

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers value and appreciate the dedicated employees of our State workforce who epitomize the ideals of professional excellence in carrying out their duties that help maintain a sound quality of life and public services for our people and our communities, including members of the public procurement profession who have a significant role in ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

Whereas, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, the procurement personnel in every organization perform such vital functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

Whereas, New York State continues to build a procurement environment that is driven by savings and value to the taxpayers, economic and environmental sustainability, a diverse source of suppliers – including opportunities for small businesses, service-disabled veterans, and minority- and women-owned businesses – and the highest standards of fairness and ethics; and

Whereas, the Procurement Services unit within the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) has been recognized (i) by the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) with a Cronin Award for Excellence in Contract Development; (ii) by the National Institute of Government Procurement with the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, and (iii) by the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council for Leadership in green procurement; and

Whereas, OGS Procurement Services represents all levels of New York State government, public agencies that conduct state business, and municipal authorized users in their contract, totaling more than 7,600 individual entities, in furtherance of the goal to eliminate duplication statewide; and

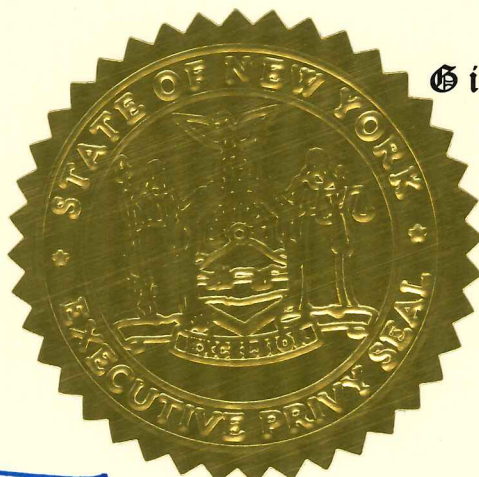
Whereas, the State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officers (SAMPO) is dedicated to the ongoing support of its members through education, certification, and networking opportunities, and, in conjunction with the National Institute of Government Purchasing, SAMPO offers a broad, targeted program of classes, seminars, and events that help members raise their level of knowledge, expertise, and standards of excellence in the field of public purchasing, thereby promoting public trust; and

Whereas, NASPO has selected New York City as the site of the 2018 NASPO Exchange event, which will build relationships among the supplier community and state governments by providing opportunities for partnering, networking, and learning and for developing business relationships to support public procurements that are effective, efficient, transparent, and fair; New York State is pleased to host this important occasion and joins in welcoming all procurement officers from across the country who are participating in the 2018 NASPO Exchange event;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

PROCUREMENT MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany on this first day of March in the year two thousand eighteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa