

June 12, 2002

D. Reed Macmillan
Director of Planning Services
Department of Planning Services
414 Federal Street
Dover, DE 19901

Dear D. Reed:

Congratulations! I am pleased to announce that your county has been awarded a 2002 NACo Achievement Award for the program entitled, *Smartmap Website*. In this 33rd year of the Achievement Award program, NACo is extremely pleased with the high caliber of county programs and projects. NACo is proud to confer this award and recognize your county's hard work to promote responsible, responsive, and effective county government.

NACo greatly appreciates your county's participation in our Achievement Award program. In addition to giving us an opportunity to formally recognize effective and creative programs, this program enhances our awareness of county activities and allows us to share valuable information with other counties throughout the nation.

As you may know, NACo recognizes award winners in several ways. A list of winning programs will be available on NACo's homepage at <http://www.naco.org>. Summaries of award winning programs will be included in our Model County Database located at <http://www.naco.org/counties/models/index.cfm>. In addition, over the next several months, selections of award winning programs will be highlighted in *County News* in the column, "Hats Off."

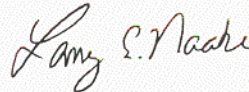
We also offer a variety of commemorative items to help your county and its employees celebrate its winning efforts. A brochure describing these commemorative items is enclosed or you may view and/or purchase these items on the Internet at <http://www.mastercraft-awards.com> using this username, NACo, and this password, county. We added this new Internet purchasing option for your convenience and to provide better and quicker customer service. Of course, we will still accept any orders you wish to place through regular mailing processes.

This year, NACo will be hosting the Sixth Annual Awards Reception during our 2002 Annual Conference in New Orleans (Orleans Parish), Louisiana. This reception, scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, July 14, 2002, will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Room R03 of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center located at 900 Convention Center Boulevard. During this reception, Achievement Award winners will be collectively recognized and there will be an opportunity for you or your representative to have a photo taken with a NACo official. We hope you will be able to attend. Enclosed is your official invitation to the reception. Please RSVP to Christopher Grado at 202-942-4279 by July 5, if you will be attending.

Questions concerning the award program may be directed to Joseph Hansen, research assistant or Jacqueline Byers, director of research at 202-661-8834 or 202-942-4285, respectively.

Congratulations on your county's accomplishment!

Sincerely,



Larry Naake
Executive Director

Enclosures