

Purchasing Department Receives National Institute of Governmental Purchasing "Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award"

The District School Board of Pasco County Purchasing Department was informed on December 10, 2003 of their success in attaining an "Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award" through the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

This award formally recognizes excellence in public procurement by establishing a body of standards that should be in place for a solid purchasing operation. The Purchasing Department met stringent NIGP requirements in the following categories:

- Mission and Strategies
- Organization
- Authority and Responsibility
- Standards and Specifications
- Personnel and Professional Development
- Best Practices
- Audit and Evaluation
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Automated Purchasing Systems
- Electronic Commerce

While the NIGP membership represents 2,100 governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada, only 67 governments have attained this distinction.

The certification and achievement it represents brings credibility and recognition to The District School Board of Pasco County as a member of an elite group of purchasing organizations that represents the highest standards of quality and efficiency in government.