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DOAS Wins Twelfth Consecutive AEP Award

National Ranking is Helping to Secure Georgia's Best Managed Status

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August 10, 2009, Atlanta, Georgia –The Department of Administrative Services (DOAS), State Purchasing Division (SPD) is proud to announce that for the twelfth consecutive year, it has been awarded the 2009 National Purchasing Institute's Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) award. This year's accomplishment marks the longest run for achieving this award by any government body in the nation. As one of only five state agencies in the United States to receive the award this year, DOAS continues to demonstrate its commitment to providing progressive procurement and to supporting Governor Perdue's goal of Georgia becoming the "best managed state."

Since 1995, the National Purchasing Institute has given the AEP award to purchasing organizations that showcase exemplary performance in public procurement. Performance is measured across 18 categories comprised of more than 20 subcategories designed to gauge organizational innovation, professionalism and productivity, among other qualities. Although the performance areas are constant, the requirements for achieving credit for the various categories change each year depending on industry standards and trends making it increasingly difficult to win this award.

In recent years, the requirements have toughened in areas dealing with technology and e-procurement. Organizations have been required to have a Web page explaining to customers "How to do Business," to offer an online interactive request for quotation process, and to provide suppliers with a Web-based bid tabulation opening and award notice.

"The AEP program truly looks for excellence and value," says DOAS Commissioner Brad Douglas. "Every year they raise the bar for excellence in procurement performance, discarding any attributes that have become outdated or commonplace. We can credit our longstanding success in the AEP program to our ability to stay abreast of industry changes and to incorporating best practices into the state's procurement processes."

Governor Sonny Perdue mirrored the Commissioner's remarks, saying "This achievement is truly indicative of DOAS' and the State of Georgia's collective efforts towards excellence on all fronts. I applaud DOAS for their part in helping Georgia government to run more like a business."

For more information about National Purchasing Institute's AEP award, visit www.nationalpurchasinginstitute.org

The 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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