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TO: Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Certificate of Achievement – EPS Purchasing & Contract Services

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ISSUE

Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award was presented to EPS' Purchasing and Contract Services department for Excellence in Public Procurement from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP).

BACKGROUND

NIGP is a national, membership-based, non-profit organization which provides support to professionals in the public sector purchasing profession. Certification is the process by which the public purchaser demonstrates a standard of competency for the benefit of the public and themselves.

Many governmental agencies have attempted to achieve this accreditation status only to realize that their practices fall short of the required standards of performance. While the NIGP membership represents over 2,000 governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada, only 114 governments have attained this distinction.

CURRENT SITUATION

In July of this year, NIGP advised that Edmonton Public Schools' Purchasing and Contract Services department had been awarded an Outstanding Agency Accreditation Award from that organization.

The achievement was announced at the annual NIGP North American Conference held this summer in Washington, DC. Edmonton Public Schools was one of 16 agencies identified that achieved this standard and was presented with a trophy and Certificate of Accomplishment.

Because of the high level of standards set by the NIGP to attain this accreditation, it is clear that our Purchasing and Contract Services department belongs to an elite group of purchasing organizations that represents the highest sustained standards of quality and efficiency in government.

KEY POINTS

- EPS' Purchasing and Contract Services department first received the Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award in July 2005
- Recipients of this award must apply for re-certification every three years
- Purchasing has successfully achieved re-certification since 2005 because of its high standards of performance

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I Certificate of Achievement from NIGP

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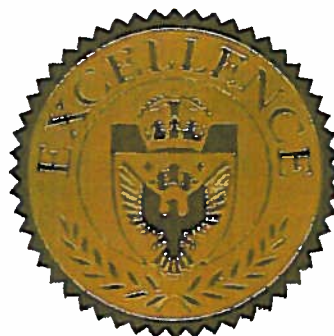
Having demonstrated Excellence in Public Procurement
through the Accomplishment of Rigorous Standards and Best Practices,
The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing is Hereby Honored and Privileged to
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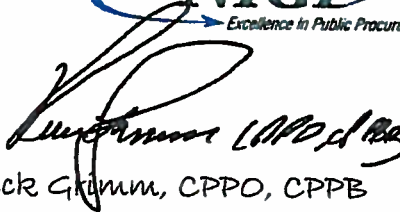
EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS PURCHASING AND CONTRACT SERVICES

through this
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