Resolution 1002

CENTRALIZED PURCHASING

Whereas, a strong, well managed purchasing program is essential to good government, and

Whereas, poorly managed purchasing programs result in inefficient and wasteful government, and

Whereas, improper purchasing results in the loss of public confidence in the integrity of the government, and

Whereas, governmental purchasing functions best in a free and open environment, and

Whereas, openness, centralization, and professionalism serve a government well, and

Whereas, where there is a public record of the acquisition of goods and services there is public confidence, and

Whereas, the centralization of the purchasing authority is the basis for responsibility and accountability of governmental purchasing, and

Whereas, the central purchasing office objectively exercises the purchasing authority of a government, independent of internal special programs and special interests, and

Whereas, professionalism - adherence to high ethical standards - reduces the cost of government, by awarding contracts impartially, and instills public confidence in the integrity of the government,

Now Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc., urgently recommends the adoption of centralized purchasing as the standard government organization

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 1st day of January, 1989.

I certify that the above resolution was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 11th day of November, 1995.

J. E. Brinkman, CPPO Executive Vice President and Secretary

