

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

On August 7th 2006, The District School Board of Pasco County Purchasing Department was presented a second consecutive three-year Q4 accreditation through the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

The “Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement 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 95 governments have attained this distinction since the program’s inception.

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. The District was the only school District in Florida to be recognized at the 61st NIGP Annual Conference in Tampa.

