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

**Inland Empire, CA** - The Inland Empire Utilities Agency is proud to announce that its Contracts and Procurement Department is the recipient of its 11<sup>th</sup> 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 costeffective) of a nationally recognized, world class purchasing organization.

"IEUA staff continues to manifest 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.

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. The Agency's service area includes the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario and Upland, as well as the Cucamonga Valley Water District, Monte Vista Water District, Fontana Water Company, San Antonio Water Company and the Water Facilities Authority.

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