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## **AICPA NAMES GERALD A. SILVA 2003 OUTSTANDING CPA IN GOVERNMENT**

**Washington, D.C., August 25, 2003** – Gerald A. Silva, City Auditor of the City of San Jose, is the 2003 recipient of the Outstanding CPA in Government Award from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The award recognizes CPAs in government who have made significant contributions to increased efficiency and effectiveness of government organizations and to the growth and enhancement of the profession.

The award was presented today by Costa Triantaphilides, Chairman of the AICPA Government Performance and Accountability Committee, at the AICPA's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update Conference being held in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Silva has served as San Jose's City Auditor since 1985. Since assuming the position, Mr. Silva's office has identified nearly \$200 million in cost savings or revenue improvements, at an audit cost of \$25 million. In addition to identifying cost savings and methods to increase revenues, the Auditor's Office has made audit recommendations that benefited the City of San Jose in the areas of improved operations, economy, efficiency, and program effectiveness. The City Auditor's Office conducts financial audits, performance audits, special studies, and sales and business tax audits.

Mr. Silva has had a long and distinguished record of public service. Before his appointment as City Auditor, Mr. Silva served as the State Budget Director for the State of Arizona for three years, with the California Auditor General's Office for seven years, and in the Arizona's Auditor General's Office for four years, where he established and administered a program and performance audit function of agencies scheduled for termination under Arizona's Sunset Law.

Widely recognized for his outstanding work in his field, Mr. Silva was appointed to the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards in 2002 by the U.S. Comptroller General. He also currently serves as a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Financial Management Standards Board.

Other awards Mr. Silva has received include the 1993 Jack Birkholz Leadership Award from the Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum and a Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award from the AGA in recognition of his leadership and achievement in municipal finance reporting and budgeting.

In 2000, he received the AGA's Einhorn-Gary Service Award for leadership, integrity, commitment and vision. In 2002, the National Association of Local Government Auditors awarded Mr. Silva its Lennis Knighton Award for having issued the best local government audit report and also recognized him for having produced the best special audit project of any large local government audit office in 2001.

Mr. Silva is a member of the AICPA and has served on the AICPA's Members in Government Committee.

Mr. Silva was chosen for the Outstanding CPA in Government Award from a group of three finalists by a distinguished panel of judges that included Linda Calbom, GAO, Washington, DC, Albert Scaperotto, Deputy City Controller, Philadelphia, PA, Greg Fajt, Pennsylvania Secretary of Revenue, Pittsburgh, PA.

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