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**GLENDALE RECEIVES OUTSTANDING AGENCY
ACCREDITATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

GLENDALE, Ariz. –The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) has awarded the city of Glendale its esteemed Outstanding Agency Accreditation Award for 2007.

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 Glendale fulfilled the rigorous challenge of a detailed application that required substantial documentation and a demonstration of best practices.

“Clearly, the city of Glendale, Arizona has joined an elite group of purchasing organizations that represent the highest sustained standards of quality and efficiency in government,” said Rick Grimm, NIGP’s Chief Executive Officer.

This marks the second time that Glendale has received this award. This will be a re-accreditation of the original award received in 2001.

NIGP has more than 2,600 members throughout the U.S. and Canada, but only 99 governments have received this distinction. The NIGP is a not-for-profit education and research organization dedicated to helping governments manage tax dollars wisely.

In addition to this accolade, Glendale was also the winner of the NIGP Best Practices Award for Customer Focus in 2006.

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