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## **| NEWS RELEASE |**

### **NAGC Announces 2009 Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition Winners**

**April 29, 2009 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The National Association of Government Communicators announced the 2009 winners of the Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition. Award winners were honored at a banquet held in conjunction with the 2009 NAGC Communication School in Orlando, Fla.

“The quality of submissions this year was absolutely amazing,” stated Maria VanderKolk, NAGC competitions chair. “In addition, the expertise, as well as the number of judges, representing agencies at all levels of government and throughout the nation, was extremely gratifying. All those who submitted to the Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition can be confident that they competed against the best, and were judged by the best.”

The NAGC Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition salutes superior communications efforts of government agencies and recognizes the people that create them. Blue Pencil Award categories are designed for writing, editing, photography and published products, such as pamphlets, books, newsletters, and other related materials. Gold Screen Award categories recognize audio-visual and multimedia products, including broadcast and Internet-based products.

More than 575 entries in 49 categories were received and judged by a prestigious panel of experts and merited a total of 169 First Place, Second Place, and Awards of Excellence. Sixty-nine federal, state and local government agencies submitted entries. Nearly half of the winning entries were submitted by state or local government agencies. Seventeen of the winning entries were from county or city government agencies. This was the first year where international entries were accepted and three submissions from Canada won awards.

The complete listing of award winners is available on the NAGC Web site at <http://www.nagconline.org/Awards/documents/2009BPGSWinnersListing.pdf>.

The National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) is a national not-for-profit professional network of federal, state and local government employees who disseminate information within and outside government. Its members are editors, writers, graphic artists, video professionals, broadcasters, photographers, information specialists and agency spokespersons.

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