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Stephon Artis
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Dear Mr. Artis:

I am very proud to tell you that the City of Chesapeake has recently been selected as one of only six nationwide recipient of the American City & County magazine's Crown Community Award. This prestigious award is given annually to communities that exemplify the best that local governments offer their citizens.

The City of Chesapeake was chosen for the completion of the Chesapeake Expressway, a project that has been one of the major transportation successes in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Your fine professional performance contributed to the overall success of this important transportation project and is very apparent through the selection of the coveted national award.

Attached is an advanced copy of the article to appear in the December issue of American City & County magazine.

Sincerely,



Patricia C. Biegler, P.E.
Director of Public Works
City of Chesapeake, Virginia