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SANTA FE – Two of the three nominees for the Financial Manager of the Year Award of the Association of Government Accountants were from the Office of the State Auditor. The nominees were announced June 14.

Shannon Sanders, an Audit Manager at OSA, was nominated for her hard work and dedication to helping government work better throughout New Mexico. Deputy Auditor Sanjay Bhakta won the award and credited the collaboration and contributions of all staff at OSA. The third nominee was Miranda Ntoko from the General Services Division.

"We are honored that our office's efforts to help taxpayers and make government work better were recognized," stated State Auditor Tim Keller. "We are lucky to have two outstanding financial managers on our team, Deputy Auditor Sanjay Bhakta and Audit Manager Shannon Sanders. Congratulations to all of the nominees, we value your hard work for our state."

A photograph of the nominees with State Auditor Tim Keller and AGA's President Vince Lithgow and President-Elect Wanda Gonzales is attached.

The AGA is a member organization for financial professionals in government.