



June 26, 2013

The Hon. Ramon Garcia, Judge
Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court
100 N Closner Blvd.
County Courthouse
Edinburg, TX 78539-3523
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Dear Judge Garcia: *Judge Garcia*

Congratulations! I am pleased to tell you that Hidalgo County's entry in NACO's 2013 National County Government Month (NCGM) Award program has won second place in the Metro County Category.

The independent judges, public relations specialists from the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO), were most impressed with your county's programs: Hidalgo County Celebrates 2013 NCGM: Promoting Smart Justice, Creating Safer Communities. Your county's entry was submitted by Karina Cardoza, who was notified of this award via e-mail on June 25.

As a result of this award, your county will be recognized during the 2013 County Solutions and Idea Marketplace: The Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties, July 19-22, in Tarrant County/Fort Worth, Texas.

If you or another representative(s) from your county will be at the conference in Tarrant County, please consider attending the first annual **NACO Awards Luncheon Program, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sunday, July 21, Exhibit Hall A.** Note that advance registration and an additional fee of \$15 are required to participate in the luncheon. NACO President Chis Rodgers will serve as the Master of Ceremonies to congratulate counties who are receiving awards from various NACO programs. NACO is currently making separate arrangements for photos to be taken of NCGM Award recipients and President Rodgers.

In addition, your county has won ONE free NACO conference registration that can be used at any NACO conference, including next month in Fort Worth. Please contact Tom Goodman at tgoodman@naco.org or 202.942.4222 when you wish to obtain your free conference registration.

As you may know, the purpose of the National County Government Month Award program is to encourage counties to participate in NCGM and recognize those counties that sponsor outstanding programs to reach out and educate citizens about county government during the month of April.

Congratulations again on your county's fine achievement and thank you for celebrating National County Government Month! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or NACO Media Relations Manager Jim Philipps at 202.942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew D. Chase".

Matthew D. Chase
Executive Director

*Congratulations!
again!*

