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Fulton County Schools Contracting Services Department Wins Two Awards

The Fulton County Schools (FCS) Contracting Services Department recently received the 2018 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award bestowed by National Procurement Institute and the Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award (OA4) for Best Practices in Public Procurement by the National Institute of Government Purchasing. FCS is one of only 10 agencies in Georgia and one of only 26 school districts in the U.S. and Canada to receive this award.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement is earned by organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. To earn the OA4, the department went through a self-evaluation process using the NIGP Agency Accreditation Criteria Form consisting of 130 different criteria with a required score of 100 or more. This is the eighth year in a row that FCS Contracting Services has won this award.

Additionally, Contracting Purchasing Agent Lisa Cannon has earned the designation of Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) through the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC), the certification council for NIGP. The CPPO certification reflects established standards and competencies for those engaged in government procurement, and attest to the designee's ability to obtain maximum value for the taxpayer's dollar.

“We continue to be proud of our Contracting Services Department for their excellence in procurement and the ability to apply best practices while maintaining a fair and equitable process in the purchase of goods and services for our district's numerous projects,” said Chief Financial Officer Robert Morales. “We can count on our team to manage cost-effectively in their acquisition process.”

Board President Linda Bryant added, “Contracting Services has again proved how integrity and quality are top values in our finance division. Their hard work ultimately benefits our most valued assets – our students.”

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Front row: FCS Chief Financial Officer Robert Morales, Executive Director Angela Young, Contracting Department Employees Lisa Cannon, Samir Hanif, Lorenzo Presley, Carla Waddington, Suzanne Eaton, Shakerah Hall and Petmany Voong.

Back row: Superintendent Dr. Jeff Rose, Board Member Katha Stuart, Board Vice President Linda McCain,

Board Members Katie Reeves, Kimberly Dove, and Julia Bernath, Board President Linda Bryant, Contracting Employee Alanzo Rosier and Deputy Chief Financial Officer Marvin Dereef.

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South