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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 1, 2024

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner   
County Administrator

Re: **Pima County Procurement Department Awarded Highest Level of National Accreditation**

It is my pleasure to report to the Board of Supervisors that the Pima County Procurement Department has earned reaccreditation for NIGP's Accreditation for Quality Public Procurement (QPPD). Only 167 governments out of the over 3,000 governmental agencies operating in the United States and Canada have achieved this distinction.

The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) establishes values, principles, and standards of practice for public procurement agencies and periodically reviews departments, such as the Pima County Procurement Department, measuring the work against national criteria in areas such as accountability, ethics, professionalism, impartiality, service and transparency.

Please join me in offering my congratulations to Procurement Director, Terri Spencer, and the professional staff of the Procurement Department for consistently achieving this award since 2005.

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer  
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator  
Terri Spencer, Director, Procurement Department

**Rick L. Grimm, NIGP-CPP**  
Chief Executive Officer

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Wednesday, February 1, 2024

Ms. Terri Spencer  
Procurement Director  
150 W Congress St Fl 5  
Tucson, Arizona 85701-1317

*Terri*  
Dear Ms. Spencer,

On behalf of the NIGP Governing Board, I am pleased to inform you Pima County Government – Procurement has earned reaccreditation for NIGP's Accreditation for Quality Public Procurement (QPPD). Congratulations!

QPPD accreditation formally recognizes excellence in public procurement through the establishment of a body of standards that evidence sound procurement practice. The enclosed certificate and the achievement it represents is a testament to your procurement team's commitment to professional practice and demonstrated abilities.

Pima County Government – Procurement belongs to an elite group of procurement organizations. While the NIGP membership represents over 3,000 governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada, only 167 governments have attained this distinction. The entity is now challenged by its QPPD peers to achieve Pareto Accreditation – the pinnacle achievement for public procurement entities.

The enclosed certificate and the achievement it represents reinforces the credibility of your procurement team - an accomplishment that should be highly regarded by the entity's elected officials and the citizenry you serve.

Again, my highest congratulations.

*Rick Grimm*  
Rick Grimm, NIGP-CPP  
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

*Congratulations for  
Achieving this Standard of  
Excellence!*




# CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

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For completing a value-driven self-assessment to identify best practices and authority for procurement actions and undergoing rigorous evaluation to determine sufficient criteria met to achieve quality public procurement operations.

## **Pima County Government – Procurement Tucson, Arizona**

has earned NIGP Accreditation for Quality Public Procurement Departments.



*Rick Grimm* NIGP-CPP  
Rick Grimm, NIGP-CPP  
NIGP Chief Executive Officer

**NIGP  
QPPD**  
ACCREDITATION

QPPD Number: 86  
Originally Issued: 12 October, 2005  
Through: 31 December, 2026