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## **Inland Empire Utilities Agency Receives Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award**

**Inland Empire, CA** - The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) is proud to announce that the Contracts and Procurement Department is the recipient of its 12<sup>th</sup> Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, which recognizes 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.

"IEUA staff continues to demonstrate professionalism and efficiency. This recognition is a testament to staff's commitment in maintaining high standards and insisting on public procurement best practices," stated IEUA Board President Terry Catlin.

IEUA is one of only 46 government agencies in California and one of only 31 special districts in the United States to receive the award.

*The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is sponsored by the National Procurement Institute, the California Association of Public Procurement Officials, Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, the Institute of Supply Management, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and the National Association of State Procurement Officials, among other professional organizations.*

*The Inland Empire Utilities Agency covers 242-square miles, distributes imported water, provides industrial/municipal wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services to more than 830,000 people through its member agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario and Upland.*

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