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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Port of Bremerton** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

**Becky D. Swanson, Chief Financial Officer**

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

"This accomplishment is certainly something we should be proud of" stated Jim Rothlin, Port CEO. "This benefits the entire Port community, as it contributes to the Port's efforts of transparency to the public regarding its planning and investment strategies. I would like to thank the entire staff for their involvement in the process. I would like to thank the Port's CFO, Becky Swanson for her leadership of the process which takes hours and hours to make this a success."

Port Commissioner Roger Zabinski stated "The Port is extremely pleased that the GFOA would recognize the Port with this Achievement in Excellence. The Port has submitted the CAFR the past three years and has received this award each of those years. Additionally, including the most recent State audit for FY2012, the Port has received 21 consecutive audits with no findings. The Commissioners would like to express our gratitude for the excellent work and dedication of CFO Becky Swanson and her staff in putting together the comprehensive annual financial report and for their excellent stewardship of the public's records at the Port of Bremerton." A copy of the report can be found on the Port's website at [www.portofbremerton.org](http://www.portofbremerton.org).

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.