Portland GE executive Carole Morse honored with NACo 2011 Arts Advocacy Award

PORTLAND, ORE. – The National Association of Counties Arts and Culture Commission recently presented its Annual Arts Awards during NACo’s Annual Conference in Multnomah County/Portland, Ore.

Each year the Arts and Culture Commission asks the host arts commission at the site of the NACo Annual Conference to select a local recipient for its Arts Advocacy Award. The recipient is a person who has provided outstanding support for the arts in the host county. The 2011 recipient, selected by the Regional Arts and Culture Commission, is Carole Morse.

Morse manages charitable contributions and community investments for Portland General Electric. She is president of the company’s corporate foundation, the PGE Foundation. In these positions, she seeks to bring company resources, ranging from grants to volunteerism, into various nonprofit programs throughout Oregon. She also has oversight for the company’s pre-K-20 education initiatives.

Before joining PGE in 1995, Morse served as director of executive appointments for Governor Barbara Roberts, advising the Governor on her appointments to state boards, commissions and the judiciary.

Morse has been a publicist for CBS-TV in Philadelphia and a reporter for Fortune magazine in New York City. She holds a B.A. in journalism from The Pennsylvania State University. She has earned an Advanced Certificate in Corporate Community Relations from the Boston College Center for Corporate Citizenship.

Morse is a strong advocate for the arts especially in the area of corporate support for arts and culture. In June 2011, she completed her seventh year on the board of the Regional Arts and Culture Council where she served as board chair and chair emeritus. Morse received a Multnomah County Volunteer Award in 2010 for her work on the RACC board. She will serve as Honorary Chair of RACC’s Work for Art employee giving campaign program in 2011/12.

Other 2011 Arts and Culture recipients include:

- Erie County, Pa., which won the National Arts and Culture Award for its Poet Laureate Program;
- Clayton County, Ga., which received an Honorable Mention Arts and Culture Award for its ArtVan...
for Non Performing Schools;

- Erie County Pa., Commission Chair Joe Giles, who received the County Leadership in the Arts Award. This award is presented by Americans for the Arts to an outstanding county leader for the arts activities. This award is the result of a longstanding partnership between the NACo Arts and Culture Commission and the Americans for the Arts.

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