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WCA economist Charles Cordova earns national recognition

ALBUQUERQUE – The Workers' Compensation Administration (WCA) is proud to announce that Economist Charles Cordova has been honored by the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) with the prestigious "NextGen Award." Cordova is one of only six professionals across the nation to receive this accolade, which celebrates innovative leaders under the age of 40 who are making a significant impact in the workers' compensation industry.

The IAIABC created the NextGen Award in 2017 to acknowledge young professionals who demonstrate exceptional creativity and forward-thinking solutions in their roles. Cordova's recognition underscores his dedication to advancing workers' compensation services through modernization and rigorous research.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized as a recipient of the 2024 IAIABC NextGen Awards and am excited to continue our efforts on modernization and the improvement of workers' compensation knowledge through research," said **Cordova**.

Since joining the WCA in July 2021, Cordova has specialized in modernizing economic and public policy research. His extensive research in workers' compensation has made him a respected voice in the industry, frequently invited to speak on national platforms.

The IAIABC is a not-for-profit association that represents government agencies responsible for administering workers' compensation systems. The organization is dedicated to finding solutions that reduce harm and aid recovery from occupational injuries and illnesses.

For more information on Charles Cordova's work and the NextGen Award, please contact the WCA.

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