



Date: January 4, 2021

To: State Auditors

From: Greg Hook, Legislative Auditor (MD) and Chair of NSAA's Excellence in Accountability Awards Committee

Re: NSAA Awards Program

The NSAA Excellence in Accountability Awards Committee is presently inviting you to submit reports/projects for the 2021 awards. Submissions can be made in three categories:

1. Performance audit
2. Forensic report
3. Special project

After all entries are received, the committee will logically divide the performance audit submissions into large and small sub-categories. Hence, there will be four separate awards.

Attached are the guidelines and rules of the program. These guidelines provide the criteria upon which the reports/projects will be judged. Reports issued and special projects completed in the last **two** calendar years (2019 and 2020) may be submitted. The report/project must have been issued/completed by December 31, 2020. Multiple awards may be given in each category, at the discretion of the judges. Entries (see guidelines) should be e-mailed to Sherri Rowland at [srowland@nasact.org](mailto:srowland@nasact.org).

The deadline for submissions is **5:00 p.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, February 16, 2021**. I encourage you to submit an entry to be considered for an award. The awards program provides an excellent opportunity for state auditors to showcase their work. Award winners will be recognized at the 2021 NSAA Annual Conference and will be invited to present their entries during the conference. Each winner will also receive a plaque and be recognized on NASACT's website and in NASACT's *Weekly News Update*.

I also encourage you to consider participating in the judging process (please note that judges are not eligible to submit an entry in a category in which they are participating as a judge). Judges can be NSAA principals or their designees. The success of this program hinges not only on the award submissions, but also on the participation by members in the judging process.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (443) 507-8255 or [ghook@ola.state.md.us](mailto:ghook@ola.state.md.us), or Sherri Rowland at (859) 276-1147 or [srowland@nasact.org](mailto:srowland@nasact.org).