Kern County Administrative Office

September 1, 2015

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL PROCUREMENT INSTITUTE
Fiscal Impact: None

The County of Kern was awarded the Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award for 2015. This marks the fifth consecutive year that the County has achieved this prestigious award. Kern County is one of only 47 counties nationwide to receive the award this year.

In 1995, the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI) established this program to recognize organizational excellence in public procurement. The AEP is awarded annually and is earned by those public organizations and non-profits that demonstrate and excel in innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership. It is nationally and internationally recognized as the gold standard for achievement of excellence and best practices in the profession of public procurement.

The AEP applications are evaluated and scored by an impartial panel of professionals within the procurement organization. The criteria for award are continuously evolving and are designed to measure state of the art in best practices. In January 2016, County procurement staff will be recognized for their AEP success at a conference to be held by the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO). A trophy will be sent to the County for display, as well. The staff of General Services Purchasing has worked diligently to achieve this important recognition for the County of Kern and are congratulated on this accomplishment.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board receive and file this report.

Sincerely,

John Nilon
County Administrative Office

Attachments
July 29, 2015

Mr. Jeff R. Frapwell  
Assistant County Administrative Officer for General Services  
County of Kern  
General Services 1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Mr. Frapwell,

I’m pleased to inform you that your agency’s procurement department has earned the 2015 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award. The continuously evolving criteria are designed to measure state of the art in best practices.

The County of Kern is one of only 49 agencies in CA and one of only 47 counties in the United States and Canada to receive the award. Your organization has received the award for five consecutive years.

Congratulations on the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Brian Garrity, C.P.M., CPPB  
Chair, Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award Committee

cc: Mrs. Carol J. Cox, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® recognizes organizational excellence in procurement. The criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® is sponsored by the National Procurement Institute (NPI), the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement, the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), the Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA), and the Canadian Public Procurement Association / Conseil canadien des marchés publics.

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