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## ATC EARNS NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**San Bernardino, CA** — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason and his staff have been recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) with four 2023 Achievement Awards – two in County Administration and Management, one in Financial Management, and one in Information Technology. The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

“I’m so proud of our outstanding ATC staff whom year after year, continue to innovate and strive to improve our service to the public,” said Mason. “These four 2023 Achievement Awards add to our 15 earned since 2019. Nineteen national awards over five years represents a tremendous accomplishment by this Department with support from the Board of Supervisors and our Chief Executive Officer.”

The first award in the County Administration and Management category recognized ATC for the Electronic W-2 Filing Solution engineered and developed entirely in-house to directly integrate and extract poll worker payroll information from multiple data sources for electronic W-2 wage filing. The second award recognized ATC for the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Modernization Program aimed to digitally transform the manual TOT management process and streamline the collection and processing workflows associated with collecting these taxes.

The award in the Financial Management category recognized ATC for the Tax Collection Fee Study & Analytics Program that provides a true business analytics solution for an antiquated process and increases efficiencies by providing the summary statistic that can quantitatively describe and summarize the fee collection information.

The award in the Information Technology category recognized ATC for the Penalty and Interest Refunds Project that integrated with the 40-year-old mainframe system to monitor the property tax downward corrections and automatically determine refunds eligible for penalty and interest refunds while calculating the correct amount.

“The Achievement Awards demonstrate excellence in county government and the commitment to serve our residents every day, said NACo President Denise Winfrey. “This year’s winners represent some of the most innovative and collaborative efforts we have seen in over 50 years of presenting these awards.”

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Each year, NACO’s Achievement Awards are given in 18 categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement, and more. Launched in 1970, the program is designed to recognize innovation in county government. Each nominated program is judged on its own merits and not against other applications.

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