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Dear Mr. Dohoney:

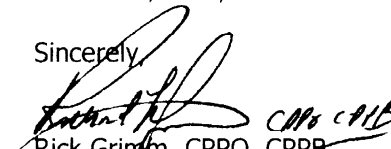
On behalf of our NIGP Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that the City of Cincinnati, Ohio has attained its re-certification of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing's (NIGP) Outstanding Agency Accreditation Award – OA⁴. Congratulations!

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. Your entity 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 2,600 governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada, only 101 governments have attained this distinction. Clearly, the City of Cincinnati, Ohio has joined an elite group of purchasing organizations that represent the highest sustained standards of quality and efficiency in government! The City of Cincinnati, Ohio is now challenged by its OA⁴ peers to achieve the Pareto Award of Excellence in Public Procurement – Public Purchasing's pinnacle achievement in procurement.

The enclosed certification and the achievement it represents bring credibility and recognition to your entity – an accomplishment that should be highly regarded by your elected officials and the citizenry that you serve. Again, my highest congratulations to Bernadine Franklin, CPPB, your Purchasing Agent for the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the entire Purchasing team.

Sincerely,


Rick Grimm, CPPO, CPPB
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Bernadine Franklin CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Cincinnati, Ohio

