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## **NAGC Announces 2017 Blue Pencil & Gold Screens Awards Competition Winners Oregon Department of Transportation Awarded Best in Show**

**June 27, 2017 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The National Association of Government Communicators announced the winners of the 2017 Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition, during an awards ceremony in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Office for Victims of Crime of the U.S. Department of Justice earned best in show for “A Healing Journey of Alaska Natives” submitted in the Public Affairs Program category. The NAGC Board of Directors selected the best in show from all entries that earned a first place. “Every year, the NAGC Board of Directors reviews each of the first place winners across all categories of the Blue Pencil and Gold Screen award winners, and we struggle to decide which of these superior products reflects the best of the best. The educational video series for service providers working with Alaska Native victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking from the Office for Victims of Crime rose above the other entries by presenting a concise message in a powerful format,” said NAGC President Kathryn Stokes.

More than 270 entries in 44 categories were received and judged by the prestigious panel of experts and merited a total of 40 First Place, 38 Second Place, and 61 Awards of Excellence. County, city or regional government agencies had 50 winning entries and 31 winners were from state agencies. Fifty-eight additional winning entries were submitted by federal agencies. The U.S. Geological Survey and The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission garnered 12 and 11 awards respectively, more than any other of the competing organizations. The list of all award winners is available at <https://nagc.com/2017-nagc-blue-pencil-and-gold-screen-awards/>.

The NAGC Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition, which is held in conjunction with the NAGC 2017 Communications School, salutes superior communications efforts of government agencies and recognizes the people who create the products, including contractors. Blue Pencil Award categories are designed for writing, editing, photography, and published products such as magazines, books, newsletters and other materials. Gold Screen Award categories recognize audio-visual and multimedia products, including broadcast and internet-based products.

As in past years, all levels of government were represented in the competition, from federal to local agencies. NAGC utilized volunteer judges from across the United States to review every entry and to provide constructive comments to the competitors.

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