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Arapahoe County Purchasing Division recognized for excellence by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing

Littleton, CO – Arapahoe County’s Purchasing Division is celebrating today after receiving two awards from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing organization.

The division received the 2008 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. This award is achieved by organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score in the areas of innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity and leadership. Arapahoe County was the only agency in the state of Colorado to receive this national award.

In addition, Purchasing received the Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award. The award recognizes excellence in public procurement by establishing a body of standards that should be in place for a solid purchasing operation.

“What a great honor for our Purchasing Division,” said Commissioner and Board Chair Susan Beckman. “Even more rewarding is knowing that we were the only agency in Colorado to receive the Excellence in Procurement Award. It really shows the level of commitment and dedication that our staff has to Arapahoe County.”

The Purchasing Division is overseen by Division Manager Keith Ashby and includes: Geoffrey Smart, Theresa Chappell, Zada Cunningham and Sarah Huerta.

The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing represents 2,600 governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

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Photo caption: Purchasing Division Manager Keith Ashby, Purchasing Agent Geoffrey Smart, Senior Purchasing Agent Theresa Chappell, Accounting Clerk Zada Cunningham and Purchasing Technician Sarah Huerta.