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### **New Mexico Association of Counties Presents First Audit Accountability Awards to Doña Ana and Lea Counties**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico** – In collaboration with the Office of the State Auditor, New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) selected Doña Ana and Lea Counties for the first annual Audit Accountability Award to be given out at its Legislative Conference January 17, 2013. The Award is given in recognition of a large and small county who have shown the most improvement in their audits, submitted their audits in a timely manner, and have sustained excellence with the highest audit opinions for the past three years.

Over the last three years, Doña Ana and Lea Counties have submitted their annual financial audits in a timely manner while receiving Unqualified Opinions. FY2011 annual financial audits for both counties contained no audit findings. In addition, Lea County had two Federal Single Audit programs, for which they received an unqualified opinion with no findings. “We appreciate the outstanding work of Doña Ana and Lea Counties in their commitment to the annual financial audit process,” said Hector Balderas, State Auditor.

Paul Gutierrez, NMAC Executive Director stated, “Doña Ana and Lea Counties have done an exceptional job in being highly accountable with state and federal monies. I am pleased to recognize them with our first ever Audit Accountability Award.”

The New Mexico Association of Counties is a non-profit, nonpartisan association representing and serving New Mexico’s 33 counties. As a professional association of county elected officials and employees, NMAC supports and promotes the idea that all county elected officials and professional county employees should have the opportunity to act together to solve problems and to work for the progress of county governments in New Mexico. NMAC provides numerous programs and services to counties including legislative representation, self-insurance, legal assistance and professional development. Please contact Susan Mayes at 505.469.0042 or [smayes@nmcountries.org](mailto:smayes@nmcountries.org) or for more information and updates on our events, programs and other initiatives, visit [www.nmcountries.org](http://www.nmcountries.org).

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