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PURCHASING DIVISION RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD

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WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire, police and parks & recreation agencies (July 20, 2011) – The City of Winter Park's Purchasing Division has been selected by the National Purchasing Institute (NPI) to receive the **2011 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award**, designed to recognize excellence in procurement by organizations that obtain high scores on standardized criteria. Winter Park is one of only 21 government agencies in Florida and one of only 57 cities in the United States to receive this prestigious award.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement productivity and leadership attributes in the procurement industry. The award program is sponsored by the NPI, the California Association of Public Procurement Officers, the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, the Institute of Supply Management, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the National Association of State Procurement Officials, the National Association of Educational Procurement, and the Texas Public Purchasing Association.

The mission of Winter Park's Purchasing Division is to procure quality goods and services at the lowest possible cost, consistent with the quality needed to provide the very best service to the public, while assuring fair and equal opportunity to all qualified vendors. The division is responsible for establishing purchasing policies, coordinating purchasing procedures, supporting all city departments, and contracting for the purchase of supplies and services exceeding the threshold for formal solicitation. Purchasing is also responsible for guarding against unethical or discriminatory practices in bidding or procurement activities as well as ensuring fair and open competition for vendors.

The award will be received in August by the city's Purchasing Manager Carrie Woodell at the 2011 NIGP Forum in National Harbor, Md.

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park, please visit the city's official website at www.cityofwinterpark.org

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