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**RON PECK TO ACCEPT FINANCE AWARD ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS**

Finance Director Ron Peck is due to receive his ninth national award of recognition for financial reporting on behalf of the City of Twentynine Palms.

The “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” is presented annually by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFAO) of the U.S. and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.

Awarded for an exemplary Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the plaque will be presented at the next regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road.

Peck has served as the City’s Finance Director since 1994 and has earned eight previous certificates of achievement for the City from the GFAO dating back to 1999.

This year’s award will be presented to Peck and the Finance Department staff by Mayor Joel Klink at the Oct. 13 City Council meeting. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Photo caption information: Ron Peck, Finance Director for the City of Twentynine Palms, in his office at City Hall with his eight previous Government Finance Officers Association awards displayed behind him. Peck will receive a ninth Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting at the City Council meeting on Oct. 13, 2009.