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City of El Paso Earns National Procurement Excellence Award

Recognized Among Top Public Procurement Agencies Across the U.S. and Canada

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing Department has received the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award from the National Procurement Institute (NPI), marking the department's 12th year earning the prestigious national honor.

The AEP Award recognizes public agencies that demonstrate high standards in public procurement through innovation, professionalism, leadership, productivity, and the effective use of e-procurement practices. Each year, the National Procurement Institute honors organizations across the United States and Canada that exemplify excellence in purchasing and procurement operations.

"This award reflects the exceptional work our Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing team delivers every day," said Deputy City Manager Nicole Cote. "Receiving this national recognition speaks to the department's unwavering commitment to integrity, innovation, and continuous improvement. Their efforts help ensure the City remains a responsible steward of public resources while providing a fair, transparent, and competitive procurement process for our vendor community."

Award recipients undergo a rigorous evaluation process that measures organizational performance across multiple areas, including innovation, leadership, productivity, professionalism, and e-procurement. The City of El Paso was among a select group of public agencies, including several major Texas cities, to receive the distinction this year.

The AEP program encourages continuous improvement and recognizes organizations that establish best practices and advance the public procurement profession.

For more information about the [City of El Paso Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing Department](#), visit [ElPasoTexas.gov](#).

About Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award is an annual recognition by the National Procurement Institute (NPI) for public and non-profit organizations demonstrating excellence in procurement practices. The award evaluates organizations on innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership, encouraging continuous improvement in public purchasing.

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