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Cheryle Broom unanimous recipient of "Emerald Award"

The work of King County Auditor Cheryle Broom was recognized by the Seattle Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), who presented Broom the organization's "Emerald Award." Seattle's AGA chapter annually presents the Emerald Award to recognize substantial and sustained contributions to improve government accountability and transparency. Broom is the third recipient of the award.

Broom received the award at the AGA's September 15, 2008 awards ceremony and luncheon reception, held at the Columbia Tower Club in downtown Seattle.

The AGA Seattle Chapter Board of Directors voted unanimously to grant the Emerald Award to Broom and the Auditor's Office team. The Auditor's Office's quarterly newsletter, *Auditing for Results*, initially drew the Board's attention. Board members thought the newsletter on recent accomplishments, reflected the office's high standards and interest in holding itself accountable for high performance and transparency in county government.

In presenting the award, Elizabeth Naftchi, Seattle AGA's Chapter President, remarked that the King County Auditor's Office was deserving of the award not only for the quality of its audit work but also for advancing performance measurement in King County and for more recent initiatives involving capital project oversight and citizen engagement. "From my

experience, the Auditor's Office with three lines of business on top of very solid audit reporting is unique among local government audit organizations and therefore, worthy of recognition," Naftchi said.

Broom accepted the award on behalf of the entire Auditor's Office and told the audience that she appreciates such recognition because it encourages and promotes public employees' continued efforts in making a positive difference in serving the public. She also acknowledged the commitment and support of the King County Council and other officials in advancing county government's performance and accountability.

The AGA has previously recognized Broom's leadership in performance-based government, presenting her with the 2005 AGA Excellence in Government Leadership Award. Previous recognitions for the Auditor's Office include the Association of Local Government Auditors Knighton award and a special project award for its excellence in audit work.

For more information about the King County Auditor's Office and its newsletter *Auditing for Results*, visit the auditor's office Web site: www.metrokc.gov/auditor.