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Dear Mr. Alexander,

On behalf of our NIGP Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that the City of South Miami Procurement Division has attained its re-certification of NIGP, The Institute for Public Procurement's Outstanding Agency Accreditation Award – OA⁴. Congratulations!

As you may know, this award formally recognizes excellence in public procurement by establishing a body of standards that should be in place for a solid purchasing operation. The City of South Miami Procurement Division responded to the rigorous challenge of a detailed application that required substantial documentation and a demonstration of best practices.

Many governmental agencies have attempted to achieve this Accreditation status – only to realize that their practices fall short of the required standards of performance. While the NIGP membership represents over 2,600 governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada, only 131 governments have attained this distinction. Clearly, the City of South Miami Procurement Division belongs to an elite group of purchasing organizations that represent the highest sustained standards of quality and efficiency in government! The Procurement Division is now challenged by its OA⁴ peers to achieve the Pareto Award of Excellence in Public Procurement – Public Procurement's pinnacle achievement in procurement.

The enclosed certification and the achievement it represents bring credibility and recognition to the City of South Miami - an accomplishment that should be highly regarded by your elected officials and the citizenry that you serve. Again, my highest congratulations!

Sincerely,

Rick Grimm, CPPO, CPPB
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Steven Kulick, Purchasing Manager

