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## **ATC EARNS RECORD AMOUNT OF NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**San Bernardino, CA** — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason and the ATC staff have been recognized by National Association of Counties (NACo) with a record five 2021 Achievement Awards – three in Information Technology, one in Financial Management and one in County Administration and Management categories. The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

“I’m proud of ATC staff who have stepped up to a higher level of performance in public service over the past three years,” said Mason. “This record five 2021 awards builds on a foundation of two earned last year and three the year before that. Ten national awards in three years represent a tremendous accomplishment by this Department with support from the Board of Supervisors and our Chief Administrative Office.” Prior to this period, ATC had received a cumulative total of one NACo award earlier in this century with one additional award in the 1990s.

NACo President Gary Moore said, “Over the past year, county officials and frontline employees have demonstrated bold, inspirational leadership. This year’s Achievement Award winning programs illustrate the innovative ways counties build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America.”

The first of three 2021 awards in the Information Technology (IT) category recognized ATC for Arrowhead Regional Medical Center’s SAP Inventory Management Module that fully automated their just-in-time system-driven process for handling warehouse inventory; the second one is for the Robotic Process Automation that programmatically interacts with the mainframe terminals and external database system to automatically process corrections, amend tax bills, and issue refunds in a fraction of the time required by traditional methods; and the third in the IT category is for the Tax Collector Kiosk Project that delivers an exceptional in-person payment experience and enables taxpayer access to current payment information before visiting a cashier.

The fourth Achievement Award recognized ATC for its Process Server Checks Projects, a web application that enables ATC-CC staff to effectively request checks and perform the necessary accounting functions. The application interfaces with SAP to issue warrants against a Treasury integrated bank account.

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The fifth Achievement Award recognized ATC for the Payroll Electronic Document System (PEDS) that provides a safe, secure, and self-managed solution, effectively streamlining the County’s payroll document transfer process.

Nationally, annual awards are given in 18 different 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 many more.

Started in 1970, NACo’s annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits with awards given only to those nominees who provide substantial improvements in program quality and service delivery.

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