

Cherokee County Procurement Department Earns National Accreditation

The Cherokee County Procurement Department was awarded a three-year national accreditation effective October 2017. The award from The National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) recognizes agencies demonstrating leadership in the public procurement profession through the adoption of industry-recognized best practices. The Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award (OA4) confirms that the County's Procurement Department satisfied a minimum of 100 of the 131 NIGP criteria, which encompasses 11 different categories from mission and strategy to the effective use of technology. The Procurement team submitted 111 criteria, all of which were validated by NIGP to meet the requirements of the accreditation.



On December 5th 2017, the NIGP OA4 trophy was ceremoniously awarded by Board of Commissioners' Chairman Ahrens to the Cherokee County Procurement Department, represented by its Director, Dale Jordan. Jordan was joined by Administrative Services Director, Stacey Williams. Chairman Ahrens indicated after the presentation that the accreditation represented an example of, "raising the bar" in county government. At the time of the award there were only 62 organizations nationwide with the OA4 designation.