



National Procurement Month-March 2024

WHEREAS, professional public procurement is crucial for the efficient and effective operation of all governments across the great State of Texas including the City of Schertz; and

WHEREAS, public procurement requires specific knowledge and skills, and the City of Schertz Purchasing Department has a dedicated staff of procurement professionals with more 30 years combined experience; and

WHEREAS, these procurement professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar by providing high-caliber strategic, logistical, and operational support for the City and dedicating themselves to expanding their knowledge, skills, and abilities for the public good; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, public procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization, and providing Safety and Risk Management Support to City Staff; and

WHEREAS, public procurement has tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the City of Schertz, the State of Texas, and indeed across the United States, with cumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) has designated the month of March as "Procurement Month" to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business, and corporate leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, RALPH GUTIERREZ, MAYOR OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS, do hereby recognize **March 2024 as Procurement Month**. I encourage all residents of the City of Schertz to recognize and honor the dedication and hard work that the City of Schertz Purchasing Department provides on a daily basis.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of The City of Schertz to be affixed at Schertz on this the 5th day of March 2024.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor