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Knox County Procurement Office Once Again Garners National Recognition

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—A key branch of Knox County’s finance department that oversees contracts has again received accreditation from a nationally-respected organization that sets procurement standards for governments across the country.

The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) decided to re-accredit the Knox County Procurement Department through April 2026. The department has been accredited for almost 25 years. It must reapply every three years.

In addition, the department again earned the prestigious Quality Public Procurement Departments Award. Only about one percent of the institute’s 3,100 members received the award this year.

“These guys do an amazing job, and I couldn’t be prouder of them,” Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said. “When you look nationwide, this department is in a class of its own. And it wasn’t easy to get there, either. They go through a lengthy and rigorous application process that evaluates departments across multiple categories.”

Matt Myers, Director of Procurement for the county, agreed.

“This award displays a level of competency and professionalism of the Knox County Procurement Division that should assure the public their tax dollars are being spent ethically and efficiently,” Myers said. “We might not be flashy, and we usually stay in the background, but our staff does a tremendous job with roughly \$125 million in contracts coming through annually.”

The county’s Procurement Department is responsible for the acquisition of all materials and services for the county and its affiliated agencies. It also oversees hundreds of bids and resulting contracts and currently manages 529 separate contracts for the county’s different departments, divisions, and agencies.

Additionally, it’s the only department with the authority to contract for goods and services or to buy or sell real property for the entire county.

The NIGP is the leading authority for governmental procurement and sets the standard for department across the United States and Canada.

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