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Camden County recognized by NACo for innovative county government efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *Camden County* was recently recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for implementing innovative county government programs to better serve area residents. The 2009 Achievement Awards winners were recognized July 26 during the NACo's 74th Annual Conference and Exposition in Nashville/Davidson County, Tenn.

This year, the following county programs won Achievement Awards:

- *Strategic Planning Initiative*
- *Open Communication in Government*
- *Suggestions to Assist in Reduced Spending*
- *Institute of Organizational Excellence*

The Achievement Award Program recognizes counties for improving the management of and services provided by county government. Since the program's inception in 1970, the Achievement Award Program has honored hundreds of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided finer customer service, and helped to develop a better-trained work force.

This year's winners represent 30 states and 123 counties.

"In a year where we saw more applications than in the past four years, counties once again demonstrated their resilience and their ability to work harder in tough times," said Jacqueline Byers, NACo's Director of Research. "Many of these programs were amazing. Smart, efficient and cost effective!"

For more information on the Achievement Awards, visit www.naco.org.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.

2009 Achievement Awards

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In addition to Steve L. Howard, County Administrator, Jacqueline Byers, Director of Research, and Dr. Steve Wrigley, Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, appear in the picture.