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## DOAS is a Finalist for a National Award

*State Training and Certification Program Nominated for Supply Chain Excellence*

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**May 28, 2010**, Atlanta, Georgia—Joining the ranks of corporate heavy-weights TYCO International, IBM, and Lockheed Martin, and as the only public sector entity to place this year, the Georgia Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) seized finalist standing for the Institute for Supply Management™’s prestigious 2010 R. Gene Richter Award for Leadership and Innovation in Supply Management. DOAS received the designation for the transformative excellence displayed with DOAS - State Purchasing Division’s (SPD’s) training and certification programs—excellence that is shaping Georgia into the nation’s “best managed state.”

DOAS clinched a nomination in the Richter Award’s People category through effective use of technology and resources to provide best-in-class procurement training and certification opportunities throughout the state. Georgia is one of the few U.S. states to offer procurement training through a blended learning program, where different teaching methods, techniques and resources work interactively to provide a meaningful learning environment for purchasing staff in state agencies and universities. In addition to traditional instructor-led courses, more than 30 percent of the purchasing curriculum is deployed online—a distance-learning method that allows learners the convenience and savings of training in-place at their own pace while accessing training aides and a wealth of procurement tools available on the DOAS Web site.

Beyond leadership and innovation, DOAS’ procurement training program stood out for its quality. Since the enhancement of Georgia’s purchasing curriculum from just two introductory purchasing courses into more than 37 comprehensive courses, Georgia purchasers have been exposed to leading practices and industry standards that are commonly only used in the private sector. In his latest round of customer service commendations, Governor Perdue honored SPD for the role of training in transforming Georgia’s procurement workforce. More than 14,945 attendees (i.e., 12,058 Georgia purchasers and 2,887 suppliers) have attended SPD training courses designed to ensure that Georgia purchasers can conduct complex sourcing events and that suppliers know how to respond to solicitations and maintain viable relationships with the State. Additionally, the best-in-class purchasing curriculum sets the foundation of the State Certification Program, which is an effort to build procurement talent, encourage excellence and mastery, and retain purchasing talent within Georgia state government.

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Supply management departments at 10 companies are among the finalists for this fifth annual giving of the Richter Award. Finalists in the 2010 competition were selected from applications received in an online submission process held from July - September 18, 2009. The sixth annual ISM R. Gene Richter Awards for Excellence in Supply Management call for entries will open in July 2010. More information is available at [www.ism.ws/RichterAwards](http://www.ism.ws/RichterAwards).

The Georgia Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) is the business solutions arm of state government that provides consultative and reliable, value-added products and services to state of Georgia agencies, colleges and universities. A “customer focused, performance driven” organization, DOAS seeks to help state entities avoid redundant costs by supplying the administrative assistance needed to focus on their other mission-related business. Services include centralized state purchasing and associated training, management of the state’s fleet, risk management and the redistribution and disposal of state personal property.

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