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Williamson County has been awarded the prestigious 23rd Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) for 2018 from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI). The AEP Award is earned by public and non-profit organizations that obtain a high application score based on standardized criteria. The AEP is awarded annually to recognize Innovation, Professionalism, E-Procurement, Productivity, and Leadership in the procurement function.

The AEP program encourages the development of excellence as well as continued organizational improvement to earn the award annually.

For 2018, there were 201 successful applicants, including 45 counties, 65 cities, 27 higher education agencies, 26 school districts, 29 special districts, and 9 state agencies.

In addition to the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI), the AEP is sponsored by the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), Institute for Supply Management (ISM), Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement, National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA), and the Canadian Public Procurement Council / Conseil canadien des marchés publics (CPPC). The AEP is supported by the Airport Purchasing Group (APG), the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA) and the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC).