



## Walworth County, Wisconsin

### News Release

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### ***Walworth County Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award***

Nicki Andersen, Walworth County Deputy County Administrator-Finance, is pleased to announce that Walworth County has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the county's 2009 budget. This is the fifth consecutive year in which Walworth County has been recognized by the GFOA for its budget document.

GFOA's Distinguished Budget Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. The program recognizes exemplary budget documentation by state, provincial and local governments, as well as public universities and colleges, throughout the United States and Canada. Guidelines established by the GFOA ensure that recipients satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. To qualify for the award, recipients must be rated "proficient" or better in all categories. Overall, there are twenty-seven (27) criteria among the four major categories.

Per Andersen, this award represents a significant achievement by the county. It reflects the commitment of the Walworth County Board and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. For the award period, only nineteen (19) entities in Wisconsin were awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Walworth County is one of only seven counties in Wisconsin to qualify for the award. Nationally, 1,166 entities received the award. Andersen stated that “Walworth County finance staff, together with its elected officials and county staff, take pride in providing quality information to its citizenry and appreciate the acknowledgement of finance professionals nationwide.”

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