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Inland Empire Utilities Agency Receives Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award

Inland Empire - The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) is proud to announce the Agency's Contracts and Procurement (CAP) Department is the recipient of its 10th Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is designed to recognize organizational excellence in procurement. The award is achieved by those organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function.

IEUA strives to ensure the procurement process adheres to the guiding principles (fair, transparent, and cost effective) of a nationally recognized, world class purchasing organization. "This is a real testament to the professionalism of our staff," commented IEUA Board President Terry Catlin. "This recognition demonstrates staff's commitment to continued best practices in public procurement," continued Catlin.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is sponsored by the National Purchasing Institute, the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the Institute of Supply Management, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials, and the National Association of Educational Procurement.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency was formed in 1950 and distributes wholesale imported water from Metropolitan Water District and provides industrial/municipal wastewater collection and treatment services, operates the Chino Basin Desalter 1, and other related utility services for a 242-square-mile area in the western portion of San Bernardino County. Approximately 850,000 people reside in IEUA's service area.

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