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McHenry County Chief Deputy Auditor Graduates as GFOA Certified Public Finance Officer

The McHenry County Auditor Pam Palmer is pleased to announce that her Chief Deputy/Senior Accountant, James E. Bernier, has recently graduated from the Government Finance Officers Association' (GFOA) Certified Public Officer Program. Since its inception, 400 individuals have been awarded the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO).

GFOA Executive Director Jeffrey L. Essler said, "This is an outstanding achievement in the career of any public finance officer. The motivation, time, and discipline it took to complete the program is indicative of their dedication to the profession and to public service."

To earn the CPFO designation, candidates must demonstrate their knowledge of public finance by passing five examinations representing the following core functions:

- Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting
- Cash Management and Investments
- Debt Management
- Operating and Capital Budgeting
- Pension and Benefits, Risk Management and procurement

To maintain the designation, these individuals must participate in 30 hours of continuing profession education each year.

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