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PERA Chief Investment Officer Awarded Governance Excellence Award

Santa Fe, NM: AIF Global recently awarded PERA’s Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Dominic Garcia with their Institutional Investor Governance Excellence Award. Garcia was recognized at AIF Global’s Annual Investors’ Meeting on January 13, 2020, where the organization celebrated its 15th anniversary.

This independent economic think tank focuses on institutional investment policy whose target audience includes chief and senior investment officers and board members of the world’s largest institutional asset owners, pension and superannuation plans, and other retirement savings programs.

“Dominic Garcia has proven to be an innovative leader in investment governance, not only for the benefit of people of New Mexico, but also in providing a strong voice to help improve governance among pension plans globally,” says Melissa Waller, President of the AIF Institute. “In addition, Dominic has been instrumental in advancing governance education among peers, recently leading sessions at the National Institute of Public Finance and other AIF Global and AIF Institute forums.”

Garcia was also recently named among the top 30 public pension chief investment officers in the nation by the national Trusted Insight, a platform for investment advisors.

Garcia has served as PERA’s CIO since 2017 where he manages \$15.7 billion in assets, making this an all-time high fiscal year end for assets. PERA’s current returns also rank in the top quartile of peers and top decile of peers based on risk adjusted comparisons. Prior to his career with PERA, Garcia was the Senior Funds Alpha Manager at the State of Wisconsin Investment Board for nine years. Garcia is a native of Albuquerque and holds a master’s degree in public finance from the University of Chicago and a bachelor’s degree in political science and economics from the University of New Mexico.

“I am humbled to be recognized by such an influential and respected organization such as AIF Global,” says Garcia. “It’s a testament to the team we have here at New Mexico PERA and the good work we are doing.”

AIF Global’s mission is to foster the exchange of best ideas, practices, and information among institutional asset owners globally to help them achieve their investment objectives. “Institutional investors globally rely on the best ideas, best practices, and best information to meet their investment objectives and to grow and sustain pension funds,” says Brant Maller, Founder and CEO of AIF Global. “As part of AIF’s 15-year anniversary, we recognize excellence in the areas such as investment governance that are critical to meeting investment goals. We are pleased to recognize Dominic Garcia for his outstanding results and leadership in investment governance.”

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