award,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “It is through their diligence and hard work that we can account for all spending. This shows that public accountability remains a major priority for Lafourche Parish Government.”

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

Lafourche Parish Government’s 2009 CAFR, which includes the audit report, is available under the Finance Department’s section of the Parish Government website:  
[http://www.lafourchegov.org/Departments\\_Finance.aspx](http://www.lafourchegov.org/Departments_Finance.aspx).

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