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Tax Fraud Investigations Director Honored by New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants

SANTA FE – The State’s Taxation & Revenue Department Tax Fraud Investigations Division Director, Alvan Romero, was recognized by the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants with two awards for his “exceptional work” for the Department.

The Society awarded Romero with its Outstanding Member in Government Award and Lifetime Achievement Award for his work as the founding Director of the Tax Fraud Investigations Division and his overall contributions over the span of his career in the field of forensic accounting and tax fraud investigations. An official awards ceremony is scheduled for November 19 in Albuquerque.

“These awards truly reflect the leadership and professionalism of Alvan who has done an outstanding job in leading our tax fraud investigations,” said Duffy Rodriguez, Secretary Designate for the Taxation & Revenue Department. “Alvan is a great asset to this Department and he represents our continued commitment to work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to weed out tax fraud and tax evasion.”

Romero, a certified public accountant and a certified fraud examiner, said, “I am deeply humbled by this recognition and it’s very meaningful to me as you’re being honored by your peers. I accept these awards on behalf of my staff because they do deserve all the recognition in our accomplishments.”

Romero, who is also certified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Financial Forensics, became the founding director of Tax Fraud Investigations Division in 2003 after a career with the Criminal Investigation Division-Internal Revenue Service.

Last December, former U.S. Attorney Greg Fouratt honored Alvan for his role in the investigations involving the New Mexico State Treasurer’s Office, the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courthouse and an offshore tax return preparer/income tax evasion scam which took him to Costa Rica.

Romero, an Espanola Valley native, graduated from St. Anthony’s Catholic School in Dixon, Espanola High School, New Mexico State University and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. He is the son of Eloy and Bernice Romero, who still live in Velarde, New Mexico.