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Office of the Performance Auditor Director Chosen as a "Bright Idea" in Government

(Santa Ana, CA) — Orange County's Office of the Performance Audit Director today was recognized as an innovative government initiative by the Bright Ideas program of the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

"Performance Audit has helped the Board identify and implement numerous critical improvements in County operations, saving taxpayers millions of dollars," said John M.W. Moorlach, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "We are honored by this recognition of our efforts to make County government more efficient and responsive to the public."

Orange County's Performance Audit function, established in 2008 by the Board of Supervisors, is designed to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of County operations. This innovation has resulted in the provision of reliable and insightful information to elected officials, increased accountability, significant cost savings and enhanced public transparency.

The Bright Idea designation for the Office of the Performance Audit Director is one of 111 conferred this year to programs from all levels of government across the United States that demonstrate creative solutions to today's issues. "Government innovation does not require endless resources and generous budgets," said Stephen Goldsmith, director of the Innovations in Government Program at the Ash Center. "As exemplified by this year's Bright Ideas, some of our country's smartest innovations can in fact reduce government's size while serving our citizens more efficiently and effectively."

For more information on the Bright Ideas program and the other 2012 honorees, visit http://www.ash.harvard.edu/ash/Home/News-Events/Press-Releases/Innovations/Harvard-s-Ash-Center-Announces-111-Bright-Ideas-in-Government/2012-Bright-Ideas.