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Dear Mr. Boasberg,

On behalf of our NIGP Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that Denver Public Schools, Strategic Sourcing Department, has attained its re-certification of NIGP, The Institute for Public Procurement's Outstanding Agency Accreditation Award – OA<sup>4</sup>. 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 Denver Public Schools, Strategic Sourcing Department 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 134 agencies have attained this distinction. Clearly, the Strategic Sourcing Department belongs to an elite group of purchasing organizations that represent the highest sustained standards of quality and efficiency in government! The Department is now challenged by its OA<sup>4</sup> 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 Denver Public Schools - 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

