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# Achievement of Excellence in Procurement®



## 19th ANNUAL Achievement of Excellence In Procurement® 2014 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The National Program to Benchmark Organizational Excellence in Procurement

### Recognition for a Job well Done!

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award (AEP) is earned by public and non-profit organizations that obtain a high score based on standardized criteria. All sizes and types of public and non-profit organizations have been successful applicants. Counties, cities, school districts, states, special districts, and universities, both public and private, are eligible. The judging criteria are designed as benchmarks of procurement excellence and measure:

- Innovation
- Professionalism
- Productivity
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### You Have to Show Off Your Best Practices to Win

Tooting your own horn is difficult. However, with the AEP program, the most prominent professional procurement associations are recognizing your organization's performance. This program encourages the development of excellence as well as continued organizational improvement to earn the award annually. The award is received by all that attain a minimum score of 100 on a rating of standardized criteria. In 2013 179 organizations earned the AEP Award. The evaluation is conducted by an independent committee.

### Get Started Now!

In order to receive consideration for the award, organizations are required to submit a detailed application with supporting documentation.

Review the criteria in the application (please note changes) and determine if your procurement organization meets these requirements. Your organization needs to score 100 points. There is a "self-scoring sheet" in the application. If you are at 100 points or only slightly above, it is highly recommended that you again score your organization and be very objective. Almost all first-time applicants have points deducted.

It is also recommended that you contact a previous winner (a list of all recipients is posted on the AEP website) to discuss the application process.

**Questions** or suggestions may be directed to: Christine Green, C.P.M., AEP Committee Chair, 214-987-5480, or [cgreen@uptexas.org](mailto:cgreen@uptexas.org).

You may also contact any of the AEP Evaluation Committee members for additional assistance, a list is available online at [www.npiconnection.org/aep](http://www.npiconnection.org/aep).

**"We received our first AEP award in 2005 validating our efforts to provide leading edge procurement, and we continue to use the award criteria as a benchmark to find ways to improve and evaluate our performance as a Purchasing department."**

Cory Harms, Associate Director of Purchasing, Iowa State University  
Senior Vice President, National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP)



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**The application is due May 30, 2014. You don't want to be a late bidder!**

It can take 2 to 3 months to complete the application so start soon. Review the AEP application NOW.

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