



May 2, 2019

Re: 2019 IACA Merit Awards

Dear IACA Merit Award Applicants:

On behalf of the IACA Board of Directors, and Mike Powell, the facilitator of the 2019 IACA Merit Award Competition, I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to submit your application to be considered for a Merit Award. I am also pleased to have this competition sponsored by First Corporate Solutions. We appreciate their contribution to this competition and presentation at the conference. I also appreciate the judges who were kind enough to donate their time to this competition. The judges thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to review each submission and to learn of the creative, innovative and forward thinking ideas that each jurisdiction has turned into reality along with the lessons learned during your journey. We know it takes time to put these submissions together, and we appreciate your effort in doing so. Even if you do not go home with an award, your commitment to innovate and share and change serves to inspire and encourage others to do so as well. While we would love to give everyone an award, IACA is recognizing those applications that placed in the top cumulative scores based on the evaluation criteria set out in the call for submissions.

The 2019 IACA Merit Award winners are as follows:

West Virginia Office of the Secretary of State  
California Secretary of State  
Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation

Award recipients will be recognized at the Merit Award Ceremony on the afternoon of Monday, May 20. All applicants will be offered an opportunity to present their submissions during the jurisdictional sessions. Please contact Alexis Chadderdon at [chadderдона1@michigan.gov](mailto:chadderдона1@michigan.gov) if you have not already spoken to her, to provide the name(s) of the person(s) that will be accepting the Merit Award and making comments on behalf of your jurisdiction.

For your information and in the interests of transparency, the panel of judges consisted of four individuals associated with IACA, but independent of this year's submissions. Specifically, there were two external sponsor representatives Alan Stachura with CT Corporation and Eric Geringswald with Corporation Service Company. We also had two IACA members serve as judges. Allison DeSantis with the Ohio Secretary of State and Patrick Reed with the Washington Secretary of State. Should you have any questions about the evaluation process or the panel, please do not hesitate to contact Mike.

I look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans!

Sincerely,

*Carla Bonaventure*

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President

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