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AGA Names National Award Recipient for Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn. - The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) will honor Teresa D. Purcell, MBA with the national award for distinguished local government leadership at its next Leadership Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. in February 2011. The award recognizes the outstanding leadership of individuals in local government that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems or operations and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

Since Purcell's employment with the Lawrence County Government in 2004, she has made several significant contributions in government and sound financial management. Her accomplishments include cost savings of \$4.7 million for Lawrence County, establishment of accounting and financial management, restructure of the EMS billing system, establishment of internal control policies and procedures, implementation of GASB 34, establishment of a solid waste management and billing system, initiation of several cost saving measures and restructure of the debt service.

Purcell was recognized along with other county officials on the front cover of the July-August 2007 issue of the *Tennessee Public Works* magazine to spotlight efforts to develop a recycling program that concentrated on maximizing the price of materials during economic downturns.

Purcell has an MBA with a concentration in accounting from the University of North Alabama. She is currently enrolled in the Leadership Lawrence County and is pursuing a certification as a certified government financial manager (CGFM).

Dr. William A. Morehead, CGFM, CPA, AGA's national immediate past president, called Purcell personally to congratulate her on being chosen for this honor. The award will be presented the Leadership Conference to be held in February 2011.

AGA, a national professional association of 15,000+ members, represents every level of government financial management, and the association awards the CGFM to those who exhibit excellence in the specific skills needed for the broad area of government financial management.

The Nashville Chapter AGA represents nearly 400 members who are dedicated to improving financial management in federal, state, and local governments in Tennessee.

For more information on the Nashville Chapter AGA, log onto www.nashvilleaga.org/ or www.agacqfm.org for the national website.

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