

*Proclamation Recognizing the
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department for Receiving the
2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*

- Whereas* The National Procurement Institute (NPI) has officially announced the recipients of its prestigious 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award, recognizing public and nonprofit agencies that demonstrate outstanding organizational excellence, innovation, and leadership; and
- Whereas* The 2026 AEP Award program reached historic milestones, evaluating a record-breaking 269 applications from across 28 U.S. states and Canada, resulting in 251 public agencies earning this premier distinction; and
- Whereas* The Hidalgo County Procurement Department successfully met the rigorous evaluation criteria established by NPI, joining an elite group of professionals dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of public governance; and
- Whereas* This prestigious accolade honors the Hidalgo County Procurement Department's exceptional commitment to professionalism, productivity, leadership, and e-procurement practices; and
- Whereas* By securing this award, the department has proven its dedication to driving performance, ensuring financial accountability, and delivering strategic value for the taxpayers and citizens of Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* The expertise and countless hours of devotion to best-in-class procurement practices by the department's leadership and staff serve as a benchmark for excellence in public service.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court honors and commends the Hidalgo County Procurement Department for earning the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, and express our sincere appreciation for their continued contributions to good governance and operational integrity for the citizens of Hidalgo County.

Approved this 29th day of September 2026.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk