



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 22, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to the Procurement Division of the Finance Department represented by Celeste Walker-Harmon, Chief Procurement Officer, recipient of the 2023 Award for Excellence in Public Procurement from the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, Inc. (FAPPO) and the 2023 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement from the National Procurement Institute (NPI).

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Excellence in Public Procurement Award from FAPPO recognizes agencies that meet/exceed benchmarks and best practices in the Procurement Profession. The award measures innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. The Excellence in Public Procurement Award is given to public agencies that strive in their continued quest for excellence and only nineteen (19) distinguished agencies in Florida received the award in 2023.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement from NPI recognizes organizational excellence in Public and Non-profit Procurement. The award criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. Awardees represent the current and future leaders of the public procurement profession. The City of Coral Gables of one of only sixty-seven city agencies nationwide that received the award this year.

Both awards were presented to Celeste S. Walker-Harmon, Assistant Finance Director for Procurement, for being responsible for the overall direction of the Division.

ATTACHMENT(S):