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Knox County Procurement Department Garners National Recognition

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— A key branch of Knox County’s finance department that oversees contracts has once again received accreditation from a nationally-respected organization that sets procurement standards for governments across the country.

The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) recently agreed to re-accredit the Knox County Procurement Department through April 2023. The department has been accredited for almost 20 years. It must reapply every three years.

In addition, the department earned the Quality Public Procurement Departments Award.

“These guys do an amazing job and I couldn’t be prouder of them,” Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said. “This department is one of only 155 procurement agencies across the nation to receive this award. It wasn’t easy, either. They go through a lengthy and rigorous application process that evaluates departments across multiple categories.”

Matt Myers, director of procurement for the county, agreed.

“This award displays a level of competency and professionalism of the Knox County Procurement Division that should assure the public their tax dollars are being spent ethically as well as efficiently,” Myers said.

The county’s Procurement Department is responsible for the acquisition of all materials and services for the county and its affiliated agencies. It also oversees hundreds of bids and resulting contracts and currently manages 570 separate contracts for the county’s departments, divisions and agencies. Additionally, it’s the only department with the authority to contract for goods and services or to buy or sell real property for the entire county.

The NIGP is the leading authority for governmental procurement and sets the standard for department across the United States and Canada.

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