



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The County of Alameda General Services Agency Purchasing Department has been awarded the prestigious 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award (AEP) for 2014 from the National Procurement Institute (NPI). The AEP Award is earned by public and non-profit organizations that obtain a high application score based on standardized criteria. The judging criteria are:

Innovation, Professionalism, E-Procurement, Productivity, and Leadership

This program encourages the development of excellence as well as continued organizational improvement to earn the award annually.

In addition to NPI, the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is sponsored by the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement, the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), and the Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA). The Canadian Public Procurement Council/Conseil canadien des marchés publics joined the program in 2014, its 19th year.