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City of Petersburg Purchasing Office Receives Second Consecutive Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award

City of Petersburg, VA (March 17, 2017) – Interim City Manager Tom Tyrrell announces the City of Petersburg Purchasing Office has earned its second consecutive Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award (OA⁴) for excellence in public procurement. The accreditation was awarded by NIGP: The National Institute for Public Procurement has placed the City's Purchasing Office among an elite group of procurement organizations. Of the more than 19,000 municipalities in the United States and 3,000 NIGP member governmental agencies in the U.S. and Canada, only 143 governments have attained this distinction.

"Purchasing is a vital component of governmental operations. It requires high ethical standards and wide breadth of knowledge in all areas of the government. I am thankful for Mrs. Innis' leadership and her team's hard work and dedication which was instrumental in achieving this success," Tom Tyrrell, Interim City Manager,"

The OA⁴ award formally recognizes excellence in public procurement through the establishment of a body of practices and capabilities that evidence sound procurement practices. To earn OA⁴ accreditation, the Office of Purchasing self-assessed against 131 criteria across 11 domains of procurement practice and responsibility. Substantiating documentation was provided to NIGP as required and validated to ensure achievement of all accreditation requirements.

The OA⁴ is awarded for a three-year period, 2017 - 2020. Under the leadership of Mrs. Tangela Innis, the City previously achieved the OA⁴ in 2014 as well.

