Pictured with the Accounting Department's award are, from left, front row, Rene Decena and Josie Nicasio. Back row: Dave Wakeling, Jesse Soto, Richard Brumbaugh, Jim Cudlip and Basil Panas. Not pictured, Perry Blake.



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## 3+1 = 4 Awards for MTA's Accounting Department By VERONICA TORREJÓN

(Dec. 4, 2003) For the fourth year in a row, the MTA Accounting Department was honored with the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

"I attribute the award to the hard work, continued growth, technical knowledge and professionalism of the Accounting Department," says Controller Josie Nicasio.

Nicasio and Chief Financial Officer Richard Brumbaugh have made it their goal to receive the certificate every year. The award is the highest recognition in the area of governmental accounting and finance reporting.

Awarded annually by the Government Finance Officers Association, the certificate recognizes government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports achieve the highest standards.

"It's an accomplishment to win one award," says Nicasio, "but to win it consistently is definitely something good for the MTA."

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