



## Recognizing Excellence in Procurement

The Innovation Groups is now an associate sponsor of the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, along with seven other key sponsors.

The Achievement of Excellence Award, established by the National Purchasing Institute (NPI) in 1995, is awarded annually to organizations that meet a set of criteria for measuring innovation, professionalism, productivity, and leadership attributes in the Procurement organization.

Is your organization achieving excellence? The award is presented to those organizations that demonstrate superior performance by obtaining a minimum score of 100 on a rating of standardized criteria. The size of your organization is not a factor.

An objective, self-guided review of the application is available online and can give you a good idea of what the department's score will be. A formal application review is conducted by an independent committee to determine the winners.

The Innovation Groups is pleased to be a channel for our procurement members to connect with NPI and learn more about the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.

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