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The Honorable Mike Navarre  
Keni Peninsula Borough Mayor  
Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 North Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Mayor Navarre:

We are pleased to notify you that Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska, has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to:

**Brandi R. Harbaugh, Acting Finance Director**

We hope you will arrange for a formal public presentation of the award, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A press release is enclosed for your use.

We appreciate your participation in GFOA's Budget Awards Program, and we sincerely hope that your example will encourage others to achieve and maintain excellence in governmental budgeting.

Sincerely,

Michele Mark Levine  
Director, Technical Services Center

Enclosure

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(Chicago, Illinois)--Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that **Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska**, has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

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There are over 1,600 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

*Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 19,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management. The association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in Washington D.C.*

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