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PURCHASING DIVISION EARNS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Sarasota, FL: The City of Sarasota Purchasing Division was awarded the 2015 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Award from the National Procurement Institute recently. This professional achievement recognizes national best practices in the field of procurement.

The City of Sarasota is one of just 26 recipients in Florida and 206 in the United States to be honored with this accolade known to purchasing professionals as the ‘pinnacle of procurement’.

On average, every year the City’s Purchasing Division facilitates 90 formal solicitations (bids, requests for proposal, invitations to negotiation) and 3,500 purchase orders for everything from construction services to office supplies to professional services. Over 3,000 purchase card transactions also are processed. All this is accomplished by just seven employees.

“This award shines a light on the dedication and professional knowledge within the Purchasing Division,” said City Manager Tom Barwin. “From complex Requests for Proposal to bids to the sale of property, the Purchasing Division handles it all with the utmost integrity, ethical standards, and professionalism. The City’s ability to do business is as good as its Purchasing Division, and we are fortunate to have an excellent team led by Purchasing Manager Mary Tucker under the leadership of Finance Director John Lege. Congratulations and thank you for your continued diligence,” said Mr. Barwin.

For more information contact Purchasing Manager [Mary Tucker](#): 941-365-2200 ext. 4528.

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About the City of Sarasota: Distinguished by Google as a Digital Capital in the U.S., the City of Sarasota is a diverse community located on Florida’s Suncoast with 53,000 year round residents, several internationally recognized cultural arts venues, stunning sunsets along Lido Beach, a 45-hole municipal golf course at the historic Bobby Jones Golf Club, and Major League spring training baseball with the Baltimore Orioles. Learn more about us at www.SarasotaGov.com

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