

Jack McCown, C.P.M. receives the Carlton N. Parker Award for Outstanding Service

It was my distinct pleasure to present the 2007 Carlton N. Parker Award for Outstanding Service (CNP) to Jack McCown, C.P.M. on September 18, 2007 at the National Purchasing Institute Annual Conference in Galveston, TX. The CNP award is the most prestigious award presented by the National Purchasing Institute and has been given to 35 individuals since its inception. The SAFOS (CNP) award was established on July 26, 1974 by the NPI Board of Directors at the annual meeting held at the Antlers Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, Co.

The criteria for receiving the award, as established by the Board of Directors, requires that the nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the development and progress of NPI and the public purchasing profession.

Jack has over 39 years as a Procurement Professional and 21 years in public purchasing. He has been very involved in promoting education, professional development, and promoting public purchasing and supply management. In 1994, he was a founding member of the Texas County Purchasing Association which was formed to aid in the education and professionalism of its members. Jack has received the Governor's Award for Recycling Project and is a 6 time Achievement of Excellence in Procurement recipient.

Jack frequently worked with state legislatures for the benefit of public procurement. In addition, he is a recurrent speaker at various local, state and national conferences providing much needed education and experience with topics such as ethics and negotiation.

Jack has been a member of NPI since 1985 and has served on nearly all of the committees and all offices. This person's active leadership includes:

Past President of NPI

Past President of TCPA

Past President of Fort Worth Chapter NAPM

Jack is an avid community supporter who has worked with various groups such as the YMCA, Rotary Club, churches, cities and counties over the years. As a licensed auctioneer, he unselfishly assisted with fundraising projects raising over \$250,000 for charity and has also served as Past President of a local Rotary Club.

Jack has served his country admirably as a Lt. Col. In the Army Reserves and served in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Combat Action.

Upon employment at Harris County, Jack merged the purchasing operations of the Harris County Hospital District with that of Harris County currently utilizing over 600 contracts and over 700 service agreements to purchase all supplies, materials, equipment and services for the 3rd largest county in the United States with an annual volume that exceeds 1.2 billion. He was one of the first to implement a 24/7 electronic surplus auction system and electronic bidding system. The public purchasing profession congratulates Jack McCown on this prestigious award.