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### **News Release**

#### **Clayton County Central Services Department Receives “Excellence” Award**

**(Clayton County, GA)** - The Clayton County Central Services Department has been awarded the prestigious 2023 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI). The AEP Award is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence. This annual program recognizes procurement organizations that embrace Innovation, Professionalism, Productivity, Leadership and e-Procurement.

The AEP program encourages the development of excellence as well as continued organizational improvement to earn the award annually. For 2023, there were 194 successful applicants including 67 cities, 44 counties, 25 special districts, 25 school districts, 17 higher education agencies, 5 state or provincial agencies and 10 others.

“I am ecstatic to announce that the Clayton County Central Services Department has received such an amazing award in recognition for our work” said Chief Procurement Officer Carol Rogers. “Our department will continue to strive for excellence and provide the best for Clayton County, its residents, and employees.”

In addition to the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI), the AEP is sponsored by the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), Canadian Public Procurement Council / Conseil canadien des marchés publics (CPPC), Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement and Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA). The AEP is supported by the Airport Purchasing Group (APG), OMNIA Partners, Pavilion, Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC), Strategic Government Resources (SGR) and the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC).

For more information about the Clayton County Central Services Department, access <https://www.claytoncountyga.gov/government/central-services/>.

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