

May 4, 2021

Re: 2021 IACA Merit Awards

Dear IACA Merit Award Applicants:

On behalf of the IACA Board of Directors, and especially April Wright, the facilitator of the 2021 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 2021 IACA Merit Award winners are as follows:

- California
- North Macedonia

In addition to accepting the IACA Merit Award on behalf of your jurisdiction, each jurisdiction will be asked to deliver a presentation describing at a high level your entry at the IACA Virtual Conference. The Merit Awards are slated for presentation at 4:00 pm ET on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Please contact April Wright at April.Wright@delaware.gov to provide the name(s) of the person(s) that will be accepting the Merit Award, and presenting on behalf of your jurisdiction. Recipients have 20 minutes allotted for the presentation and may use a power point presentation, but it is not required.

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, Alan Stachura with CT Corporation, Ben Ark with Cogency Global Inc., Eric Geringswald with CSC and Rebecca Longfellow with the Indiana Secretary of State as well as a Past President of IACA. Should you have any questions about the evaluation process or the panel, please do not hesitate to contact April.

Congratulations to our winners and to all jurisdictions who submitted an application. Last year brought many challenges to our offices so it is even more important to recognize the work accomplished.

Sincerely,



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