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The National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI) and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) are pleased to announce the formation of a new strategic partnership in support of the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) program.

This partnership recognizes the collaboration of finance and procurement in governmental organizations and the interdependence each of these critical functions have with each other. This strategic partnership exemplifies the common goals NPI and GFOA have in ensuring a strong framework for business practices.

"GFOA is a tremendous organization that has a long history of training and educating its members on best practices in the government finance sector" said Brian Garrity, AEP Officer and Director of Procurement at the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District. "We are excited to formalize this partnership and align that same level of training and education in government procurement and recognition of procurement excellence through the AEP award".

"The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award represents a significant achievement for organizations that is only possible with finance and procurement working together" said Mike Mucha, Deputy Executive Director for GFOA. "We are excited to partner with NPI, highlight the amazing work of award winners, and encourage more governments to strive for the AEP standard of excellence."

ABOUT NPI - The National Procurement Institute, founded in 1968 as a non-profit organization, serves public procurement professionals internationally. NPI is focused on leading excellence in public procurement. The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, established by NPI in 1995, recognizes organizations that demonstrate commitment to innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes.

ABOUT GFOA – GFOA, founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 22,500 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance.





