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Tennessee recognizes Certified Government Financial Manager Month

Nashville, Tenn. — Gov. Phil Bredesen, along with the Association of Government Accountants, has proclaimed March 2007 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month in Tennessee.

Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM) represents excellence in government financial management and accountability. The Association for Government Accountants (AGA) awards CGFM certification.

With 15,000 members nationwide and 397 members representing the Nashville Chapter, AGA serves the professional interests of financial managers from local, state, and federal governments, as well as public accounting firms who are responsible for effectively using billions of dollars and public resources every day. For 57 years, AGA has been addressing the issues and challenges facing government financial managers.

“Tennessee has been instrumental in the growth of AGA and its promotion of better government financial management through the CGFM program,” said Gerry Boaz, AGA’s Nashville president. “Citizens desire greater accountability and effective financial management from their government at all levels. Financial management professionals earning CGFM certification deliver the competence, ethics and skills necessary to meet citizens’ expectations and make government better.”

Government financial professionals achieving CGFM certification demonstrate knowledge and competence in the field of government financial management. CGFMs are committed to AGA’s code of ethics. The CGFM for government financial management is the equivalent of what the CPA designation is to public accounting

In addition to the Nashville Chapter, the Association of Government Accountants has chapters in Chattanooga and Knoxville. For more information about the Association, or the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program, call 800.AGA.7211, or visit the Nashville chapter website at www.nashvilleaga.org.

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Additional links:

AGA proclamation: <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMProclamation2006.pdf>

Tennessee Proclamation: http://www.nashvilleaga.org/Documents/CGFM_TNproc07.pdf

Certified Government Financial Manager program: www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/