

# GRA

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**At the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Governmental Research Association (GRA) in Denver Colorado the following organizations were awarded GRA research awards:**

#### **Outstanding Policy Achievement Category**

State Level Winner - Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, "School Property Tax Authorizations"

Local Level Winner - The Civic Federation, "A Call for the Elimination of the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District"

Regional/Multi-Jurisdiction Level Winner - Public Policy Forum, "One Region, One Future: Economic Development in the Milwaukee Region"

State Level- Certificate of merit - North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, "Missing Persons: Understanding and Addressing High School Dropouts in North Carolina"

Local Level- Certificate of merit - Bureau of Governmental Research, "Consolidation of New Orleans' Seven Assessors"

Regional/Multi-Jurisdiction Level - Certificate of merit - Worcester Regional Research Bureau, "Condition Serious, Prognosis Uncertain: The Impact of Municipal Employee Health Insurance on Massachusetts Cities"

#### **Most Effective Education Category**

State Level Winner - Pennsylvania Economy League, State Office, "Issues PA 2006"

Local Level Winner - Bureau of Governmental Research, "Not Ready for Prime Time: An Analysis of the UNOP Citywide Plan"

State Level - Certificate of merit - Citizens Research Council of Michigan, "Analyses of Statewide Issues on the General Election Ballot"

#### **Most Distinguished Research Category**

Local Level Winner - Center for Governmental Research, "Strengthening Criminal Justice System Practices in Chemung County, NY"

State Level - Certificate of merit - North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, "Charter Schools Revisited: A Decade After Authorization, How Goes the North Carolina Experience?"

Local Level - Certificate of merit - The Civic Federation, "The Effects of the "7% cap" on Property Taxes Paid in Cook County: 2002-2008"

Regional/Multi-Jurisdiction Level - Certificate of merit - Pennsylvania Economy League, Central PA, "Impact on the Cost and Financing of Government Services in Selected Host Municipalities of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education"

The purpose of these awards is to recognize exceptional research on state and local governmental issues performed by staff members of governmental research agencies. Categories of the awards are Most Distinguished Research, Outstanding Policy Achievement, and Most Effective Education.

The Governmental Research Association was established in 1914 and is the national organization of individuals professionally engaged in governmental research. The purpose of the Association is to encourage individuals and organizations to engage in governmental research in the general interest. Governmental research involves the collection, analysis, and distribution of factual information on governmental activities to citizens and officials for the improvement of government and the reduction of its cost. In furtherance of this aim, the Association works to foster the establishment of governmental research agencies, aid and coordinate the activities of governmental research agencies, facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences among the professional staff of such agencies, and undertake other related activities.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the organizations listed above or GRA at 205.726.2482.